

Newsletter

TERM 2 WEEK 5

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

PUKEPOTO PRIMARY SCHOOL



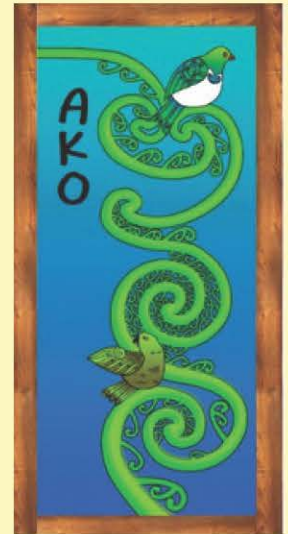
We care for
ourselves, others and
our environment



We show respect,
kindness, and
support



We belong, we
connect, we are one



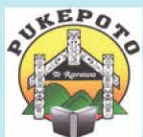
We are learners

Kupu Whakataki | Principal's Message

Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

Welcome to our latest school newsletter. As we move deeper into the term, it is wonderful to see our school values coming to life every day through the actions of our tamariki, staff, and wider community. Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support in making our school a vibrant place to learn and grow.

Here are a few important updates and celebrations across our school:



Tracey King
Principal / Tumuaki



Senior Fundraising: Supporting Our Tuakana

Our senior students are demonstrating excellent leadership and initiative as they raise funds for their upcoming milestones. To support their efforts, we are excited to offer hot lunch options every Friday, alongside juices and drinks available for purchase daily at lunchtime. Additionally, starting next week, delicious cupcakes will be on sale every Wednesday. We encourage our whānau, especially those of our Year 5 & 6 ākonga, to support these initiatives where possible, as every contribution helps our seniors achieve their goal.

Thank you deeply for your continued generosity and *manaakitanga* in supporting our tuakana.

3-Way Interviews & Mid-Year Reports

In the spirit of *whanaungatanga* and working together, our 3-Way Interviews (Teacher/Parent/Student) are just a month away, scheduled for **Thursday, 25th June**. In preparation, our kaiako are currently busy working on student portfolios and writing Mid-Year Reports, which will feature a refreshed, easier-to-read look this year. We have updated our format to better reflect student achievement by replacing the old progress graphs with clear, detailed progress descriptors. This change aims to provide a more meaningful insight into how your child is learning and what their next steps are. Please look out for the detailed information sheet attached to this newsletter to help you prepare for these important conversations.

KĪ-O-RAHI TOURNAMENT AT TAIPĀ – 25 JUNE

As the day nears, we are incredibly excited to send our Year 3 & 4 and Year 5 & 6 tamariki to the upcoming Kī-o-Rahi tournament at Taipā. This annual event is a fantastic opportunity for our students to showcase *ako* and *whanaungatanga* as they play alongside and compete against other local schools. For whānau who wish to travel with us and support the teams, please remember to book your seat on the school bus as soon as possible. Seats are strictly limited, so we highly recommend getting in quick to avoid missing out on this wonderful day of sport with our tamariki.

Matariki Celebrations Day

We warmly invite our whānau kura to join us on **Thursday, 2nd July**, as we celebrate Matariki, the Māori New Year. This special day is a time for us to gather as a whānau to reflect on the year that has passed, celebrate the present, and look forward to the future.

Our tamariki will spend the day creating beautiful art and crafts, and engaging in *ako* as they share knowledge and show *manaakitanga* to one another.

This celebration offers a wonderful opportunity for us to practice *kaitiakitanga* as we collectively honour our environment, our traditions, and our community.

We look forward to sharing this special time of connection, reflection, and renewal with you.

Hangi Fundraiser - Thursday 2nd July

To boost our senior fundraising efforts, on this day, we will also be selling **\$15 hangi with a drink and fried bread**. If you would like to order a hangi for your child, yourself or your whanau, make sure to complete the order form attached to this newsletter. **There will be only 80 hangi available**, so get your order in quickly to avoid missing out!



Looking Ahead: Term 3 Night Market & Food Fair

We are excited to share that we are looking at holding a Night Market and Food Fair at our school in Term 3 to raise further funds for our tamariki and showcase our awesome kura.

We intend to hold our Night Market on a Friday evening late in term 3, from 5 pm for a few hours, and envision having a delicious array of different foods available.

