



Poukawa School

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Term 3 Week 10: 21-25 September 2020

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Kia Koutou Whanau

With the end of the school term rapidly approaching. I would like to thank our fantastic staff for the awesome job they have done this term. Even with the possibility of another lockdown, they worked tirelessly for our children/tamariki. Besides the classroom and schoolwork, each of our teachers has extra responsibilities. They have to help me keep our fantastic country school operating. Huge thank yous to Paul for stepping up and taking the PB4L leadership, Jane for all the extra work she does with ALiM and Maths, Mary for organising all our sports events within the school and outside school, Catherine for working on our Maori education and whanau hui and Shirley for her role as our COL's Within School leader. Many thanks to Fleur, Mel, Nicole, Hollie and Barbara, our awesome teacher aides, who daily help both our teachers and our students; Sarah our Learning Support Coordinator for organising the extra bits to help our teachers and students and finally Patsy for her effortless ability to find the documents I need and delivering our tamariki safely to school each day.

There is a saying, "It takes a village to raise a child". It takes a special group of dedicated and selfless people to educate that child, and we have that here at Poukawa School. A massive thank you to our people!

Modelling of behaviours: Some behaviours we see at school are behaviours children have seen out of school and they may think this is an appropriate response to something that happens at school. It may not be appropriate and can get a child into some form of trouble. Talk to your child about time and place behaviours and language. Do this some time over the holidays at home, it may save an embarrassing conversation with Adam. Remember children/tamariki are sponges - they soak up the language and behaviour modelled in their lives.

Mary has Seesaw posts to all classes informing them of the sports we are offering at Poukawa School in Term 4. However, and I would like to reinforce this point, if we do not get parental support for these activities, we cannot offer them and your children are the ones who miss out. So let Mary know by this Wednesday 23 September if you can manage a sports team. We will coach them at school, we just need a parent to step in and manage on game day.

Nga Mihi

Adam McRandle - Principal

Poukawa Board of Trustees

A casual vacancy has arisen on our Board of Trustees. The Board has resolved to fill this by selection. A Seesaw notice went out last week. Voters on the school electoral roll have 28 days (from 15 September) to make any objection to this.

Poukawa School Policies:

Poukawa School policies are linked to the School Does Policies and Procedures system.

Each term the Board of Trustees reviews 2-4 of our policies and makes changes, when necessary.

If you would like to view our Policies and Procedures we are redeveloping a link on our Poukawa website.

Last day of Term 3 this Friday 25 September.
Term 4 starts on 12 October at 9pm

We are unsure what COVID-19 Alert level we will be returning at, however we will Seesaw all families/whanau if there is a Level change.

Fundraiser for Poukawa School

We are starting a new school fundraising activity next term, for all our green-fingered families. Liquid Gold is plant food to help plants and vegetables grow. More information about this fundraiser will be available early in Term 4.

2020 EVENTS Term 3 (watch out for cancellations)

Week 10

Visiting Psychologist from the MOE speaking at an open staff meeting about Child Trauma
Mental Health Awareness Week
Pukeko and Kea Day trip Tuesday
Kereru day trip on Thursday
Ruru Hastings Art Gallery
End of Term 3 Friday 25 September

Term 4 Week 1

Monday 12 October first day of Term 4.

The Poukawa Star for this week is: **AROHA**

JUNIORS: We take turns

MIDDLE: I use positive language

SENIORS: I am welcoming and polite to others, including visitors.

COMMUNITY: If you have an issue, your child's classroom teacher is the first contact.

CERTIFICATES

Kereru - Welcome Chaz to our class. Chaz has two older brothers at our school

Kea - Areke, great work in Literacy

Pukeko - Deijsharna - Pukeko of the week, Xavier - maths, Riley R - Aroha

Tui - Ruby for writing an in-depth, well thought out 'Hero's Journey.' **Eli**- Trying hard to manipulate words in his Poetry. **Aleece**- Consistently pushing herself in Maths, especially with Tangy Tuesday.

Hockey - Kaya

Last week Tui took the chance to be mentors for Kereru. They researched and planned an art activity for the junior class. The learning from both classes was high. Many of the Tui students learnt a lot about themselves as teachers. Some realised that one explanation was not adequate, other students realised that planning and being thoroughly prepared is key, while other students had to put their perfectionist natures aside and just roll with their 'students' abilities. However, we all agreed that it was a great experience and we will definitely do it again. The other big news for Tui room is that we have finished the AVAILLL reading program with some terrific results. AVAILLL is a reading program based around movie watching with subtitles. If you would like some tips on ways to get your child to read more feel free to drop me an email.

