

# Puketaha School Newsletter

## July 26th 2018



**Welcome New Students: Kyle Crawshay, Toby Johnson, Sophie Dunning, Reef Lye, Lily Smith, Oakley Smith, Leighton Allen.**

**Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students,**

Welcome back to Term Three. As always it is magic to have the children back here at school bringing this place of learning and fun alive with their energy. Over the break the team and I had a couple of engaging Teacher Only Days where we were able to re energize and strengthen our beliefs and understanding with working in and learning alongside our children in our ILE's and remind ourselves of our purpose, people and place.

Some key aspects to our learning were the skills and behaviours required to ensure we are consistently refining the way in which we work collaboratively together as professionals and the spaces we are able to create to ensure they promote / support the various learning styles that our children have. Our Co Teaching approaches were at the centre of these discussions and with the support of Mark Osborne (Educational Consultant) we were able to explore the strengths and cautions that come with each approach as well as when and when not each approach can best be used. As the research into ILE's continues to grow and develop, I would like to share with you a brief quote below from a snippet of it in relation to Co Teaching.

*When teachers teach together (co-teach) students are more likely to see increased gains in achievement. This is often a result of the accelerated professional development that comes from seeing colleagues teach, feedback on a teacher's practice and the shared problem-solving that is possible in teams. In addition, co-teaching teams report increased job satisfaction and the creation of social capital. Darling-Hammond et al. (2002).*

On another note, this term our Global Concept is 'Let it Grow', our children will be looking at this concept through a variety of lenses depending on age group. Some topics being explored are: what makes a living thing, the story of food through being a food detective, looking at the good, bad and ugly aspects of food and paddock to plate to name only some. Already I have seen this theme alive and well in the environments, I encourage you to ask your children what they have explored so far in relation to the above.

I would also like to thank all the families who took the time to complete our community survey. Your input is valued and we will be reporting back on some of the information gathered in our next Newsletter.

Once again, we look forward to another great term. There is lots on, so please keep an eye on the many up and coming events. As a support I encourage you to update your App alerts to ensure you are receiving the right type of updates.

Warm Regards

Geoff

### **Kukri Blast Fleece**

A new order of our Blast Fleece have arrived. We currently have all sizes available. If you would like to purchase one please contact Christine at the school office. At \$69.00 each they are an excellent hard wearing, warm addition to your child's winter gear.

### **Chocolate Fundraising**

Thank you for your support with this fundraiser.

Please return payment (\$60 per box) in the envelope provided, to the school office, or via internet banking (account number 12-3171-0283600-00) last name and 'chocolates' as a reference. If you are unable to sell all of your items please return them to school as soon as possible so another family can.



## Key dates for Term 3

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| <b>Tuesday 31 August -</b>                  | Report Follow-up evening 3.15pm - 5.30pm                               |
| <b>Wednesday 1st August</b>                 | Report Follow-up Evening 3.15pm - 7.30pm - Book online.                |
| <b>Friday 3 August</b>                      | PTA Quiz Night 7.30pm -11pm  |
| <b>Monday 6 August</b>                      | BoT Meeting 7.30pm - 10.30pm   |
| <b>Thursday 16 August</b>                   | School Photos  |
| <b>Tuesday 21 August</b>                    | 2018 Red Riding Robyn Hood Show, 11:30am & 2:00pm ( Gold Coin Donation |
| <b>Friday 24 August</b>                     | Powerful Learners Assembly 2pm   |
| <b>Tuesday 28 August - Friday 31 August</b> | Year 7 & 8 Sports Camp   |
| <b>Wednesday 5 September</b>                | EWCS Speech Finals   |
| <b>Monday 10 September</b>                  | BoT Meeting  |
| <b>Thursday 13 September</b>                | Hiwi the Kiwi 9am - 10.40am  |
| <b>Thursday 27 September</b>                | School Hangi \$5   |
| <b>Friday 28 September</b>                  | Powerful Learners Assembly.<br>Last Day of Term                        |

### PTA Quiz Night

Only one week to go!! To book a table email Christine at the School Office [office@puketaha.school.nz](mailto:office@puketaha.school.nz)  
Cost \$80 per table, Max 8 per table, individual tickets available.

### Gymnastics Academy - Puketaha Community Hall

Term 3 gymnastics every Tuesday 3-4pm in Puketaha Community Hall. Book online @ [www.thegymnasticacademy.com](http://www.thegymnasticacademy.com)

### Marrzipan

Is your child shy? Do they feel intimidated by the idea of public speaking and performance? Do they sometimes find it difficult to make eye contact? Do they just need dedicated time per week to just be CRAZY?! Come and join the revolutionary self-confidence programme. We run awesome classes at Puketaha School on Fridays at lunchtime, which focus on key life skills and public speaking ability. We play fun engaging games and perform at the end of term once to parents and once to the school. All scripts are original, engaging, educational and HILARIOUS. You can sign your child up for a Trial Lesson via our website [www.marrzipandrama.co.nz](http://www.marrzipandrama.co.nz) (we have contact numbers on there too, should you prefer to talk to a human!)

# Community Notices

### Tool Box Parenting Course - Intermediate Years

Thursdays from 9th August - 13th August 7pm-9pm. Booking online at [www.theparentingplace.com](http://www.theparentingplace.com) or contact Ekta 858 3453 email [admin@waimarie.org](mailto:admin@waimarie.org) Cost: \$20 per person or \$30 per couple, thanks to funding from the Lion Foundation

### Rototuna Junior High School - Open Day

Open Day Tuesday 22 August 9.15am, 1.45pm. 5.30pm

### Waikato Police - Cyber Safety Parents Information Evening

This will be held at St Pauls Collegiate, Hukanui Road. Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of September from 7 – 8.30/9pm

Free of charge, however spaces are limited, so parents must RSVP on the event below as attending

Visit the Waikato Police Facebook page, and go to the events to RSVP

<https://www.facebook.com/events/254276345327544>

### Visique Total Vision Optometrists

Offering free kids eye exams - Valid until 1st August and for children 16 and under.

Phone 07 856 2611

