



Upcoming Events

WEEK 8

Maori Language Week

• Mon, Tues, Fri this Week

◊ Te Motu Target Swimming Group to the Aquatic Centre

• Tues, 10 September

◊ Ngaru Years 3/4 classes to Mazengarb Gym Programme

◊ Yr 8's Orientation to Kapiti College

• Wed, 11 September

◊ PBS Bake-Off Competition!

◊ Te Motu camp fundraiser night at Paula's Home & Living Showroom

• Thurs, 12 September

◊ Yr 7/8 Snr Winter Tournament (p/p Mon, 16 Sept)

◊ Te Moana Yr 5/6 Cricket

• Fri, 13 September

◊ Ngaru Yr 3/4 Creativity Showcase 2pm

◊ Te Moana Yr 5/6 Cricket

WEEK 9

• Tues, 17 September

◊ Hearing & Vision Testing

◊ Ngaru Yrs 3/4 classes to Mazengarb Gym Programme

◊ BoT meeting 7pm

• Fri, 20 September

Rippa Tournament for Yrs 5-8 classes

Tena Koutou Katoa

Nau mai, haere mai ki te wiki o te reo Māori! This week is Māori Language Week, a week to celebrate Māori language and strengthen our resolve to keep it alive. Every person in Aotearoa has chosen this land to call home. We have all brought different languages and cultures to this land, but our tangata whenua established their roots, traditions and language here long before other cultures arrived. Nowhere else in the world does Maori tikanga or te reo exist. It makes our place unique, diverse and rich. Below are some easy ways we can all help revitalise Te Reo Māori -

Mā tātou katoa te reo Māori e whakarauroa:

- Whakatauhia te reo Māori ki te wāhi mahi me te hāpori
- Whakahau i ētahi atu ki te kōrero, ki te ako hoki i te reo Māori; whakauruamāi hoki te reo Māori ki tōu ao
- Kia tika tonu te whakahau i te kupu Māori i ngā wā e kōrero Pākehā ana
- Ahakoa iti, akona, kōrerohia
- Kia nui ake te ako ka kōrero ai
- Whāia te ara poutama o te reo ka tohatoha ai.

Everyone can contribute to te reo Māori revitalisation:

- Make te reo welcome at work and in the community
- Encourage others to use and learn te reo Māori; welcome Māori language into your life
- Pronounce Māori words correctly when speaking English
- Learn a little, use a little
- Learn more, and use what you know
- Keep improving your language, and share what you know

On a different note I want to thank everyone for getting behind our amazing annual PBS Book Week. Students and staff had so much fun and it was fantastic to see everyone celebrating books they loved and delving into new books too.



(See more photos later in the newsletter)

Nga mihi

Jess Ward - Principal ~ Tumuaki

P.S. Best of luck to those involved in tomorrow's PBS Bake Off! (See further details about this later in the newsletter)

WELCOME TO NEW STUDENTS

Chloe and Kaylee—Room 3.



KEEPING KIDS SAFE

Last week we alerted families, through Skool Loop and the School Facebook page, of a safety concern involving one of our students. Whilst these types of incidents are few and far between in the area, it is certainly a timely reminder to be vigilant and aware. Walking to and from school is always best done with others; it makes children feel safer and it's more fun to have company along the way.



The student, who was approached by an unknown person on their way home (in Middleton Road) is fine now, but this was frightening for her and her family. The matter was reported to the Police and we have also asked for extra Police presence in the area. We encourage parents to have conversations with kids at home about "Stranger Danger" and "Keeping Ourselves Safe".

Please call 111 if you see or note anything suspicious.

PROCESS FOR 2020 CLASS REQUESTS

At PBS we prefer that parents do not submit requests, unless there are exceptional circumstances. For this reason, we have a formal process which parents must adhere to. Requests from parents must be for specific reasons (e.g. *based around the child's needs*). It is preferable that you don't name a specific teacher. I can assure you that we act professionally and thoughtfully when placing students in classes for the new year. This process is an extremely complex and time consuming task with many variables to consider. When under-taking this process we have to consider: *class size, gender balance in each room, the distribution of students with social/behavioural and learning needs (including special abilities), medical needs etc.*

In a school our size, it can take between 6-8 weeks to put class lists together; whereas in a small school there may only be one class at each level – so no process is needed. Therefore, we ask that parents/ caregivers are both understanding and supportive of the complexities involved. Whilst we will continue to allow parents to submit such requests, we do ask in return, that the final school decision on class make-up (**whether or not** a request has been able to be met) is both respected and promoted positively by parents to their children. We are extremely lucky to have such an "across the board" teaching strength in our school, and with all classes within a syndicate following a similar, collectively-planned programme, we can confidently say that every class will offer access to quality teaching and learning, along with the opportunity for many wonderful new friendships to be made.