Alongside our food stalls, we are opening up space for stallholders to come in and sell local crafts, art, clothing, plants, tools, etc. We are currently in the early planning stages of this exciting evening and will keep you updated with more details soon. A small fee will be charged for stallholders.

In the meantime, if you, or someone you know, would like to express interest or book a stall, please contact Whaea Yuka in our school office to let us know.

SHARING YOUR TALENTS: INVITING KNOWLEDGE HOLDERS INTO OUR KURA

We are still actively on the lookout for skilled whānau who are willing to come into our school and share their incredible knowledge with our ākonga.

Whether your passion and expertise lie in *toi whakairo* (carving), *raranga* (weaving), *rongoā* (traditional medicine), *pūrākau* (myths and legends, storytelling), *kapa haka*, *waiata*, music, drama, or dance, we would be so very privileged to host you.

This is a beautiful way to bring *ako* to life, allowing our tamariki and staff to learn directly from the wealth of talent within our own community. If you have a skill you would love to share, or know someone who does, please reach out to us—we would love to collaborate with you.

Growing Our Pukepoto School Whānau

As we look to the future, we are eager to welcome new families into our school community and grow our roll. If you have friends or whānau who are currently looking for a school for their tamariki, we would love for you to connect them with us.

Word of mouth is incredibly powerful, so please be sure to share with them the awesome learning, rich experiences, and strong values that define us here at Pukepoto School. Thank you for being our proudest advocates and for helping us extend our *whanaungatanga* to new families.

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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thursday 28 May - Ka Pai Kai
- Monday 1 June - Kings Birthday (SCHOOL CLOSED)
- 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

Ataakura Diamond-Puhipi
for 100% in Ākonga

Maricah Anderson Togiakona
for consistently showing great work ethics in class

SCHOOL VALUES AWARD

Jolene Busby Gent
for Whanaungatanga

Lavaeah-Jaen Henry
for Kaitiakitanga

Savannah Barber
for Manaakitanga

Lee Busby Gent
for Ako

ATTENDANCE AWARD

Jade Joseph-De Beurs
for 100% attendance

CAUGHT BEING GOOD

Terence Busby Gent
for showing excellence in solving maths problems

Savannah Barber
for being a caring and kind student

Jade Joseph-De Beurs
for 93% in his Ākonga

Cameron Ashwell
for Ākonga with his Pāngarau

Mana Ake - Kokohuia (Room4) with Whaea Candice and Whaea Krystal



Hauora and Taonga Takaroa with Whaea Rita





PINK SHIRT DAY & WHANAUNGATANGA DAY



Highlights



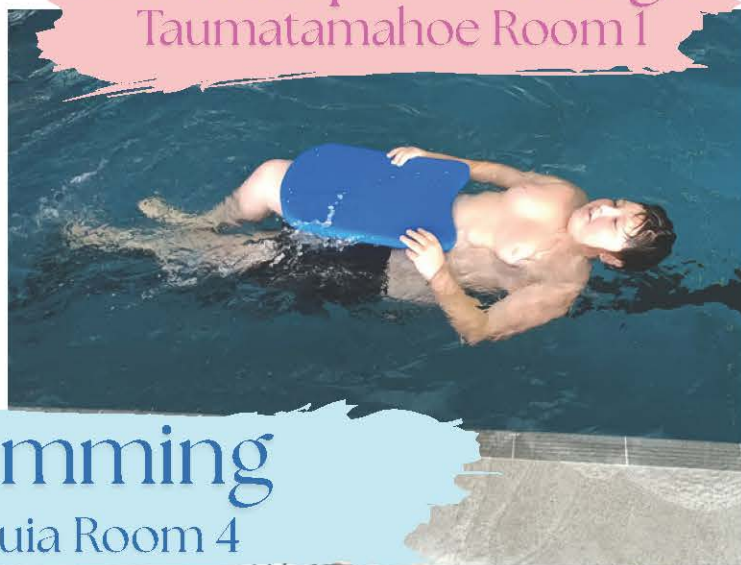
Gymnastics
Taumatamahoe Room 1



RDA
Jade & Cameron



Te Hautapu Wananga
Taumatamahoe Room 1



Swimming
Kokohuia Room 4

Today's Assembly

