

# Puketaha School Newsletter

## May 3rd 2018



Welcome New Students

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**Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students,**

Welcome back to what has been a magnificent start to Term 2, both weather wise and energy. Firstly, I would very much like to say a large thank you to the many families who joined us for the Working Bee here at school on the first Saturday of the break. We had a wonderful turnout of families who mucked in and made a real difference to the landscape of our school. It continues to humble us how we come together as a community to offer support whatever that support may look like.

At Monday's Assembly I spoke to the children around learning every single day and at times you have to increase your tolerance and improve your willingness (note, not ability) to listen, actively listen versus passively. For when we do this the lesson we learn may not only be a good one but also a surprising one. This not so profound but rather simple message stemmed from my own experience during the school break.

As you know Amy and I are very fortunate to have two little treasures of our own, who both bring us joy and frustration. During this break we took our children to Snow Planet to practise their skiing. However, thanks to the Commonwealth Games one of our boys (a tallish 7 Year old whose name starts with H...) decided he wanted to snowboard. As parents, Amy and I fell into a typical trap and said no, not this time, let's get better at skiing first... Fools us for thinking that was the end of it! On day 2, after numerous "no's, stop asking, be thankful for being here" responses to the barrage of requests and a range of breathing techniques, I turned to Amy and said "I have forgotten why we said no". So, as weak as it sounds we gave him a go - Let him have 'his way'. As it is at times, the lesson fell on us. Harry was up and away, going higher than he ever did / wanted to on skis. He was independent, confident and enjoying the challenge. So while we initially muttered some words under our breath, we were eventually able to laugh at ourselves.

The lesson was this, be considered when jumping to answers based on assumptions and previous thought ideas, actively listen to each other, understand it is ok to get frustrated, but allow yourself to revisit your decision. Our learning spaces are very much like family spaces, they require you to compromise, appreciate each other, listen and show tolerance. When our children make connections and build on these behaviours they are far more likely to engage and interact positively with each other and their learning programme. With the weather at some stage set to change for the winter and cold come upon us I feel it would be wise to continue to support each other with actively practicing some of these behaviours also.

Like always we really value the conversation with you. If there is anything you feel needs further discussion or clarity, please do see your child's Guardian Teacher first and then of course myself if that is needed.

We look forward to another great term.

Warm Regards

Geoff

# Key Dates for Term Two

10 May Brian Faulkner - Author visit  
14 May BoT Meeting  
15 May PTA Meeting 7.30pm  
Writers Festival – Auckland  
18 May Scholastic book club orders due  
22 May Morrinsville Netball/Rugby Funday  
24 May School Cross Country  
31 May (Thursday) Powerful Learners  
Assembly 2pm

Mark  
your  
Calendar

1 June Year 5 & 6 Arbor day planting  
6 June EWCS Year 5-8 Cross  
Country  
7 June E Pro8 Challenge - Yrs 5 & 6  
8 June Tough Guy & Gal Challenge  
8 June EPro8 Challenge Yrs 7 & 8  
18 June BoT Meeting  
22 June Sports team photos  
5 July Year 5 -8 School Production  
6 July Powerful Learners Assembly  
2pm

## Community Notices

### Gymnastic Academy

Increase your Child's confidence in motor proficiency with the Gymnastic Academy every Tuesday 3-4p.m & 4-5p.m classes at Puketaha Community Hall, register online at <http://www.thegymnasticacademy.com>.

### JitterBugs Dance Lessons

Last Chance to enrol for Term 2 2018 with just 9 spaces left!; **Tuesdays & Thursdays** Jitterbugs Junior (ages 5 ½ – 7), Jitterbugs Junior Plus (ages 6½ - 8)

- Cost \$95 for the term
- Check out my Facebook page or website for more details

### Saturday Morning Music Classes

Enrolments are now open for Term Two 2018 at the Waikato Community School of Music (formerly Hamilton Community Centre of Music). The first session is on Saturday 5th May. The centre caters for all ages (3 to retired) and ability levels, offering group-format music tuition in a range of instruments. Fees range from \$39 to \$95 per term, depending on age and instrument. The enrolment fee for an instrument class includes participation in as many of our ensembles as you wish, at no additional charge. Class times are between 8am and 1:00pm on Saturday mornings during primary school terms. The centre is located on the University of Waikato campus in Hillcrest. Contact us via our website <http://www.hccm.ac.nz/> or on 07 838 4611

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**SPORTS NUTRITION**

**EAT LIKE AN ATHLETE EVERY DAY!**

It is important to eat healthy and well-balanced meals and snacks all the time, not just when we play sport.

Include the four food groups and drink plenty of water!

This will help to keep our bodies healthy, strong and ready for action all year round.

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