

Our Vision:
"Confident, Inspired, Achievers"

Pukerua Bay School Newsletter

Green/Gold Enviro Award Winning School

'He mihi tenei ki a koutou nga matua,
me nga kaitiaki o a tatou.

Tena koutou katoa.'



09 December 2016

Kia ora whanau

This will be the last newsletter for the year so I would like to take the opportunity to wish you and the children a Safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. This has been a very exciting year for me having completed my first complete year of principalship. The job is incredibly rewarding and filled with challenges and opportunities. I couldn't think of a better school and community to be learning all this in! Thank you to everyone for all of your support.

2016 National standards results:

Last night Andrew Wooster and Matt Johnston presented our National Standards results to the Board of Trustees.

In Mathematics 85% of our students are achieving at or above the national standard. We have had an increase of students who are above the standard. This has moved from 18% to 24%.

In Reading 91% of our students are achieving at or above the national standard. We have had an increase of students who are above the standard. This has moved from 29% to 40%.

In Writing 85% of our students are achieving at or above the national standard. We have had an increase of students who are above the standard. This has moved from 14% to 22%.

Thank you to our families, teachers, support staff, parent helpers, and volunteers who all contribute to the education and achievement of our children.

Kapiti college visit

Yesterday we had a visit from the Kapiti College year 9-10 Performing Arts road show. It was fabulous to see our talented ex student Georgia Douce dancing on our stage again! The children enjoyed the performance and showed their appreciation by dancing and cheering enthusiastically.

There were a variety of acts including rock bands, contemporary dance, and a choir. Their Kapa Haka performance was stunning and inspiring!



Leavers' dinner

On Wednesday we celebrated with our year 8s at our annual leavers' dinner. We were treated to a variety of entertainment. We enjoyed Flute playing, speeches, videos, and dancing. The food was delicious and the venue was beautifully decorated by Christine. We will have the photo's of the night up on the website early next week.





Christmas Giving Tree:

Don't forget to bring in your items for under the Christmas Tree in the office.

Check the lists below on what would be appreciated by these organisations.



Helping You Help Animals



The school is setting up a Christmas Giving Tree in the school admin area and invite the community to come in and leave a little something under the tree for two very deserving community groups at this time of the year.

To find out about the great work that these two groups do please go to their websites: <http://huha.org.nz>

<http://wesleyca.org.nz>

Wish list

Food/water bowls

Dog/ Cat treats, Tux biscuits for treats

Toys

Blankets, sheets, pillowcases, pillows, cushions, towels, face cloths, duvets

Dog/Cat Food (biscuit or canned soft food),

Ideas:

Non-perishable food items

(Treats for the Christmas Table)

Gifts for any age group (wrapped and labelled with age and gender)

Items can be left from the 1 December through to the 15 December

Choir:

The choir is in hot demand this week. They performed at St Mark's church on Tuesday and the Whitby rest home on Friday. On Sunday they will be a part of the Christmas Carol singing in the school hall.

2017 Classes - Transition:

Next Friday morning, the students will have the opportunity to meet their new teachers and classmates for next year. The teachers will provide the opportunity for the children to get to know each other and ask any questions that they might have.

Reminders:

Hangi - Tomorrow (10 December - 4pm)

Christmas carols Sunday (11 December)

Leavers' assembly Monday (12 December - please be seated by 1:30)

Parent helpers morning tea Tuesday (13 December - 10:30)

Waikanae pools Thursday (15 December)

Last day of school Friday (16 December 12:30pm)

First day of school Wednesday (1 February 8:55am)

Stationery 2017:

A flyer is coming home with each child today with instructions on purchasing stationery from OfficeMax for next years classes. You can access the Office Max website from our school website. Just click on to the Office Max button on the top of the home page on the website - www.pukeruabay.school.nz and this will take you to our stationery

We look forward to this busy and salubrious last week of school! Happy college days to our year 8s!

Ka kita ano
Tara Taylor-Jorgensen
Principal.



PUKERUA BAY SCHOOL
YEAR 8 FAREWELL

HANGI

and Whānau Evening

10 December 2016
4pm - 6pm

Tickets \$12

phone (04) 2399744
email office@pukeruabay.school.nz
or speak to Christine in the office

200 pre-purchase tickets available

Be in
quick!



hangi YEAR 8's

Eat at school
(bring a picnic rug)

PUKERUA BAY School
Rawhiti Road, Pukerua Bay