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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 18th November
Week 5, Term 4



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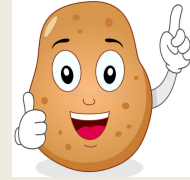
We are thrilled to welcome to Puahue School our new Teacher Aide Kelly Quinn.

Kelly has come to us from Te Awamutu Primary School and will be working in our senior end of the school, Rooms 4, 5, & 6.



Potato In A Bucket Competition

Judging for this year's competition will be on Wednesday 7th December. Please ensure all potato/buckets are returned to school on Monday 5th December ready for judging. A big thank you to the Rotary Club of Te Awamutu for supplying the buckets and potatoes so that we can once again take part in this great learning activity. There are prize categories for heaviest crop and heaviest single potato (junior and senior).



Congratulations To Our Jump Jam Team:

Our School Jump Jam team 'Puahue Poltergeists' won the North Island Jump Jam competition in the yr 5/6 XTREME category last weekend in Tauranga! They also received certificates for:

- Excellence in Creativity
- Excellence in Presentation
- Excellence in Technical Execution
- Distinction in Costumes

Congratulations to the team of students who have been working hard to learn their routine for months. These students pushed themselves to the limit and gave an outstanding performance. We are all very proud of you. Thank you for the PTA who covered the costs of the team's entry fee.

The jump jam team will also be performing at the Black Friday Blowout event in town on Friday 25th November at 5.30pm.



Athletics Day

We had an amazing school athletics day. Well done to all of our tamariki who participated in the events.

Fingers crossed for good weather for our Eastern Zone Athletics Day on Monday 21st November.



Drop off / Pick Up Times:

We appear to be experiencing students being dropped off to school well before the allowed time of 8.20am and picked up after 3.15pm. Please note this is not allowed as we do not have supervision available out of these times.

Puahue School Annual Garden Competition:

Judging will be in December (date to be confirmed) so aim to have your garden looking its best by then.

Reminder that you need to be keeping a diary and photos of your garden's progress. All diaries are due back

on 2nd December. Winners will be announced at prizegiving. Parents, please note that you do not have to be home for judging.

There are 2 school cups for the garden competition. One for the junior school (rooms 1-3) and one for senior school (rooms 4-6).



School Photos:

Reminder that all orders for school photos are via their online ordering system. You should receive an email directly from Photolife so please keep an eye on your spam/junk folder. Due to the tight time line, orders might be sent directly to your address and not via the school office.

Library News:

Thank you to the fantastic team of student librarians who have given up their lunch times during the year to ensure that the library is open for all to use. The library is closed for issuing as of Friday 18th November. If you can please have a hunt at home for any school library books or reading books we would appreciate it so we can work through end of year procedures.



End of Year Trips:

Thanks to junior school parents for returning permission slips about our trip to the Hamilton Zoo on Friday 9th December. We are currently sorting through these. Thanks to the huge number of whanau who are able to come with us for the day. You will be sent a volunteers form to complete relating to the trip.

Forms for the senior trip will be coming home soon. The PTA have very kindly offered to pay \$10 per student towards both end of year trips. Thank you PTA.

Reminders:

- Hats are compulsory for Term 4
- Ensure your child has a full drink bottle each day
- If there is a change to your child's bus schedule, please inform the office
- If your child is absent from school, please leave a reason of absence so the roll can be marked accordingly. ie: sick, on holiday etc If you email your child's teacher directly, please ensure you include the office into the email
- Last day for Term 4 is Wednesday 14th December which is till 12.30pm. There will be no school bus running on this afternoon
- Prizegiving is the last day of Term 4
- Term 1 begins on Wednesday 1st February 2023

Parent Teacher Association



Committed Funds:

We are thrilled to announce that we have committed to the following:

- Up to \$15,000.00 for a new swimming pool heat pump
- \$10,000.00 towards the bike track
- \$10 per student for the end of year trips

We would not be able to do this without your support.

Current & Upcoming Fundraisers:

Eastern Zone Athletics Day BBQ & Bake Sale - Monday 21st November

Xmas Hampers - donations for the classrooms (first class to receive all donations first will receive juicies one lunch time)

Xmas hamper raffle tickets - please return all sold tickets and money to the school office by Friday 2nd December. The raffle will be drawn at the end of year prizegiving on Wednesday 14th December.

Events Coming Up

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

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| Monday 21st November | Eastern Zone Athletics |
| Wednesday 23rd November | TA Interschool Athletics |
| Wednesday 23rd November | Wheels Day |
| Friday 25th November | TA Interschool Athletics Postponement Day |
| Tuesday 29th November | Yrs 5 & 6 Girls Rippa |
| Tues 29th Nov - Sat 3rd Dec | Fieldays |
| Friday 2nd December | TAI Orientation Day |
| Tuesday 6th December | Xmas Tshirt Day |
| Tuesday 6th December | Year 6 Leavers Dinner |
| Wednesday 7th December | Wheels Day |
| Thursday 8th December | Senior EOY Trip |
| Friday 9th December | Junior EOY Trip |
| Wednesday 14th December | Prizegiving |
| Wednesday 14th December | End of Term 4 |

Nanny / Childminder Needed:

We are after an experienced Nanny / childminder to help us from early December (days & hours flexible but will be set once we have interviewed) with two kids aged 6 and 2 either during the day for 4 hours and / or in the evenings from 4pm to 8pm. Not far out of Kihikihi. There is an outside room here with a shower & toilet also if needed for the person we employ. Please text 0277251667 or email mrspocock1@gmail.com

School Term Dates

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| Term 3 – Ends | Friday 30th September |
| Term 4 – Starts | Monday 17 th October |
| Term 4 – End | Wednesday 14th December |
| 2023 | |
| Term 1 - Starts | Wednesday 1st February |
| Term 1 - Ends | Thursday 6th April |
| Term 2 - Starts | Monday 24th April |
| Term 2 - Ends | Friday 30th June |
| Term 3 - Starts | Monday 17th July |
| Term 3 - End | Friday 22nd September |
| Term 4 - Starts | Monday 9th October |
| Term 4 - Ends | TBC |