

Newsletter

TERM 2 WEEK 9

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

PUKEPOTO PRIMARY SCHOOL



We care for
ourselves, others and
our environment



We show respect,
kindness, and
support



We belong, we
connect, we are one



We are learners

Kupu Whakataki | Principal's Message

Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

As we move towards the end of another busy and successful term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our whānau, staff, support agencies, and wider community for the many ways you continue to support our kura.

Our school values are evident every day through the care we show one another, our commitment to learning, and the strong partnerships we share, and it is always a privilege to see our tamariki growing in confidence, celebrating their culture, and embracing new learning opportunities.

We have several exciting events coming up over the final two weeks of this term and look forward to sharing these experiences with you.

Hangi Fundraiser – SOLD OUT!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our hangi fundraiser. We are delighted to let you know that all hangi have sold out and we are no longer able to take any further orders. The support from our staff and whānau has been incredible and is greatly appreciated.

Fundraising plays such a huge and important role in helping us provide additional opportunities and resources for our tamariki, especially in our smaller schools. Without it, many of the trips, experiences, and adventures that create lasting memories and meaningful learning for our children would be beyond our reach.

Thanks again to everyone who purchased a hangi, shared our advertisements, or helped spread the word. Your generosity reflects the spirit of manaakitanga and whanaungatanga that makes our kura such a special place.

Ngā mihi nui for your support!

Matariki Celebrations Day – Thursday 2 July

We warmly invite you to join us for our Matariki Celebrations Day on Thursday 2 July. Matariki is a special time to reflect on the year that has passed, celebrate the present, and look ahead to the future with hope and purpose.

Throughout the day, our tamariki will participate in a range of activities that honour the values and traditions associated with Matariki.

Programme for the day:

- 9.00am – 10.30am: Toi Māori
- 10.30am – 11.00am: Wā Paramanawa
- 11.00am – 12.00pm: Ako Kapa Haka
- 12.15pm – 1.00pm: Kai Hākari
- 1.00pm – 2.30pm: Taonga Tākaro



We would love to see as many whānau as possible spending the day with us. As you know, these cherished occasions strengthen the connections between home and school and provide valuable opportunities for our tamariki to celebrate alongside those they love. Nau mai, haere mai e te whānau!

Please remember to bring or send a plate of kai to share on this special day.

If you have ordered a hangi for your child's lunch, it will be ready at 12.30 pm.

Whānau/Kaiako/ Ākonga - Three-Way Interviews

Thank you to all whānau who have already booked and confirmed an interview time with their child and teacher.

These meetings provide a valuable opportunity for whānau, kaiako, and ākonga to come together and celebrate progress, discuss learning goals, and identify next steps.

We believe that strong partnerships between home and school are essential for student success, and the inclusion of our tamariki in these conversations helps them develop ownership of their learning and confidence in sharing their achievements.

If you have not yet booked an interview, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible. We know that whānau are busy, so let us know if you would like to arrange an alternative time, and we will do our best to accommodate your request.

We look forward to meeting with you and discussing the wonderful learning taking place at school!

Supporting Learning Across Our Kura

We are pleased to share that our kaiāwhina, Whaea Alice, will now be providing teacher aide support across our kura. While many of our whānau will know her from her work supporting our teina in Room 1, she will now be working across the whole school, providing support to individual students and small groups as needed. This change will allow us to better meet the diverse learning needs of our tamariki and ensure additional support is available where it is needed most. Ngā mihi nui ki a koe, Whaea Alice.

Kapa Haka and Te Reo Māori

We are looking forward to welcoming Whaea Zoe to our kura this week to begin our kapa haka lessons. Our tamariki love kapa haka, and we know the valuable opportunities it provides for our students to strengthen their understanding of tikanga Māori, develop confidence in performance, and celebrate their cultural identity.

