# PUKEATUA PRESS



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# Board and School

## FIRST NEWSLETTER WEEK 8

What a crazy term we have had so far this year, to the point where we are only sending out our first newsletter now! Thank you to all of you for being so understanding.

It has been hard, with so many things canceled or postponed to future dates due to COVID. Hopefully, in Term 2 we will be a bit more settled and back to something close to normal.

Firstly, a huge welcome to all the new families to our school and the wider community. Another huge welcome to all of our new students who have settled in so well in such crazy times!

Secondly, thank you to all of the families who have returned their updated contact details to the school. This is really important and makes things a lot easier when we need to get in touch with you.

Stay safe and look after yourselves over the weekend.

Pukeatua Playcentre Sessions
Every Tuesday during the school terms 9:15-12:15
Kids welcome aged 0-6 years!
Call or text Jodi on 027 316 7386 for more info
We'd love to see you there!

## REMINDERS

## Reporting Absences or Bus/Transport Changes

Please remember to let the office know if your child is going to be away sick. This can me via:

- a phone call
- text message
- email
- skool loop

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

### <u>Community Camera Update</u> Stage one (cameras around the hall

and school area) has been completed. Stage two (Monckton Road) will begin soon! The cost of the project including Oreipunga Road (Stage three) is more than we thought coming to a \$36,745.95. We have so far paid \$23,922.30. There is still \$12,823.65 to be paid. Any donations towards this project will be welcome! If you are wanting to donate, please put donations into the Pukeatua Hall bank account, 03-1564-0007835-000.



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## **Message from the Principal**

#### Start to the Year

It has been an eventful start to the year, to say the least! Things have been very hectic here, but thankfully we have amazing staff, awesome students, and an extremely supportive community to help us keep things going. The kids have settled into their new classrooms well, and teachers have started to establish their classroom routines and expectations. We have begun our PRIME Maths journey, and many of the students (and teachers) are starting to understand how the program works.

Positive Behaviour 4 Learning (PB4L)

Pukeatua School has signed up to be a Positive Behavior 4 Learning School for the first year. This is a Ministry of Education Initiative that aims to encourage positive behaviour from our students through praise, and clear expectations of behaviour. We will look for trends in students' behaviour to help identify ways we can educate students to make a positive change to their behaviour. The great thing about this is that all the staff are already doing many of these things!

#### **COIVD Action Plan**

As you will be aware we have had to make some changes to the school in order to keep students and staff as safe as possible. This has meant we have had to change eating times, reduce the number of visitors to the school, reduce the amount of cross-classroom contact, and even move to Remote Learning for 10 days. We will continue to do this until the end of Term 1. Before the start of Term 2, we will review the number of cases, and decide whether these restrictions will stay in place. Thank you for your support during this time.

### <u>Greer Jane Franklin</u>

Some of your children may have told you that Mr. Franklin had a baby! I would like to introduce you to Greer Jane Franklin who was born on the 24 of March. Both mum and baby are healthy and doing really well. Hopefully, when things settle down a bit, she will be able to come out and visit.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Board of Trustees

Meeting

Monday 28th of March
via Zoom

<u>Last Day of Term 1</u> Thursday 14th of April

School Holidays Friday 15th of April to Sunday 1st of May

Term 2 Start and Finish
Dates
Monday 2nd of March to
Friday 8th of July

<u>Life Education</u> 1st - 2nd of June

<u>Parent Interviews</u> To Be Confirmed

Matariki Public Holiday Friday 24th of June

Eastern Zone Cross
Country
At Arohena
Friday 1st of July

<u>School Photos</u> Thursday 7th of July



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