School News

East Group Softball
This is taking place on Friday. Children involved will have already received information about this. Unfortunately the weather forecast doesn’t look good at this stage. Mercer School will be making a decision tomorrow so we will be able to let the children and families know what is happening early.

PTA
The Pokeno School PTA work incredibly hard for your children and the school. They always welcome new ideas, new members and extra support. Everyone is welcome, and encouraged, to attend PTA meetings whenever you can. The next meeting is Tuesday 23 May at 7pm.

Book Week – 29 May – 2 June
We will be running a number of different activities during this week. These will include buddy reading, story times, a book character parade, a grandparents morning and a book fair. We will continue to put more information in the newsletter as we get closer to this week. The dates and activities we can confirm for you at this stage are:

- **Book character parade** 1st June 10am – children will be invited to dress up as their favourite book character. The whole school will then meet under the roof so we can enjoy a parade of characters.
- **Grandparents Morning** 1st June 9am – 11:30am – Grandparents are invited to come to school a share the morning with their grandchildren. They will be able to go into the classrooms, attend the book character parade, have morning tea with their grandchildren and visit the book fair.
- **Book Fair** – The book fair will be running all week. This is an opportunity for children, parents, grandparents, community to come along and purchase books for their children or the school. As this is run through Scholastic the school gets a percentage of the sales. This is a great fundraising opportunity for us. The Book Fair will be open before school and after school for parents.
- **PJ Story Night** 31st May 6:30pm – 7:30pm – This will be an opportunity for parents who are not able to get into the Book Fair during the school day. The children can come to school dressed in their PJ’s and listen to stories while Mum and Dad visit the book fair.

Coffee and Chat – ‘Reading Together’
Next Wednesday, 17 May, we have a ‘Coffee and Chat’ session from 8:30am – 9:30am. This is an opportunity for anyone to pop into the staffroom, enjoy a coffee and ask any questions you may have about school. In addition to Mr J being available next Wednesday, this session will also be an opportunity to hear about the Reading Together programme. This programme is aimed at parents and whanau and gives adults the knowledge and skills to support children reading at home. Come along to the ‘Coffee and Chat’ to find out more.
Change of Clothes
At this time of the year it is a good idea for the children to have a change of clothes in their bags. As the field and grass areas get wet children can slip and have accidents. Please help us reduce the amount of lost property we have by naming all clothing.

Assemblies
School assemblies are generally held every second Friday (Check ‘Upcoming Events’ for actual dates). With the winter terms upon us we may not be able to hold our assemblies under the roof, as it can be cold and wet. As the school is growing we can no longer all fit into a classroom for assemblies on those wet days. If an assembly cannot be held outside we will continue at the same time but we will unfortunately need to split the school. On these occasions Ruru Whanau (Rooms 1 – 5) will meet together as will Kea Whanau (Rooms 8 – 10). Fingers crossed that we don't need to do this very often.

PTA NEWS
The PTA are arranging a Quiz Night in July and require parents to provide a "Bottle" of some sort. This could consist of the following: Bottle wine/champagne, tomato sauce, shampoo, body wash, vinegar, beer etc it is for one of our Mystery Bottle prizes for the night.

Can you please provide your "bottle" to the box in the School Office Foyer no later than the 8th July.

The AGM will be held on Tuesday 23rd May, 7pm in the staffroom, all welcome. Please come along and support the PTA. The more people we have the more money we can raise to support our children.

COMMUNITY NEWS
Noel Leeming Friends and Family Event
With support from Noel Leeming, the Franklin Principals Association is running a Friends & Family Fund Raising event from Monday 8th to Sunday 14th May. Proceeds from this event will be used to help fund the many Academic, Sporting and Cultural events our students participate in every year. Funds will be used to help buy resources and reduce the overall costs of running these events, which will mean more of our talented students & their families will be able to attend these important community events.

So, whether you've been dreaming of a flash new TV or a funky new phone cover, this is your chance to save big & support our many Franklin School academic, sporting and cultural events. During this fund raising event our local Pukekohe store will be discounting, to cost +10% with 2.5% of those sales going back to the Franklin Principals Association!

All you need to do to support the cause is save the flyer (found in the newsletter section of our website) to your smart phone/device or print it out and take it with you when you shop at Noel Leeming during 8-14 May.

To make this the most successful fund raiser ever, we encourage you share this flyer with your extended friends, family, business contacts and colleagues.

Seasons For Growth is a Program for young people aged 6-18yrs dealing with changes, challenges, or difficult circumstances in their lives, death or separation. The next Program will start on Thurs May 11th 4-5pm over 8 weeks. A Parent and Adult Programme will also be available. For more information or to enrol, please contact Marisa on 021 142 5812, Deb on (09) 238 7375, or email us at seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz.

Futsal League
Where: Counties Tennis Association
Rosa Birch Park, West St, Pukekohe
When: Sunday 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm and/or Wednesday 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Starts: May 14, 2017 (8 weeks)
Who: 10 – 13 year olds play in league
Ages 9 and under skills and games
Cost: $5 per player per session
For more information or to register please contact:
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