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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 6th April
Week 10, Term 1



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And just like that we are already at the end of Term 1 with Easter Weekend and the school holidays only sleep away. We have had a very busy start to the school year here at Puahue School with sports, class activities, Room 6 camp and much more. We hope you all have a wonderful school term break and safe travels for those going away.



Term 1 has brought many gorgeous new faces to the school. A big warm welcome to Puahue School to Hazel, Fletcher, Baxter, Oakley, Blake, Ethan, Ezra, Mia, Alexis, Holly and Max who have joined Rooms 1, 3, 4 and 5.

Carpark improvement:

During the holidays the car park will be getting chip sealed as part of our ongoing improvements to the school. This may mean that if you are visiting during the break to access facilities then you may be required to park on the roadside if work is underway.

Teacher Vacancy:

At the end of week 5 next term, we will be farewelling Mrs Kennedy who will be leaving the school after 9 years to take on a new and exciting role outside of education. We have advertised the role and look forward to updating the community about her replacement early next term. While we are sad to see her go, we wish Mrs Kennedy all the best.



New Turf and Play Village for the Junior School:

During Term 1 the PTA generously supported the mini play village for the juniors which will be installed early Term 2 when we return to school. Around the same time, we will be upgrading our existing court area with a turf surface. We are very excited for both projects to be completed.

The Science Roadshow:

Last Wednesday, Rooms 5 and 6 attended the science roadshow at Kihikihi School. There were two demonstrations. The first was about sound and how sound waves travel. The second was about different materials. We saw electroplating in action and tested the flammability and conductivity of different materials. Mr Mac and Mrs Davidson were even stuck together with Velcro! The students then had time to rotate around the hands on exhibits.



SPORTS

Eastern Zone Touch Tournament:

Puahue had three teams participate in the Eastern Zone Touch tournament at Albert Park on Thursday 30th March. They all played hard and demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship throughout the day. The Puahue Storm took out the Y3/4 grade and the Puahue Thunder won the Y5/6 competition while the Puahue Lightning made it to the semi-finals. A huge thank you to Jason, Phil and Larn for coaching the teams and to all the parents who provided support with transport and cheering from the sideline. Your support is crucial so that we can provide opportunities like this for our tamariki.



Fred Amess Soccer Tournament:

Friday 31st March saw Puahue School enter 2 senior teams in the Fred Amess Soccer Tournament. Our teams were superbly coached and managed by Davieth and Ollie. Thank you for your soccer expertise, and also to the whanau who provided transport and sideline support. Our teams played against some very strong opposition including some Year 7/8s. Coaches were quick to praise our teams for their attitude, sportsmanship and their perseverance when playing against stronger and older teams.



Miniball:

Our Year 1/2 miniball teams have been expertly coached by Pete this term. Their skill level has developed so much over the term. The great news for Miniball players throughout the school is that the Event Centre is operational again for Term 2 so we are now calling for students to register interest in our middle/senior year groups who missed out on playing this term by the end of this week, Friday 7th April. Entry forms have been emailed out via google forms.

Touch:

Thursday night touch has concluded for the term. We fielded strong teams in all year divisions who were coached and supported by Larn, Josh, Henare, Liam, Jason and Jaime. It is wonderful for our teams to have parents stepping into these roles so we could enter 6 teams.

With all of our teams we appreciate the hours invested into providing opportunities for our Puahue students to take the fields and courts by coaches, managers and whanau.

AROUND THE SCHOOL PHOTOS

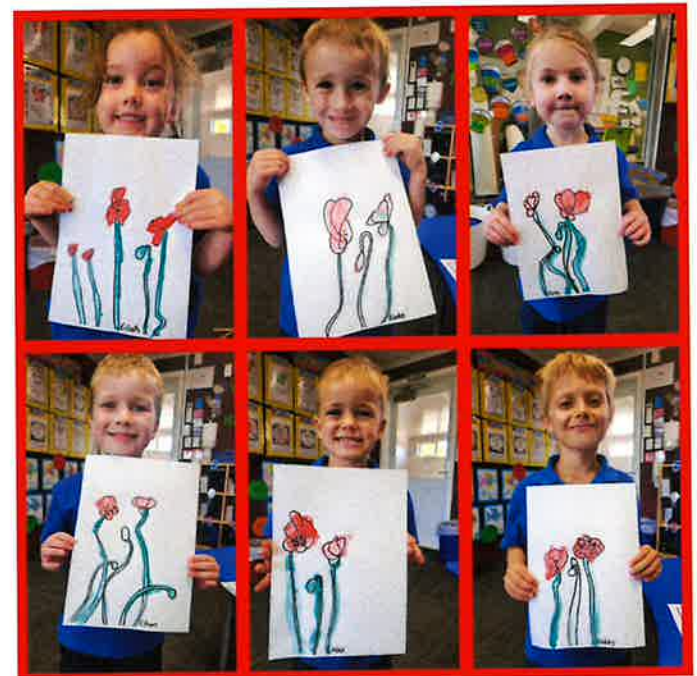
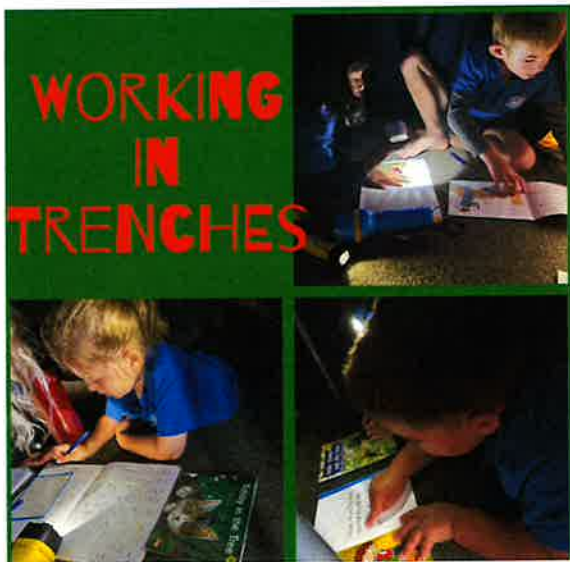
The refurbished pool has been a great hit:



