

Puketaha School Newsletter

September 6 2018



Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students,

The winter months are behind us and spring is here, however, you can be forgiven thinking that possibly winter is hanging around for longer than it is welcome! Traditionally we know that September can be a tough month for families and our children. Tiredness kicks in and while we sometimes can be lead to thinking it is simply an excuse, it is real for many. It is during this month that we really focus on our 6C's with our children. As mentioned last week, focussing on personal agency is key during such times. We know that supporting our children with further developing their agency makes a difference, agency with learning as well as understanding our emotions and others.

We would like to encourage this at home as well. Children respond very well to responsibility. Give yourself permission to give your children some responsibilities around the home, simple tasks like feeding the animals, clearing the dishwasher, making their bed, hanging the washing out (whatever suits their stage and maturation). When children are taking on responsibilities around the home it builds the understanding and empathy, as well as promoting their own agency.



Last week I had the privilege along with Miss Tritt and Mr Fluhler in taking 36 Year 7 & 8's to the Totara Springs Town and Country Sports Camp. This camp was yet another amazing experience for our children. Through the context of sport our children were able to learn new skills, build new relationships and test themselves on many levels. A big thank you to all the parents who supported us throughout the week, especially Rowena Jessop who stayed with us, it was very much appreciated.

Often when we measure the success of sports we look no further than the results, as if nothing matters more than the results. When I reflect on the week that has just been, I think of the learning we are able to gain from the context of sport. Learning around bringing perspective to situations where we are challenged, ensuring we contribute to the team...positively, having trust, developing inner strength and building resilience. I guess the question left is where do results sit amongst this list? For me, they sit high and our children performed really well across all domains.



I would also like to update you on some staffing changes for the end of this year. At the end of the year Ricky Fluhler and Robin Mills will be leaving us. Some of you may be aware that Ricky's partner Stacy Waka plays rugby for the Black Ferns and has to be based in Mt Maunganui from October onwards. As an obvious result, Ricky has decided to join her and will be moving to Mt Maunganui at the end of this year. Robin Mills has been with us for over 25 years now and has decided to retire from what has been an outstanding contribution to not only Puketaha School but the teaching profession and hundreds of young people's lives. We look forward to celebrating her service later on as the year draws closer to an end. In addition, Alison Stockton will be leaving us at the end of this term to take up a position at Whitiora School. Alison has been looking for a new challenge and is very excited about the opportunity to join the learning community at Whitiora, we wish her well. In regards to next steps for us, we are going through the appointment process currently and aim to have made these appointments for both next term and next year completed before the end of this term. We will keep you posted.

Finally, this will be our last paper newsletter. As of Week 9 we will be moving to a digital platform and be emailing out the link to all families. Our new digital platform will be mobile friendly and far more user friendly. If you need to update your email contact with us, please do so asap.

Warm Regards

Geoff

Key dates

Monday 10 September	BoT Meeting
Wednesday 12 September	Year 6 Parent Evening 6pm - 7.30pm
Thursday 13 September -	Hiwi the Kiwi 9am - 10.40am
Thursday 27 September -	School Hangi \$5
Friday 28 September -	Powerful Learners Assembly.
	Last Day of Term

In Brief:

Agricultural Day Last Day to Register

Last day to register your animal is this coming Monday 10th September.

Out of Zone Enrolments

The last day for out of zone ballot applications for 2019 is **Tuesday 18th September**. If you are the parent of a child who is due to start school in 2019, or you know of families who are interested in applying but have not yet done so, please complete a ballot application form and return to the School Office by the closing date. If you live in our school zone please let the school know about an impending enrolment to assist in planning for next year.

From the Library

A reminder that scholastic do have two issues per term, we only receive one to reduce the environmental impact. Both issues are available online through Loop and I will be sending out a reminder when the alternate issue is out with a closing date for orders to be done by so they can be delivered to school. This will offer parents more options to see the different offers from Scholastic. **Remember that every purchase earns 20% in rewards for our library! Issue 6 orders are due in by the 7th September.**

Community Notices

Rhythmic Gymnastics Club

Give rhythmic gymnastics (RG) a try. RG combines dance with handling apparatus such as hoop, ball, ribbon, rope and clubs. Contact: spiralzenquiries@gmail.com Classes available Tuesday and Thursday nights at 5-7 pm, Te Rapa Sportsdrome.

Cyber safety Parents Information Evening

This will be held at St Pauls Collegiate, Hukanui Road. Wednesday the 26th of September from 7 – 8.30/9pm. Free of charge, however spaces are limited, so parents must RSVP on the event below as attending. We have made the event R18 – As some of the content is not appropriate for children. events to RSVP. Link here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/254276345327544>

Summer in Whangamata

Bach available from December to January. 2 bedrooms, Mayfair Avenue. Contact Nikki for more details at nikkio@puketaha.school.nz

