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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 4th March
TERM 1 WEEK 5



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Welcome To Our New Learning Support Coordinator (LSC):

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Anney Collin our newest staff member who works across 4 schools including ours. Anney's role as an LSC is a new role in education established this year and we have 9 across the Te Awamutu Schools. They are supporting schools, staff and students who have learning needs. We look forward to her involvement with our school and the support this role will offer the children.



Welcome to Puahue School:

A big warm welcome to Maddix and Pippa who have joined Room 1. Happy school days! 😊



Principal away Term Two:

Mr Wilson has been granted a Ministry funded sabbatical for the duration of Term 2. During this time he will be undertaking research around the digital curriculum implementation in rural schools as well as taking some time for personal interests. The Board has employed Mr Pat Polland to act as principal during this time to support the teachers and staff. Mr Polland is a local Waipa resident who has extensive principal experience in the Waikato as well as acting as president of the Waikato Principals Association prior to retirement. Pat has acted as principal in a number of schools in a similar capacity and we're excited to have him step in during Scott's term away.

Room 1 & 2 Swimming Display:

On Thursday 5th March at 2pm, Room 1 & 2 invite parents to come and watch a swimming session. This is to share our water confidence. 😊



Gumboot Mufti Day:

On Friday 3rd April, we will be holding a gumboot mufti day at a gold coin donation. The 'I Am Hope' campaign is raising funds for free counselling for any child who needs help. Please help us support this cause. All gumboots must be clean on the day.



School Building Projects for 2020:

This year the board is beginning their 5-year capital works projects approved by the Ministry of Education using Ministry monies allocated for the school's buildings. These projects are prioritised and approved so that the school's infrastructure remains in good condition and fit for its purpose both now and into the future. The projects which have been identified and approved are;

- The replacement of the school sheds and changing rooms next to the pool
- Resurfacing and lifecycle upgrade of the pool and its plant
- Re-roofing the main block of the school
- Building a science and technology breakout space within the library space and adding a deck off the library
- Modernisation of the classrooms to include breakout spaces and add flexibility
- Modernisation of the admin space to include additional learning support areas

As plans are approved and timelines for delivery are established we will continue to share what is happening in this space to keep the community up to date with the build schedule.

COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) and Wellbeing - Current Ministry of Health

Advice:

The Ministry of Education is updating schools regularly in relation to the Coronavirus. The information they are providing links to the Ministry of Health's recommendations and can be found here <https://education.govt.nz/school/health-safety-and-wellbeing/student-and-staff-health/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov/>

As of 2 February 2020, all travellers arriving in New Zealand out of mainland China should stay away from school for a period of 14 days from the time they leave mainland China.

People who departed from mainland China before midnight 2 February are not required to stay away unless they have been in Wuhan City or Hubei Province in the last 14 days.

If someone has been in close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) case they should stay away from school for 14 days. If you develop symptoms including fever, coughing and

difficulty breathing you should ring the Healthline (for free) on 0800 358 5453 or your doctor. If a student does not show signs of illness after 14 days, then they should return to school and continue their studies as normal.

Jump Jam Auditions!

Are you interested in trying out for the year 1-3 or year 4-6 Jump Jam Team for 2020?



Simply attend the Jump Jam training sessions in the hall every Tuesday at lunchtime for the next 4 weeks.

On Tuesday April the 7th will be your try out day! Good luck!

(Please remember that if you are selected for the team there will be after school and some weekend practices).

If you have any questions please email Miss Choppin jchoppin@puahue.school.nz

PUAHUE SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS

To be held at Puahue School on Thursday 12th March.

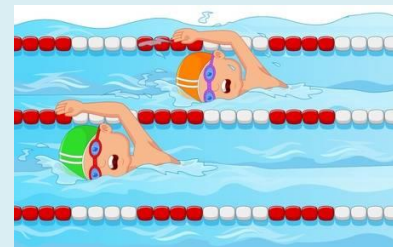
10am	Racing starts
11-11.45am	Lunch break
11.50am	Racing continues
1.30pm	Short break then racing continues
2.50pm	Finish

Children are invited to wear their house colours.

No Facepaint or hairspray as it comes off in the pool.

All parents and caregivers are welcome and encouraged to come along to support your children.

There is sunblock available but please sunblock your children in the morning/send it along with them.



PAST EVENTS

Room 6 Camp

Room 6's camp was held at Totara Springs during Week 2. Their days were loaded with activities such as abseil, rockwall, flying fox, raft building and archery with fun had by all. A big thank you to all of the parent helpers for putting your hand up to help, it is very much appreciated.



