

# PUKEATUA PRESS

## Celebrating Success





# Start To Term 2

Welcome to the first newsletter of Term 2! Hopefully, you were able to get a bit of relaxation and recharging in over the Easter break.

We had a few amazing things happen at the end of Term 1, one of those was the Young Farmers Agri-Kids Competition. We had two teams from school enter and a Watson family team. One team, in particular, did very well and placed third which means they qualified for the National event held in Whangarei. This team consisted of Quintin Stockholmes, Rhegan Hemingway, and ex-student Jackson Jones. We wish them all the best at the Nationals at the end of this term. Also a big congratulations to Sam McCluskie for winning Competitor of the Day as well.

Room 2 students were also able to have a few days outside of the classroom at the end of the last term. They were able to stay at Camp Anderson and base a lot of their learning around our local environment. They investigated Maungatautari Mountain, Arapuni Dam and some bushcraft skills. Thank you to all the parents who helped over the time, and to Miss O'Kane for organising it.

At the end of Term 1, we paid tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice by having our own ANZAC Service during school time. We carefully laid out our white crosses in memory of those who had fallen, laid a wreath, stood for the Ode of Remembrance, and played the Last Post. Some of the classes also read stories about our ANZACs and completed some amazing art about the story "ANZAC Ted". It was a lovely way to pay tribute, and end the term together.

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# Message from the Principal

Welcome back to the start of Term 2! hopefully, this one will be a bit more stable than the last one.

It is great to have had some time to recharge, but it is also great to be back at school and see all the smiling faces. Even better now that we are not having to wear masks!

I'm sure you have all noticed a change in temperature over the last few days. Already the first frosty mornings! This has meant that there are more kids away sick with a cough or snivels. We have already noticed an increase in absences with students being away. Thank you to those parents who have kept us informed, especially in these crazy times.

Winter is here and with it brings winter sports. It is great to hear about all of the rugby training going on and see the netball and soccer training happening at school. It is awesome to see all of the kids playing together, and working as a team. It is also nice to see us opening up to our neighbouring schools, Wharepapa South and Arohena, so that their students are able to experience winter sports.

Thank you to those people who have already returned their notices and donations for our School Hangi. It makes it a lot easier to organise when we know well in advance.

There are some very exciting things happening this term, so let's hope that we have a completely normal term!

Dene Franklin  
Principal

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Board Meeting

Monday 16th of May @ 7 pm at school

### Dental Truck

Monday 16th of May for approx. 4 weeks

### Life Education

4th - 5th of July

### Queen's Birthday

Monday 6th of June

### School Hangi

Thursday 23rd of June

### Matariki Public Holiday

Friday 24th of June

### Parent Interviews

Week 9 of Term 2

### Eastern Zone Cross Country At Arohena

Friday 1st of July

### School Photos

Thursday 7th of July

### Term 2 Finish Date

Friday 8th of July



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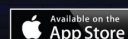
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