

Puketaha School Newsletter

March 15th 2018



Welcome new student: Ashton Tinworth

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students,

What a busy couple of weeks we have had with so many wonderful experiences for our children. Camp Tongariro, Swimming Sports and Camp Raglan. As well as these we still have more Swimming Events, Book Week, Grandparents Day, Student Led Conferences and the ASB Getwise Programme to look forward to. It reminds us that learning looks and happens in all sorts of ways and if children are able to enjoy fantastic experiences and create wonderful memories we know that the learning will stick with them, as it is meaningful and longer than the 45 - 60 minute lesson we consistently involve ourselves in.

As educators and parents we must keep remembering that we are always learning new ways to transfer knowledge and that the type of lesson and length of lessons should never be set in stone, but designed and nurtured to meet the context and needs of the learner involved.

Camp Tongariro

Last week our Senior Students from Ropu Puawai 7 & 8 completed the Hillary Outdoor Education programme in the Tongariro National Park. It was the very first time we have taken a group our students on this type of camp and it was an exceptional week of outdoor adventure and fun.

The children participated in activities such as caving, abseiling, rock climbing, kayaking, canoeing and mountaineering, culminating in an overnight expedition. This camp is an experience that offers the level of challenge and opportunity for teamwork that these children are not only ready for but thrive on.

A big thank you to all of our community for supporting this new initiative.

Swimming Sports

On Tuesday we enjoyed another great School Swimming Sports Event. I loved the way our children showed courage with giving new events a go, empathy in the way they supported others and the joy they showed in each others successes. It really showcases the positive culture amongst the children, something we can all be proud of.

Student Led Conferences

In Week 9, as well as it being Book Week we have our Student Led Conferences. Today we have emailed out a letter giving information about the benefits of these conferences and some details around it organisation. Booking schedules are now available online at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

ONLINE BOOKING INSTRUCTIONS:

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and use the code **7jatf** to make your booking. These will run the same format as last year.

Warm regards

Geoff Booth



Key dates for Term One

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	Greats & Grands Day 11am - 1.40pm
Tuesday 3 April	School Closed (Tuesday after Easter)
Friday 13 April Last day of term	Powerful Learners Assembly 1.45pm
Term Two starts Monday 30th April	



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, closing date Friday 6th April, **entry forms available from the school office**.

Pool Keys

The swimming season is coming to a close and the pool will no longer be open for use after the Easter break. Can pool keys please be returned to the school office as soon as possible.



Waikato District Council - Long Term plan

"Our long term plan 2018-2028 will affect your future rates".

Come along to your local information session at Gordonton Hall on 21st March 7.30pm. For other information sessions in the www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/longtermplan. Have your say by 9am Monday 16 April.

Scots Twilight Gala.

Corner Vardon & Cunningham road. Friday 9th March from 5pm. Raffles, entertainment, cakes, food available.

Waikato Synchronised Swimming Club.

If you're 7 to 12 years old, a good swimmer but getting a bit bored with swimming lengths, love to dance, or enjoy the flexibility in gymnastics – you should think about taking up synchronised swimming. Come along with your friends and have a go at Synchro!! **First lesson free: Sun 18th March 12pm – 1.30pm at Gallagher Aquatic Centre.** For enquiries contact Sophie on 027 229 2278 or waikatosynchro@gmail.com.

The Parenting Show with Pio

Building awesome whanau with Pio Terei on Friday 16th March at Fairfield Intermediate School Auditorium 7pm - 8:30pm Gold coin donation. Presentation includes: giving kids confidence and resilience to problem solve; fostering solid foundations that are made up of love and values; developing a positive atmosphere in the house.

Support a Refugee Family

Get involved with NZ Red Cross and help a newly arrived family during their first 3-6 months of settlement in Hamilton. Free training courses to become a Refugee Support Volunteer (RSV) will start on Tuesday 20th March AND on Thursday 17th May. No previous experience required. If you're interested just contact Juergen at the Red Cross: Juergen.pothmann@redcross.org.nz or 021 228 2065

Waikato Diocesan School for Girls'

Open Day on Friday 16 March, 10:00am to 12:30pm.

St Peters Open Day – March 16th

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