Room 2 have been learning about ANZAC day and what it means. They were lucky enough to have a parent come to visit their class:



Check out this beautiful ANZAC Day art by Room 1:



ANZAC DAY:

For those wanting to walk with the school on ANZAC Day, please keep an eye on our school facebook page for further details.



Fern Fuel for Schools Programme:

Local businesses / farms that receive bulk fuel deliveries from Fern can nominate a school of their choice in their reward scheme. With our communities support, the school will be receiving 2 x sport ball packages worth \$1000!! How fantastic is that.

Room 6 Camp

Room 6 had an amazing time at Camp Whakamaru in Week 8. Their activities included the zipline, shooting, archery, bushcraft, Burma trail, and kayaking. A massive thank you to our wonderful parent helpers for giving up their time to support the students.



That Was Camp

Esmé Perkins

Have you ever tasted camp?

Sure you have.

Remember the time we relaxed on the steps, devouring the home baking sent with love from our mums and dads?

Or when we waited for a taste of lasagne as we entered the dining room after a long day of challenges?

That was camp.

Have you ever heard camp?

Remember the time we lay in bed whispering after lights out, and friends and classmates laughed and cheered each other on?

That was camp.

Have you ever felt camp?

Remember the time rough ropes guided our way through the darkness on the Burma trail and how lush algae coiled around our legs in the cold murky lake?

That was camp.

Have you ever seen camp?

Remember the time our smiles stretched ear to ear and we watched Mr Wilson spin and toss boys in the lake? The better the throw, the higher the rating.

That was camp.

Have you ever smelled camp?

Remember the time bonfire smoke filled the night air? And how the sweet smell of rain and nature was all around?

That was camp.



The PTA would like to thank you for all of your support with both the Hot Cross Bun fundraiser and juicy lunch time purchases.

We are absolutely thrilled to say that we have dedicated \$9,500.00 towards something new for the playground which is yet to be delivered - we are VERY excited 😊

Next Meeting:

Wednesday 17th May at 7pm in the Board Room (admin block)

Don't forget to like our Facebook page

School Term Dates	
Term 2 – Starts	Monday 24th April
Term 2 – Ends	Friday 30th June
Term 3 - Starts	Monday 17th July
Term 3 – Ends	Friday 22nd September
Term 4 – Starts	Monday 9th October
Term 4 – End	TBC

Young creators

Art workshops for children

Morning session:
5-8 years old, 9 am-12 pm

Afternoon session:
9-13 years old, 1-4 pm

At Rosebank Art Centre
337 Churchill Street
Te Awamutu

Workshops run by qualified teachers

Week 1	Wednesday 12th April Morning (5-8 years) Let's explore Monet inspired paintings	Thursday 13th April Morning (5-8 years) Monet exploring different art techniques
	Afternoon (9-13 years) Magical pop-up cards/books	Afternoon (9-13 years) 3D art with pop up techniques
Week 2	Wednesday 19th April Morning (5-8 years) Exploring Matisse through collage art	Thursday 20th April Morning (5-8 years) Create amazing art through collage
	Afternoon (9-13 years) Creating 3 dimensional art	Afternoon (9-13 years) Making our own pop up cards/books

Contact Sharon ☎ 027 682 1846
 ✉ magicalcelebrationsnz@gmail.com

\$45 per session (discount available for siblings!)
 All art supplies included

Events Coming Up	
<i>*** Remember the calendar is available via our school app or our school website ***</i>	
Thursday 6th April	End of Term 1
Monday 24th April	Start of Term 2
Monday 24th April	Teacher Only Day
Tuesday 25th April	ANZAC Day - Public Holiday
Wednesday 26th April	Students back at school
Wednesday 3rd May	Wheels Day
Wednesday 17th May	Wheels Day
Friday 19th May	Pink Shirt Day
Wednesday 31st May	Wheels Day
Friday 2nd June	Cross County & Grandparents Day
Monday 5th June	Kings Birthday - Public Holiday
Wednesday 14th June	Wheels Day
Friday 16th June	Teachers Only Day
Wednesday 21st June	Tough Kid Challenge
Friday 23rd June	Eastern Zone Cross Country
Wednesday 28th June	Wheels Day
Friday 30th June	End of Term 2

