

# Puketaha School Newsletter



## May 31st 2018

**Welcome New Students - Lincoln O'Reilly, Phyllis Smyth, Maddix White**

**Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students,**

It has certainly been an eventful couple of weeks here at Puketaha School, with Morrinsville Rugby and Netball Funday, our school Cross Country and yesterday with 20 of our Year 5/6 students entering the Field Days Tractor Pull Competition. The reason why I mention these together is they all require similar behaviours and attitudes that are needed in a team environment. Behaviours that strengthen character and help you understand the value of being part of something bigger than yourself. This is one of the main reasons why we offer these opportunities to our children. In addition to the benefits these events have for our children, is the involvement we get from you our parents at such occasions. I would like to thank all the families who have helped out and come along to support the children. They get a real buzz from having you a part of these events and their education in general. So from us, a big thank you.

On Monday night I had the privilege to attend the Tahuna and Districts Lions club meeting and dinner, to be presented with a cheque (of \$500) for the school.

The money distributed from this charity group, is collected from calves which haven't made it into this life for various reasons, and which instead of being wasted, the Lions club collect them from the farms and sell them to raise money. What I would like to point out is that lifting 50kg calves is a hard enough task if you are young and fit, but remember, most of these men are middle aged to quite elderly, and still they travel large distances in their own time, hauling calves onto trucks or trailers in order to raise money for schools.

We also must appreciate those farmers who donate these calves in the first place, and I would ask any other farmers who don't already do so, to kindly consider donating calves for the benefit of our school.

Finally, as the weather starts to turn chilly (while remaining stunning) I do ask that you please ensure your child/ren come to school dressed in warm clothes.

Warm Regards

Geoff

### **Sports Uniforms**

Black Shorts - NOW IN STOCK- Great quality Kukri shorts embroidered with the school logo.- \$25.50. For all Winter & Summer sports, these also go well with the Sports shirt for school events.

There is also a limited number of Blast Fleece Hoodies available for sale at the School Office - Cost is \$69



### Paid Union Meetings

A reminder that there will be a union meeting for all teachers on **Monday 25th June at 1.30pm**. We understand that closing our school causes disruption and at times frustration for you as parents. Therefore, we will be staying open for instruction on this day. Please pick up your child(ren) at **12.45pm** on that day if you are in a position to do so. Thank you for your support.

### P.T.A Quiz Night - 3rd August

Please note the date has changed for the PTA Quiz night - it will now be held at the same venue (Suburbs Rugby Club) in Term 3 on Friday 3rd August.

### Entertainment Book Fundraising

Entertainment books are still available through the school, either as a Digital version or a hard copy. They are great money savers and only need to be used 3 or 4 times in the year to pay for themselves and this includes a donation to the school. Please go online [www.entbook.co.nz/1547w86](http://www.entbook.co.nz/1547w86) to order your copy or come into the School Office. Thank you for your support.

### Play Equipment Wanted

Rōpū Kākano 1 would like to receive donations of any 'Family Play' & 'Construction Play' items - eg: dolls, bedding, and props like brooms, plastic cups and saucers, pots and pans, loose parts, cotton reels, pipes, ribbon, buttons, craft items, natural materials, also some old sheets for making forts. Please see Nikki Oldridge or Briar Imber in Rōpū Kākano 1 if you can help.

### Mathletics

Mathletics is an online programme that you can sign up your children through school. It supports the curriculum being taught at school and children can access the programme at school and at home. The cost of the subscription from now until the end of February is \$22, to be paid via Kindo.

#### IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM TWO

1 June	Arbor Day planting	22 June	Sports Team Photos
6 June	EWCS Cross Country	25 June	Paid Union Meeting – Early pick up 12.45pm
7 June	EPro8 Challenge Years 7 & 8	5 July	Years 5 -8 Production
8 June	Tough Guy and Gal Challenge	<b>6 July</b>	<b>Last day of term</b>
8 June	E Pro8 Challenge Years 5 & 6		<b>Powerful Learners Assembly 1.45pm</b>
18 June	BOT Meeting		<b>TERM THREE STARTS 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>
20 June	EWCS Technology Challenge		

## Community Notices

### Wanted To Buy

House Wanted For Relocation. Private Cash Buyer. Anything Considered. Please Phone Kevin or Neville (027)243-5818

### House for Rent

Five bedroom, new build family home available for rent. Located in Gordonton and available from June for 18 months. Enquiries please phone Mike on 021 749 265.

### Marzipan Drama Classes at School

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 - **Marrzipan!** We run awesome classes at schools, 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!)

# Cross Country Results

Congratulations to all our students who completed the Cross Country last Thursday.

	First	Second	Third
12 Year old and over - Girls	Madison Rattray	Ashleigh Devine	Charlotte Macdonald
12 Year old and over - Boys	Josiah Moetara	Enzo Degeuldre	Louis Moody
11 Year old Girls	Zarah Rattray	Breana Clements	Katie Allen
11 Year old Boys	Lleyton Tonar	Jake Walters	Zahn Webster
10 Year old Girls	Anna Tonar Elizabeth Macdonald		Isabella Mccarthy
10 Year old Boys	Darasdeep Singh-Dhaliwal	Cole Bunce	Charlie Harris
9 Year old Girls	Luciarna Harvey	Jan Hodgson	Alida Degueuldre
9 Year old Boys	Louie Austin	Danton Gray	Taine Walters
8 Year old Girls	Charlotte Howie	Sara Naylor	Iona Macdonald
8 Year old Boys	Layton Prout	Matthew Lusty	Nixon Hunapo
7 Year old Girls	Ava Holten	Amber Rattray	Sophie Armstrong
7 Year old Boys	Lochie Pilling	Mason Morell	Dillan Bunce
6 Year old Girls	Juliet Walters	Bella Naylor	Olivia Savage
6 Year old Boys	Ethan Tonar	Rhys Philburn	Charlie Thornley
5 Year old Girls	Maddyson Dick	Caitlyn Duthie	Kristen-Lee Du Plessis
5 Year old Boys	Samuel Hepburn	Theo Williams	Cole Mackay



Congratulations to Kane & Sam Gordon who recently represented Puketaha School in a BMX Competition. Kane came 2nd in the Year5/6 boys race and Sam 5th in the Year 7 boys race.

