

Newsletter

Term 2 Week 1

“To provide for our children an education that will prepare them for life”



PUKEPOTO PRIMARY SCHOOL

Kupu Whakataki | Principal's Message

Nau mai hoki mai ki te kura – welcome back to Term 2. We hope you have all enjoyed a restful break with your whānau and are ready for another exciting term of learning.

It has been wonderful to see our tamariki return refreshed, settled, and ready to go!

Our EOTC programmes began this week, with Room 1 starting their Gymnastics sessions at the Kaitaia Gymnastic Club and our Room 4 tamariki heading into their Swimming programme at the Te Hiku Sports Hub. Ngā mihi to Whaea Ebony and Sport Northland for supporting our funding application, which has enabled us to provide this amazing opportunity to our tamariki. We are very grateful.

Thank you also to our wonderful staff and whānau who support these programmes behind the scenes.



School Photos

Our school photos will be taken **next Thursday morning** at school. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing black bottoms (i.e., shorts, pants, or a skirt). This is always a special time to capture memories of your child's school journey, so make sure to complete your order form and send it back to school. If you have any questions about uniform expectations, please contact the school office. We appreciate your support in helping our tamariki look their best for this occasion.

Road Safety Week & 'SUPER HERO DRESS UP' - 7th May

Road Safety Week is an important time to reinforce safe practices for our tamariki. We will be celebrating this on **Thursday, 7th May**, with a Superhero Dress-Up and Wheels Day. This is always a fun day that promotes important life skills. Please help your tamariki create a fun superhero costume that represents safety and responsibility.

We will also be selling hot kai - chop suey and fried bread for \$5 each. All orders for kai must be pre-ordered and pre-paid **by Wednesday, 6th May**. Thank you for supporting this kaupapa.

PINK SHIRT DAY & FUNDRAISER – FRIDAY 15TH MAY

We will be supporting this important 'anti-bullying' kaupapa on **Friday, 15th May**. Please take time to talk with your children about the importance of treating others with manaakitanga. Pink Shirt Day promotes kindness, inclusion, and respect, so we always encourage our tamariki and staff to take part. We will also be holding a cake stall and sausage sizzle fundraiser on the day. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a school community and raise funds for our kura while supporting a meaningful cause.



Year 5 & 6 Senior Trip Fundraiser

Our senior students will be fundraising throughout the year to support their End of Year Principal's Trip. This is a special opportunity for our senior tamariki, and we appreciate the support of their whānau and our local community. From next week, juicees and sugar-free drinks will be available every day for \$2 each. We will also be offering 'Hot Lunch Fridays', with options such as hot dogs, hot chips, sausage sizzle, nachos, etc. This is a great way for our older students to learn responsibility and contribute towards their goal.

While free school lunch sandwiches will continue each Friday, tamariki will have the option to purchase a hot meal (prices will range from \$3-\$5). More detailed information and an order form will be sent home next week. Ngā mihi nui for your ongoing support.



School Uniform



We would like to acknowledge and thank our whānau who have supported our school uniform expectations. It is fantastic to see almost 90% of our tamariki attending school in uniform each day. Wearing uniform builds a sense of belonging and pride in our kura. School polo shirts and/or jackets are compulsory, and all students are expected to be in correct uniform daily. If you require support with accessing uniforms, please contact us. We are here to support all whānau. Let's continue to work together to maintain this high standard. Ka mau te wehi, Pukepoto!

Netball Season



Netball season is about to get underway, and we are excited to see our tamariki representing our kura. Games will be played every Saturday morning starting **next Saturday, 2nd May**. We encourage our whānau and community to come along and support our team. Your presence on the sidelines makes a huge difference to our players' confidence and enjoyment.

Ngā mihi to our coach/manager Georgia, and to all those who are helping and supporting our team!

REMOVAL OF ROOM 3

We are very pleased to share that Room 3 has now been removed. What was once an eyesore has been transformed into a large, open concrete space for our tamariki to use. This area will provide opportunities for dance, fitness, and outdoor activities, and we can't wait to see our students making great use of this new space. Future plans include installing shade coverings to make the area more comfortable year-round. We also have long-term plans to extend our hall. This is an exciting step forward for our kura. Watch this space, whānau!

King's Birthday Public Holiday

Just a reminder that school will be closed on **Monday, 1st June** for the King's Birthday public holiday. We hope this provides an opportunity for whānau to spend quality time together. School will resume as normal on Tuesday, 2nd. If you have any questions about term dates, feel free to contact Whaea Yuka in the office. We appreciate your support in maintaining strong attendance.

Matariki Games - Ki-o-Rahi Tournament

As part of our Matariki celebrations, we will be participating in the Annual Ki-o-Rahi Tournament at Taipa on **Tuesday, 30th June**. We have entered 2 teams, a Year 3–4 team and a Year 5–6 team. This is a wonderful opportunity for our tamariki to engage with ākonga from other schools, build relationships, and showcase their athletic abilities. We will be travelling by school bus to and from the event, and whānau are welcome to travel with us, but please let us know early so we can reserve a seat for you.

We are looking forward to a great day of sport and whakawhanaungatanga. Ka mau te wehi!



Matariki Celebrations Day



We will be holding our Annual Matariki Celebrations Day on **Thursday 2nd July**. This will be a special day filled with arts and crafts, waiata, taonga tākaroa, and of course, delicious kai. Matariki is a time to reflect, celebrate, and look forward to the future, and it is important that our tamariki understand the significance of this kaupapa.

We welcome you all to join us in celebrating this special occasion. More details will be shared closer to the time.

**WELCOME
TO
PUKEPOTO SCHOOL**



Lyndon Frost
Year 1
Taumatamahoe



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monday 27 April - ANZAC OBSERVED DAY (SCHOOL CLOSED)
- Thursday 30 April - SCHOOL PHOTOS
- Thursday 7 May - Road Safety Week
- Friday 15 May - Pink Shirt Day
- Monday 1 June - Kings Birthday (SCHOOL CLOSED)
- Tuesday 30 June - Matariki Games at Taipa
- Thursday 2 July - Matariki Celebrations

Thank you, as always, for the unconditional care and support you show our kura.

Our strength lies in our people, and it is through working together that our tamariki are able to thrive.

I appreciate your continued involvement and encouragement and wish you all a positive and successful term ahead.



Ngā manaakitanga,
Tracey King
Principal / Tumuaki

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Joela Frost

for completing all her mahi with a positive ahua!

Kaeah-Ohomairangi Diamond-Puhipi

for showing consistent effort and dedication in her learning

SCHOOL VALUES AWARD

Dredyn Busby

for Whanaungatanga

Nathaniel Fache

for Kaitiakitanga

Savannah Barber

for Manaakitanga

Eram Frost

for Ako

ATTENDANCE AWARD

Jade Joseph-De Beurs

for 100% attendance

CAUGHT BEING GOOD

Brieya Maxwell

for presenting a 'dynamic composition' in her Anzac Art.

Lavaeah-Jaen Henry

for being an amazing helper in the classroom

Baudyn Maxwell

for showing leadership in class

Lyndon Frost

for settling in Taumatamahoe!

Room 1 - Weekly Gymnastics



Room 4 - Swimming Lessons



Today's Assembly