Alongside these lessons, our staff continue to participate in te reo Māori classes to grow both their knowledge of the language and their confidence in using it within the classroom. We appreciate the support and encouragement we receive from whānau as we continue this learning journey together. As lifelong learners ourselves, we recognise the importance of modelling ako and demonstrating that learning never stops.

Strengthening Te Reo Māori Across Our Kura

As competence and confidence grow, we are pleased to now have the capacity to gradually expand the teaching and learning of te reo Māori throughout our kura every day. This marks an important step forward in our commitment to providing meaningful opportunities for our tamariki to hear, speak, and use te reo Māori at school and at home. Through hard work and sheer determination, we hope to strengthen our students' confidence, cultural identity, and connection to their language and heritage. We look forward to sharing our progress with you whānau, and encourage you to embark on a similar journey so that you too can support your child's te reo Māori journey at home.

Pukepoto School Netball Team

Huge congratulations to our Pukepoto School netball team, who continue to represent our kura with pride each Saturday. We are incredibly proud of the commitment, teamwork, and sportsmanship our players demonstrate both on and off the court.

Thank you to our coaches and whānau who give up their time each week to support our team. Your encouragement and tautoko from the sidelines and at trainings makes all the difference. We wish our team all the best for the remainder of the season!

Learning in Te Taiao

One of my long-term aspirations for Pukepoto School has been to provide opportunities for our tamariki to experience learning through nature-based education. Learning in te taiao allows children to explore, investigate, and connect with the natural world while developing important skills across many curriculum areas. It also aligns strongly with our school value of kaitiakitanga and encourages students to develop a deeper understanding of their role as guardians of the environment.

Over the coming months, I will be attending hui, exploring different approaches and researching how we can best incorporate this practice into our localised curriculum. This work will sit alongside our growing commitment to te reo Māori and culturally responsive learning.

I am excited about the opportunities this kaupapa may create for our tamariki and would welcome any thoughts, ideas, or feedback from whānau as we begin to explore how this can become part of life and learning at our kura.

Matariki Games at Taipa

With only one week to go until our Year 3–6 tamariki head to Taipa for the annual Matariki Games, we are very excited to have two teams entered in this special event. The Ki-o-rahi, Matariki Games competition is always a highlight and gives our kids the chance to connect with students from across the whenua, through sport.

All available seats on our school bus have now been filled, and we thank those families who have already committed to supporting the day. We would love to see more whānau on the sidelines cheering on our students, so please mark this important event in your calendars.

END OF TERM REMINDER

**A friendly reminder that the last day of Term 2 is
Friday 3 July.**

School will resume on Monday 20 July.

Professional Learning in 'Play & Movement'

Next Monday, our passionate and dedicated kaiako, Whaea Mereia and Whaea Shirley, will attend a 'Play and Movement' workshop facilitated by Sport Northland.

This learning opportunity focuses on the importance of movement, play, and physical activity in supporting children's wellbeing and development. I am committed to ensuring our staff continue to access quality professional learning that benefits our tamariki, because we know that there are strong links between movement and improved engagement, learning, and social development.

We look forward to hearing about the ideas and strategies they bring back to share with the rest of the team.

" Investing in our teachers ultimately strengthens learning opportunities for every child at our kura".

Principal's Closing Message

As we celebrate Matariki, may we take time to reflect on the journey we have travelled together, acknowledge the achievements of our tamariki, and look forward with hope and purpose to the opportunities that lie ahead.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and commitment to our school. Together, we continue to strengthen the bonds that connect us, and create a bright future for our tamariki.

Ngā manaakitanga ki a koutou katoa,



Whaea Tracey King
Tumuaki | Principal
Pukepoto School



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thursday 25 June - Matariki Games/ 3-Way Interviews
- Thursday 2 July - Matariki Celebrations
- Friday 3 July - Last day of Term 2
- Monday 20 July - First day of Term 3

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Lorenzo Semenoff
for always on task with his ako!

