



# Poukawa School

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Kia Koutou Whanau

Nau Mai ki Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori, Welcome to Maori Language Week. We are celebrating Te Reo this week. At Poukawa school we always try to incorporate both English and Te Reo in our everyday programme. However, this week at home ask your tamariki what Te Reo they can use at school confidently and maybe challenge them to use different words or learn a different expression in Te Reo.

With the school holidays fast approaching several organisations are starting to advertise their different school holiday programmes. If you are interested or want more information, just contact the office and we can send information pamphlets home with your tamariki.

Today after school, our teachers are visiting our other COL (Community of Learning) schools and teachers from these COL schools are coming out to Poukawa School to tour our fantastic school.

We are offering you a chance to take part in a new fundraising scheme. We have the opportunity to sell Liquid Gold plant food to raise money for the school. COVID-19 has affected many school events and had a real effect on our ability to raise extra funds for our school. More information on Liquid Gold will follow.

Many thanks to the parents, caregivers and grandparents who came along on Saturday and helped at our Working bee. Several projects were completed thanks to these fantastic people giving up time and energy for our tamariki. A bonus is the school looks fantastic for our visiting teachers from the Hastings East COL. Check the photos below.

Nga Mihi  
Adam McRandle - Principal

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

### Poukawa Board of Trustees

A casual vacancy has arisen on our Board of Trustees. The Board will resolve tonight whether to call an election or fill this by selection. Please look out for a Seesaw notice for the decision. If the Board decides to fill this vacancy by selection voters on the school electoral roll have 28 days to make any objection to this.

### **UNDERSTANDING CHILD TRAUMA:**

**Monday 21 September (next Monday)** 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. This event will be in the library and children can stay at school only if parents are attending this event and will be in the school hall.



### **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.

