



Poukawa School

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Term 3 Week 8: 7-11 September 2020

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Dear Parents and Whanau

It is hard to believe we are only a few weeks away from the end of term 3 in this year of changes. We are focussing on our production with practices and teaching students how to move on a stage. If your child has a speaking part please make sure they are learning their lines. Encourage them to read the bits in brackets and bold writing which tell them when and how to enter and exit the stage.

The next couple of weeks are extremely busy for our staff, with open staff meetings for PB4L, our COL staff meeting and Carol Dickinson coming to speak at Poukawa School. Please be aware that on Monday 14 September as soon as the third bus leaves there will be no staff available to look after the parent pick up students. Please ensure you are here to pick up your children before 3:25 pm. Currently, we are planning for 2021 classes. If you know of any families with 3 or 4 year old preschoolers who are thinking of sending their child to Poukawa School, please get in touch with the principal.

Under COVID-19 Level 2, no children can enter the school grounds until a teacher is at the gate at 8 am. Children still need to stay in their parent's or caregiver's vehicle until a teacher is at the gate. Do not drop your child off and then leave. These are the Ministry of Health and Education rules, not school ones. With the hayfever season starting a number of hayfever symptoms (runny noses, cough and watery eyes) can present as cold/flu symptoms. Let the school know if your child suffers from hayfever. It could save you a trip out to the school to collect them.

Nga Mihi
Adam McRandle - Principal

14-20 September is Te Reo Maori Language Week. The Maori language is one of our official three New Zealand/Aotearoa languages. At home try using Te Reo for simple greetings and identifying basic household items.

WORKING BEE

Working bee this Saturday 12 September 9am onwards This is an important event for our school. Even if you can only give us an hour or two of your time it would go a long way to getting jobs done.

Jobs to do:

Hedge trimming Gardening Washing school buildings Sorting out the Hedge between the school and recycling station Digging up and loosening the playground bark, scooping it off the field Giving the school a general tidy up

Followed up with a BBQ and byo beverage.



CHANGING BUSES:

Please do not ask for children to change buses. Under no circumstances are we allowed to let children change buses while under any COVID-19 level. The Hastings bus is now completely full, there are no seats available.

2020 EVENTS Term 3 (watch out for cancellations)

Week 8

PB4L Team and staff meeting with MOE
BOT Meeting 5:30pm Monday
CRT Mary
Pie Day Friday
Working Bee Saturday 12 September 9am-3pm

Week 9

Te Reo Maori Language Week
COL Staff Meeting Evening
CRT Mary, Shirley and Jane
Seniors at technology: Full days Thursday & Friday.

Week 10

Visiting Psychologist from the MOE speaking at an open staff meeting about Child Trauma
Mental Health Awareness Week
Ruru Hastings Art Gallery
End of Term 3 Friday 25 September
Pie Day Friday

UNDERSTANDING CHILD TRAUMA:

Monday 21 September (3 weeks today) Carol Dickinson, MOE Psychologist, will speak at our staff meeting on Child Trauma and the possible consequences. This meeting is open to the Poukawa School community. Everyone connected to our school can come and listen to this very important subject.

A COUPLE OF HEALTH INFORMATION NOTICES - Please read and keep informed.

Following the announcement from the Prime Minister we will remain at Alert Level 2.

Just a reminder during Alert Level 2, we must adhere to key health measures including:

- Good hand hygiene and coughing and sneezing etiquette
- Staying away if sick
- Keeping the appropriate physical distance from others
- Cleaning and disinfecting our high touch surfaces daily
- Displaying QR code posters at our entrances and encouraging all of our community to download the NZ COVID Tracer App and use it if they come onsite
- Keeping a visitor register for anyone who cannot use the app and for other visitors who come onsite for a period of time.

This will help keep our community safe. Because of these measures, your child does not need to wear a face covering while at school. We will of course support them should they choose to do so.

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

JUNIORS: I focus on my task

MIDDLE: I look at my next steps/goals

SENIORS: I challenge myself in my learning. **COMMUNITY:** Model growth mindset in relation to the Poukawa STAR values

CERTIFICATES

Kereru - whole class for their amazing pirate ships

Pukeko - Logan: Fabulous effort and focus in all areas! **Jacob:** Fantastic progress in maths and **Riley:** Pukeko of the week, demonstrating values of Aroha and Friendship!

Buru- Annabel-Photosynthesis leadership and presentation. **Jethro**- Fantastic Bee Art. **Eliza**-Pollination presentation and leadership.

Snapshots of Pukeko Life:

Drama - hot seating, going for a walk with a chicken, learning about apostrophes in contracted words, reading jokes to Nicole and reading with the teacher.