Rj West-Bruce
for being a superb helper showing positive
attitude

SCHOOL VALUES AWARD

Kaeah-Ohomairangi Diamond-Puhipi
for Whanaungatanga

Anaru Moses
for Kaitiakitanga

Rj West-Bruce
for Manaakitanga

Terence Busby Gent
for Ako

ATTENDANCE AWARD

Savannah Barber
for 100% attendance

CAUGHT BEING GOOD

Anaru Moses
for being an amazing kaitiaki in our school

Terence Busby Gent
for showing dedication in his class tasks

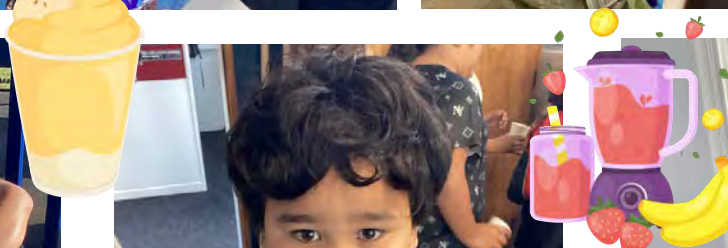
Jade Joseph-De Beurs
for showing manaakitanga!

Eram Frost
for showing manaakitanga!

MANA AKE – KOKOHUIA (ROOM4) WITH WHAEA KRYSTAL



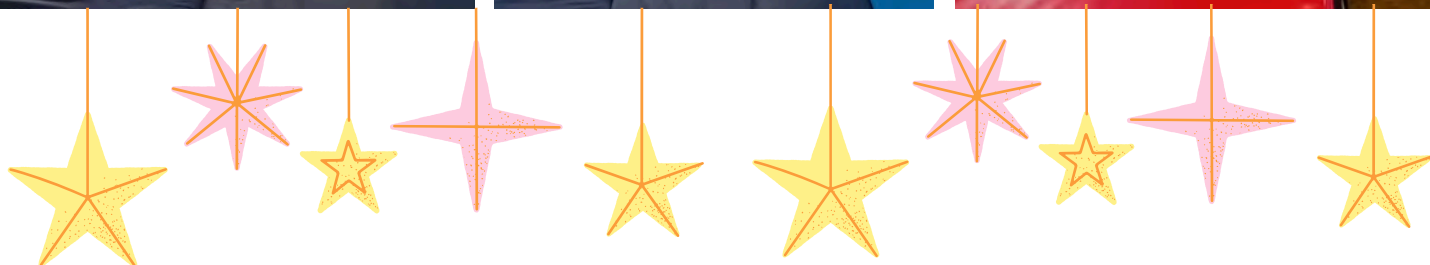
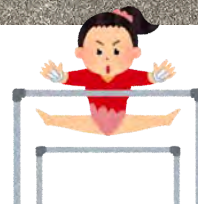
Ka Pai Kai



Te Hautapu Wananga with Whaea Krystal Taumatamahoe Room 1



Gymnastics





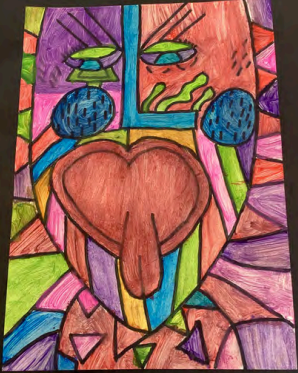
Kapa Haka with Whaea Zoe



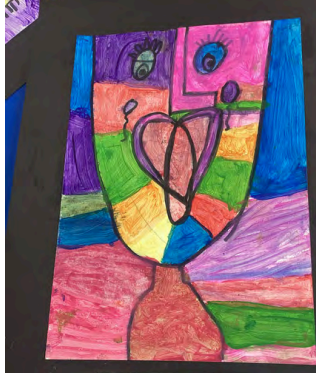
Swimming Kokohuiā Room 4



Today's Assembly



Brieya



Savannah



Jolene



Rj



Rhythm



Kaeah



Maricah



Corbyn