

Puketaha School Newsletter



March 1st 2018

Welcome new students: Quinn Te Hira Lloyd, Ryan Chamberlain

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students,

Wasn't last Friday a blast! With perfect conditions our Try Challenge was always going to be a big success. One of the highlights of the year for many. While providing a chance for everyone to be involved and push play, it was a great opportunity for our 'big kids' to show leadership and support of others. It really showcased the wonderful culture that has been a part of Puketaha School for years. Our children thrived during the day and it brought plenty of joy to all. Thank you for coming along, there was a great buzz around the place. Also, a big thank you to Miss Tritt for her organisation of the day. Her leadership with Sport and P.E this year has been first class and it is a credit to her with how days like this run so well.

Last Thursday we held our first Parent Information Evening for the year. Thank you to the many parents that turned up and became involved in the evening. The development of the brain, the stages it goes through and the impact digital tools can have on it is truly fascinating. I along with our team really enjoyed the

conversation it sparked and the challenge we are all faced with as both parents and educators of our young. As a result, I have had many parents who were not able to attend ask if we are able to send out some of the slides. We aim to put something together over the next couple of weeks, so keep an eye out for it. We will more than likely send it out via email. In the meantime here is a link to the RNZ audio clip, this I encourage you to listen to.

http://www.radionz.co.nz/audio/player?audio_id=201859350

Over the next few weeks our Ropu Puawai children will be going on camp. Year 5/6 are travelling to Camp Raglan and Year 7/8 to the OPC Tongariro. Both of which will provide an excellent level of challenge and fun for our children. One of the key learnings/opportunities that happen at camp is the chance to show courage, to enjoy the challenge, whatever that may look like and to show empathy and thoughtfulness (being a caring thinker). We encourage our children to draw on and build their understanding and application of our 6C's often, they are the key behaviours to learning and it is our view that camps provide a perfect context to do so.

Finally, our School Swimming Sports (Years 3-8) is coming up on Tuesday 13th March at Fairfield High School starting at 9.30am. We would love for you to join us and be part of the day.

Warm regards

Geoff Booth





Key dates for Term One

Friday 2 March	Powerful Learners Assembly 2pm
4-9 March	Year 7 & 8 Camp – Tongariro
Tuesday 13 March	Swimming Sports Year 3-8
14 – 16 March	Year 5 & 6 Camp - Raglan
Tuesday 20 March	PTA Meeting 7.30pm
Friday 23 March	Junior Swimming Sports Year 1 & 2
Monday 26 March	BoT Meeting
26-29 March	Book Fair Week
Tuesday 27 March	Student Led Conferences 3.15pm-5.30pm
Wednesday 28 March	Student Led Conferences 2-8pm
Thursday 29 March	Grandparents Day
Tuesday 3 April	School Holiday (Tuesday after Easter)
Friday 13 April Last day of term	Powerful Learners Assembly 1.45pm

2018 Invoices

Thank you to our families who have already made School fee payments and supported the school with the School Donation. Invoices will be emailed out to families next week. Payment can be set up through Kindo - if you have not already signed up the link is via the School Website. Cash payments can be made at the office. Please see Christine Jeffery at the School Office or phone 07 824 3870 if you have any questions about fee payments.

Tough Guy/Gal Challenge

This event will be held in Hamilton and our school has booked places to compete on **Friday 8th June**. Entries need to be done through the school, entry forms will be available shortly.

Community Notices

Lost Togs

Kakano 2 child's togs, blue with silver spots, Charlie & Me brand size 4 or 5. Last used at the School swimming pool. Please Contact Kylie on 027 6466165 or drop them into the School Office.

St Peters Open Day

You are warmly invited to St Peter's School Cambridge, full school Open Day on Friday 16th March 2018 from 9.45am – 12.30. Please register for this event at openday@stpeters.school.nz or to find out further information please contact Claire Pollock, Director of Admissions on 07 823 3684

Taupiri Junior Rugby - weigh-in

Taupiri Junior Rugby weigh in is on the 4th of March and the 18th of March 2018 from 10 -12. At the Taupiri Rugby Club, Murphy Lane Taupiri. All new players need to bring a photocopy of their birth certificate or passport please as I need a copy for our records. If you are new you will need to do a registration form on line at weigh in. Fees are payable on this day as well either by cash/cheque. They are single \$40 and Family \$60. For further details please contact Leah Scott 0276869499

Village Church Street Party

You are invited you to this free community event being held on Martin Lane in Horsham Downs on Saturday the 3rd of March starting at 6pm and concluding with fireworks between 8.30 and 9pm. There will be a variety of food options available for \$5 each. We would love to see you there.

BREAKFAST IDEAS

EGGY BREAD

- 1 egg
- ¼ cup low fat milk
- ½ tsp. of vanilla extract
- 1 tsp. low fat spread
- 2 pieces of wholegrain bread

Beat egg, milk and vanilla in a bowl. Dunk bread into mixture until completely covered. In a pan over a low heat, melt spread. Cook bread on both sides until golden. Enjoy with slices of fruit and a dollop of yoghurt!



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Fun Friday this week: American Hot Dog \$2.50. Order before school