Weetbix Tryathlon

This year's Weetbix Tryathlon was held in Hamilton on Sunday 16th February. Well done to all whom participated.



School Try-athlon

The school's annual Tryathlon was held on Thursday 20th February. A big thank you for the PTA for providing everyone with a well-deserved juice afterwards.



Eastern Zone Junior Swimming Sports:

On Friday 28th February, Rooms 1, 2, 3 and the year 3 students from Room 4 went to Pukeatua School for the Junior Eastern Zones Swimming Day!

They had a great day showing off their water confidence and ability and the weather was fantastic as well!

The teachers were also proud to report that our kids were fantastic ambassadors for our school.



Mobile Dental Unit 4 will be visiting your school on Monday 23rd March for our 6 monthly fluoride application. We will not be on our mobile dental unit, just in a classroom. Not all students will be seen, just those who we have recommended as needing extra fluoride, and only if you have given prior consent. If we have booked your child an appointment, you will receive a text message advising of this 2 days before our visit. If you are unsure of your child's current consent and/or whether they have an appointment please contact us on 021 684 334.

Ngā mihi,

The dental team from Mobile Dental Unit 4



Public Holidays:

As Good Friday falls on Friday 10th April, the last day of Term 1 is Thursday 9th April.

ANZAC Day holiday falls on Monday 27th April making the first day of Term 2 on Tuesday 28th April.

PARENT INTERVIEWS

Parent interviews will take place during Week 9 on Monday 30th & Tuesday 31st March from 1-6pm. Details will be emailed to all families closer to the time with information on how to book a time with your child's teacher.

Please be aware that all children must be collected from school at 12.30pm on both days as there will be no supervision available.

Thank you

PUMPKIN DAY

Thursday 30th April (Week 1, Term 2)

Hopefully those pumpkins are getting nice and big for our pumpkin growing competition.

Please remember that even if you don't have a giant pumpkin grown from school-supplied seeds, you can enter the other categories by using a pumpkin from the supermarket or borrowed from the neighbours etc. All children are encouraged to enter at least one category.

The categories are:

(For pumpkins grown from school supplied seeds)

Heaviest

Orangest

Most Weird Shape

(For any other pumpkins)

Sweet Pumpkin cooking

Savoury Pumpkin cooking

Decorated Pumpkin

We are also having mufti day with the children encouraged to dress in pumpkin colours.

All categories will be split into Junior, Intermediate and Senior.

Term 1 Assembly Schedule:

Week 5	Fri 6 th March	NO ASSEMBLY
Week 6	Fri 13 th March	Room 6
Week 7	Fri 20 th March	Room 4
Week 8	Fri 27 th March	Room 3
Week 9	Fri 3 rd April	Room 1
Week 10	Thurs 9 th April	Room 2

Events Coming Up

*** Remember the calendar is available via our school app or our school website ***

Thursday 5 th March	Rooms 1 & 2 Swimming Display at 2pm
Friday 6 th March	Eastern Zone Senior Swimming (Year 4-6)
Wednesday 11 th March	Wheels Day
Thursday 12 th March	Puahue Swimming Sports
Wednesday 18 th March	Elgregoe
Thursday 19 th March	Interschool Swimming Sports
Tuesday 24 th March	BOT Meeting
Wednesday 25 th March	Wheels Day
Monday 30 th – Tuesday 31 st March	Parent Interviews. School is closed from 12.30pm
Friday 3 rd April	Gumboot Mufti Day
Friday 3 rd April	Eastern Zone Touch
Wednesday 8 th April	Wheels Day
Thursday 9 th April	End Of Term 1
Friday 10 th April	Good Friday Public Holiday
Monday 27 th April	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 28 th April	Term 2 Begins
Thursday 30 th April	Pumpkin Day

School Term Dates

Term 1 - Ends	Thursday 9 th April
Term 2 – Starts	Tuesday 28 th April
Term 2 – Ends	Friday 3 rd July
Term 3 - Starts	Monday 20 th July
Term 3 – Ends	Friday 25 th September
Term 4 – Starts	Monday 12 th October

SIGN YOUR KIDS UP FOR RIPPER OR TACKLE RUGBY NOW



**WEIGH IN DATE IS
7TH MARCH**

@ TE AWAMUTU MARIST CLUBROOMS

9.30 AM – 12.30PM ONLY

YOU MUST BE ENROLLED BEFORE YOU COME TO WEIGH IN!!

Ages 3 - 13 years old

SUBS \$40

(includes shorts & socks)

Current Juniors can register online:

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/104823>

Contact Junior Delegate: Sophia Powell 021 215 1875 (text only) tamaristjunior@gmail.com