All requests must:

- be in writing to the Principal (jward@pbs.school.nz)
- be in by 4pm October 27
- specifically describe student's needs and reason for the request
- be from the child's parent/guardian

All requests will be carefully considered, however there is no guarantee that a request will be met. Thank you for reading.

TERM 4 TEACHER ONLY DAY: REMINDER

Next term on **Monday, 4 November** our school will be having a **Staff Only day**. Our first teacher only day was in February this year and this November date will be our last for this year. Staff are using this day for professional development and to progress the redesign of our school curriculum. **School will be closed for instruction on this day.**



FRUIT BREAKS AT PBS

As part of our Play - Eat - Learn timetable kids stop for a fruit break around 10am. This break enables kids to replenish their energy levels mid-way through our extended morning learning session (9am - 10.50am).

This time is called 'Fruit Break' but kids are allowed to eat vegetables, raisins and raw nuts and seeds at this time too. Why the emphasis on whole foods?

Fruit and vegetables are packed full of vitamins, minerals and dietary fibre. These healthy food items also help boost immunity, reduce cholesterol and can also help to protect against chronic ailments and disease. Daily source of fibre also keeps kids 'regular' which many kids struggle with.

WERE YOUR EARS BURNING? Staff Gratitude Section



Thank you to Vicki Howarth for being the overall champion and organiser of our PBS book week! We love celebrating literacy; you really can't beat being absorbed in a gripping book.

Thanks also to Kathryn Siversen for organising our Book Fair to coincide with the above event.

Spreading a love of reading and books enriches us and can provide us all with entertainment throughout our lives.



**Embrace our Education
Enhance our Future**



USING MĀORI LANGUAGE AT HOME

Each week we will be picking a phrase from “*MĀORI AT HOME*” by Scott and Stacey Morrison that you might like to try out at your place. After all it will take the whole nation to keep this unique language alive !

“Haere mai ki te waku niho” - Come and brush your teeth

Haere mai = come here

Niho = teeth

KINDNESS AND SPORTSMANSHIP REWARDED

Last week I received a heart warming email from the manager of the Kenakena Y5/6 hockey team acknowledging the awesome attitude of players in our Kea's Hockey team.

“I just wanted to pass on how impressed I was with the sportsmanship of a couple of your players. Unfortunately I don't know their names. The first young man came forward after your team had been awarded a goal and told the ref that it was not a goal because it had been hit from outside the circle. Neither myself nor the PBS coach had seen that, and obviously the ref had not. Our team had also not realised, your player went out of his way to come and tell the ref that it was a no goal.

After the game, when both teams had been through and high-fived each other, another of your players came up to me and very politely got my attention before saying that he thought our team had played very well and he just wanted us to know that. Our team are not very experienced and were without their coach yesterday and it made them very proud to have a member of the other team tell them that. I just think that we need to celebrate that kind of behaviour so I wanted to pass on how impressed I was.”

This kind of correspondence makes me so proud of our school, our students and our community.

Further thanks to **Tom Weber** and **Angus Fenwick**, who are the boys referred to in this email.

KID'S QUOTE

In a school of 641 students we naturally have a vast array of names. Being a multi-cultural country, more and more students have names which originate in countries far from our shores. One student's name caught my eye and I commented “That's a pretty name. I wonder where it came from?”

“It's from my mum and dad!”



SMOKEFREE SCHOOL

Please be aware that ‘Smokefree’ also means **no vaping** on the school grounds at any time as well. Thank you for your understanding and consideration of others.

STUDENTS LEAVING DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

Please remember that any students leaving during the school day for appointments etc must be signed out at the school office by their parent/caregiver or a designated person on the family contact list. Students are not allowed to sign themselves out, or leave the school grounds without this signed consent. This enables the school to legally and accurately account for the whereabouts of every student.

Thank you .

