

Puketaha School Newsletter

June 14th 2018



Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students,

Last week I was very fortunate to travel to Melbourne on a Study Tour with 50 other Primary Principals from around the Waikato Region. The main focus of the trip was to explore the growth and shift in practice many of the Melbourne Schools have made during their 10 years of operating in ILE's, as well as spend a day at the University of Melbourne where they have been leading much of the research into ILE's, spaces for learning and growing teacher capability. While it was very much a whirlwind trip there were many excellent opportunities for learning and chances to reflect on what we are doing here at Puketaha School. Two key parts of the research that is coming out of University was an understanding that we must understand that our spaces provide the conditions that enable our educational design and that the space is not the educational design, but rather a participant in the process. It was great to hear this, as here at Puketaha our conversations with each other are first and foremost about our programme design and how we are consistently noticing and considering children's learning needs to ensure there is a connect between the two. Secondly is when building teacher capability and improving practice, we must also look at teacher motivation as the two are codependent (this is not new information). A starting point for this is to ensure our improvement model is based on an appreciation model vs a deficit one. This is about acknowledging and understanding what we are doing well, how this is making a difference for our children and then looking at how we can do what we do well, even better.



While I was away we also had lots of events for our children. The EWCS Cross Country, EPRO 8 Challenge and the Tough Guy/Gal Challenge. It was so good to see the 70 children stand up at assembly and receive their medal for entering the Tough Guy/Gal Challenge. This was a massive increase in numbers this year from 30 children last year. It is so pleasing to see many of our children out there being active and enjoying physical challenges.



Finally, communication is really important to us here. In the next few weeks I on behalf of our Board of Trustees will be sending out a survey that we would really appreciate you participating in. It aims to gather some feedback with the shift from paper communication to more of the digital platforms. We look forward to hearing your views.

Warm Regards

Geoff

Congratulations to Breeana Clements 1st in her age group at the Waikato Bay of Plenty Regional School Gymnastics Championships.



Key dates for Term Two

18 June BoT Meeting
19 June PTA Meeting
20 June EWCS Technology Challenge
22 June Sports team photos
25 June Teachers Paid union meeting –
Early pick up 12.45pm
5 July Year 5 -8 School Production
6 July Powerful Learners Assembly 2pm
Term 3 Starts 23rd July

Sports Photos

Sports team photos will be taken on **Friday 22nd June**. All children who have played in a sports team in Term 1 & 2 will be having photos taken. Hockey, Netball & Basketball players must bring their uniforms to school on this day, including shoes if worn. Cricket, Summer Hockey & Touch players will be given a shirt on the day - but will need their shoes & shorts. Order envelopes will be given out on the day. All coaches and managers are welcome to come along and have a photo with their team.

Sports Uniforms

Black Shorts - NOW IN STOCK- Great quality Kukri shorts embroidered with the school logo.- \$25.50.

Sickness

Gastroenteritis - please note that the exclusion period for a child who has had a gastroenteritis bug is 48 hours from the time of the last symptom.

With the winter cold and flu season here is more important than ever to stop illness from spreading. Students need to stay away from school when they are ill, how long they should be home depends on their illness. The Ministry of Health gives schools guidelines these can be found at <https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/school-exclusion>.

Morning Drop-Offs

A reminder – children are not to be in their learning spaces before 8.20am – Before School Care is available before this time

EWCS Cross Country Results

Congratulations to all of our competitors

9 Year Old Girls	10 Year Old Girls	11 Year Old Girls	12 Year Old Girls
11th Luciarna Harvey	10th Anna Tonar	1st Zarah Rattray	1st Madison Rattray
15th Jan Hodgson		13th Katie Allen	4th Ashleigh Devine
16th Tyla Webster	10 Year Old Boys	11 Year Old Boys	12th Charlotte Macdonald
20th Alida Degueldre	4th Darasdeep Singh-Dhaliwal	5th Sam Gordon	18th Jorja McKinnon
	12th Cole Bunce	8th Zahn Webster	
9 Year Old Boys	15th Charlie Harris	12th Hamish Grigg	12 Year Old Boys
3rd Louie Austin		13th Jordan Moratti	9th Josiah Moetara
4th Taine Walters		17th Timothy Dobbs	17th Joshua Barnett
12th Flynn Booth		18th Macaulay Jackson	20th Enzo Degueldre
19th Elliott Stainthorpe		19th Mac Hodgson	

Notice Board

Fusion Marching Club

The club is looking for New Members, we will be commencing training at Peachgrove Immediate on Saturday 23rd June 1pm to 4pm. If you would like to join Please contact for details: Michelle: 021376288 or Fusion.marching.club@gmail.com.

Rototuna Junior High

Open evening Tuesday June 26th 6-8pm. This evening is aimed at students looking to enrol for 2019 who are within the school zone.

The Incredibles 2 - Movie Fundraiser

Fundraiser for ex Puketaha Student Jorja Challis to go to Space Camp. Incredibles 2 Sunday 8th July @4pm, tickets \$17. For tickets and information go to the following link: <https://stuartchallis.typeform.com/to/RA0D5W>



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