

# Puketaha School Newsletter

## June 28th 2018



**Welcome New Students: Nivriti Verma, Emerson Turner**

**Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students,**

The energy is definitely building here at school. Throughout all our environments we have children showcasing learning through the Arts and the chatter it creates is magic.

Our Ropu Puawai Productions are bringing a real buzz of excitement to our senior children and I love seeing the involvement of every child in these performances, no matter how 'Arty' each individual is. It is an important reminder in the value of having an inclusive culture. Even our little ones (as is the case with them and the fear of missing out) have caught onto the vibe and are doing their own Matariki Show this coming Friday, which I am told is also not to be missed!

Over the last couple of weeks our team have been writing your child's Mid Year Reports and currently I have the privilege of reading them. I take great comfort in the progress and attitude towards learning our children are showing, as should you all as parents. As part of this process our teachers have been making decisions around the current achievement levels of your child in Mathematics, Reading and Writing. This process of deciding the 'best fit' requires a very considered approach and there are many 'touch points' that are taken into account from formal assessment tasks to the more everyday teaching and learning observations. I feel it is important to remind ourselves that forming a decision on a child's achievement is not as easy as establishing how tall they are. As mentioned in the past we all have a jagged learning profile. These profiles determine how we learn and connect with information. I have attached an example of one to the right. In saying all of this, we absolutely invite a conversation regarding the information in the report and would be happy to respond to your queries. Our report follow-up evening is a great place to have this conversation and this will be in Week 2 next term on Wednesday 1st August and Thursday 2nd August.



On a separate note I would like to on behalf of our team pass on my thanks to you all for your support with our current contractual negotiations. From all accounts the Paid Union Meetings went well on Monday and hopefully the right people are listening to the everyday concerns our teachers and educators are facing in an ever changing educational climate. I have attached an insert which explains more of this and what teachers across the country are asking for. It is my personal hope that an agreement is formed before any strike action takes place, however, if this is the case, we will of course communicate with you in advance.

Finally, as this is our last newsletter for the term, I would like to say thank you for a fantastic Term 2. You continue to support us with being able to provide excellent conditions for our children to thrive and enjoy learning. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 23rd July.

**Warm Regards**

**Geoff**

## Key dates

29 June Kakano production 2pm  
 4 July Music House Concert 1pm  
 5 July Year 5 -8 School Production  
 Last day for Sports Photo orders  
 6 July Powerful Learners Assembly 2pm

Term 3 Starts 23rd July  
 Wednesday 1 August & Thursday 2nd  
 August Report Follow-up Evenings.

## Sports Photos

Sports team photos orders are due back to the School Office by **Thursday 5th July**. If your child did not bring home an order envelope these are available from the office.

## Chocolate Fundraising

As part of our school fundraising for resources we are once again asking for your support with selling chocolates. Each family will be asked to sell one box. We appreciate that some families contribute to the school in other ways and would rather not sell chocolates, if so contact the School Office and let us know by Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July.

## E-Books

A reminder that the school has a license for borrowing eBooks through Wheelers.

### Borrowing our eBooks is as easy as

**1** Download the ePlatform app from your app store

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If you require support with logging in or getting your child's library ID email Whaea Emma - [library@puketaha.school.nz](mailto:library@puketaha.school.nz) or Christine [office@puketaha.school.nz](mailto:office@puketaha.school.nz).

# Community Notices

### Music lessons at Puketaha School.

Enrol your child in music lessons with Music House by filling out the online enrolment form at [musichouse.co.nz](http://musichouse.co.nz). Guitar, drums, keyboard, ukulele, voice available. Pair lessons - \$16 per lesson Group of 3 - \$11 per lesson Group of 4 - \$8.50 per lesson Group of 8 - \$4 (beginner uke only) Hire guitar or keyboard - \$15 per month, (3 month min. hire) Instrument purchase - contact Joe - [manager@musichouse.co.nz](mailto:manager@musichouse.co.nz)  
 General enquiries - 078080235 or [admin@musichouse.co.nz](mailto:admin@musichouse.co.nz)

### Hamilton BMX Club

We would like to invite your family to our Open Day 26th August, Wednesday Club Nights start back 22nd August & our promotion for new riders registrations are now OPEN!

### Eastlink Holiday Programme

Multisports Holiday Programme both weeks 9am - 3pm. \$25 per day. 30 Old Farm Road. Age 6-13 years Please email for a registration form [eastlinkssportshub@gmail.com](mailto:eastlinkssportshub@gmail.com)



### SCHOOL TERM DATES 2019

<b>Term 1</b>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Term 2</b>	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April –Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Term 3</b>	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September

**Term 4**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December