PBS BAKE OFF—MID-WEEK MUNCHIES



The excitement is growing. For those entered, please remember to bring your baking to Room 27 before school. It will need to be clearly named with an ingredients list. But for everyone, we will be selling the yummy baking at Morning Tea and Lunch so bring some money. Things will be either 50c or \$1. The money will go towards our playground. Baking that is not sold will be returned.

We are looking forward to announcing the winners, but we do hope you all enjoy the baking and eating!!

From the Student Council

BOOK FAIR THANKS

Thank you to everyone who supported our book fair. We made over \$4,000 in sales, earning the school 35% in reward points!



SCHOOL MEMORIES PHOTOS - ORDERS CLOSING

Please make sure you order your photos online or by returning your payment envelope to school **no later than 9am this Friday, 13 September** (Yr 0-2 students and sports/groups).

Completed photo orders will be available approximately three weeks after this date.

NGARU SYNDICATE (YR 3/4) CULTURAL SHOWCASE

This Friday, 13 September we will be holding our syndicate assembly. This assembly will be a little bit special because we will be showcasing some of our learning from our Cultural Diversity Unit. We would love you to come along and be a part of the audience. The show will kick off at 2pm in the school hall.



TERRACYCLE RECYCLING PROGRAMME

TerraCycle's goal is to eliminate the idea of waste by creating collection and solution programmes for all kinds of typically non-recyclable waste. These programmes are free, and for each unit of waste collected we will earn Terra Cycle points redeemable for upcycled products, charitable gifts, or payment to our school.

We are collecting any brand of used toothpaste tubes, toothbrushes, plastic toothbrush packaging, floss packaging, interdental brushes, wisps, pumps, stand up toothpaste bottles and any kind of non-electric toothbrush and all affiliated non-recyclable packaging. Please use the full product before sending it in.



YEAR 7/8 CAMP FUNDRAISERS

CALENDAR ART

Thank you to all those who ordered from the calendar art fundraiser. We hope you love the finished products and are starting to feel organised for Christmas! The ordered items will be coming home this week, so keep an eye out for them in school bags!

A big THANKS to the office staff and the teachers for all your help in this fundraiser.

PAULA'S HOME & LIVING FUNDRAISING EVENING TICKETS— LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE TICKETS TODAY!



Come along and join us for an exclusive night at Paula's Home & Living Store tomorrow night (Wednesday) from 7-8.30pm. Order your tickets online at the school shop Kindo [here](#) or give your order with correct cash to the office. Come along and be entertained while you shop by our very own local talented band "Look Both Ways". Check them out here <https://www.facebook.com/lookbothwaysjazzband>

Year 7/8s—Remember that 100% of the tickets you sell comes off your camp fund!

AMERICAN HOTDOG LUNCH ORDER FORM

Friday, 13 September 2019—\$4 each

(Please complete a separate order form for each child or order and pay through Kindo)

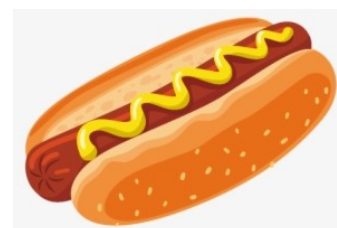
Name: Room No.

☐ Number of Hotdogs

☐ Cheese (tick for yes)

Sauces (mustard and tomato sauce) will be available to put on in the classroom

Payment enclosed \$



Orders close on Wednesday, 11 September 2019

ARTSPLASH WEARABLE ARTS AND CHOIR TICKETS

Tickets for the Artsplash Concert are now available for \$5 each from the office (cash only) or on Kindo [here](#). The concert is on Tuesday, 17 September at 5pm in the Michael Fowler Centre in Wellington. There are only a limited number of tickets.

If you miss out, door sales are available on the night.



YUMMY STICKERS

It's nearly time again to get your Yummy stickers to Mrs Evans. Can we beat last year's total of \$800 worth of FREE sports gear?

The last day for collecting stickers this year is Tuesday, 24 September. If you need more collection sheets, then please see Mrs Evans in Room 2. Otherwise, you can pop them onto a blank piece of paper. Remember, you can collect any Yummy product too!

TOUCH RUGBY COACHES REQUIRED

PBS is still looking for U10 and U12 coaches for the upcoming season. Please consider doing this for your kids. If you know a capable teenager or other adult that might be interested, please let Teresa Robertson know at trobertson@pbs.school.nz.

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- ✓ Notices
- ✓ Instant school messages
- ✓ Absentee
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