



POKENO SCHOOL PANUI

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**Wednesday 5 February
Term 1 Week 1**

Welcome to a new school year.....

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new children and their families. We have had close to 60 new children start school at Pokeno this week. This is a sure sign of just how quickly our community is growing. I would also like to welcome our new staff members, Miss Liz O'Brien (Room 2), Miss Danielle Ingram-Trevis (Room 5), Miss Ilse Swanepoel (Room 7) and Miss Tayla MacPherson (Room 11).

School life can be very busy with plenty of events and activities taking place throughout the year. We strive to keep our families and community as informed as we can but do ask that everyone takes the time to read the weekly newsletter. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher or the school office if you have any concerns or questions. This weekly newsletter is usually prepared on a Wednesday and is emailed home to most of our families. It can also be accessed through our website or school app. If you have difficulty accessing a digital copy we can arrange for a hard copy to be sent home. Please contact Mrs Leathem in the office if this is something you would like.

Please remember that if you have specific questions it is always better to contact the school directly. Contact details for staff members can be found on our website and app.

Have a great week,

Mr J

Waitangi Day

The school is closed tomorrow (Thursday 6th February) for Waitangi Day but is open again on Friday.

Be Sunsmart and Compulsory Hats

- ALL children must have a hat (named) at school during Term 1.
- Hats must be worn outside.
- Children without hats will be directed to play under the big roof.
- We ask that hats provide suitable protection from the sun.
- Snapbacks will not be accepted as a sun hat.
- We also ask that children are dressed appropriately for school and being in the sun, with shoulders covered.
- The Board of Trustees are providing all classes with sunscreen for the children and staff to use.

For more information about being SunSmart go to sunsmart.org.nz

Rubbish

Please be aware that in order to help reduce the amount of rubbish at school all children are expected to take their own lunch rubbish home.

Upcoming Events

6 February - Waitangi Day

10 - 12 February - Kea Whanau at camp

17 February - School Assembly 2:00pm, PTA Meeting 7:00pm

28 February - East Group Swimming Sports

2 March - School Assembly 2:00pm

5 March - Whanau Evening 5:30pm onwards

27 March - East Group Year 1 & 2 tabloids

3 April - East Group Year 3 & 4 tabloids

2020 Term Dates

Term 1

3 February - 9 April

Term 2

28 April - 3 July

Term 3

20 July - 25 September

Term 4

12 October - 16 December

School News

School Assemblies

We are changing our fortnightly assembly day this year. As our Year 7 & 8 children are now attending technology on a Thursday we have moved assemblies to a Monday afternoon at 2:00pm. It is our intention that assembly will finish at approximately 2:45pm. This will allow teachers the time to take their children back to class and dismiss them from there.

Kea Whanau Camp

Rooms 8, 9, 10, 12 & 13 will be away at camp next Monday to Wednesday.

Update Personal Details

If you have moved, changed jobs, email addresses phone numbers please make sure you let the office know. This is particularly important if we need to get in touch with you if your child is unwell or injured. Please email office@pokeno.school.nz

Office Hours

Please be aware that the office hours are 8:30am - 3:15pm. Any enquiries, payments etc should be made within this time.

Whanau Fun Night

Our annual Community Whanau Fun Night will be held on Thursday 5 March from 5:30pm. This is a great opportunity to meet the staff and other families. Mark your calendar for a fun night of games and activities. A flyer will be sent home with more information closer to the time.

Carparks and Road Safety

We ask that parents and children **DO NOT** use the staff carpark. This carpark is full and is used by delivery vehicles and therefore unsafe for the children to be in.

When coming in to and leaving the school grounds please use the footpaths and not the driveway into the staff carpark.

On Pokeno and Helenslee Roads we ask that everyone crosses the road at the Kea Crossings. It is important that we teach the children to cross at the safest crossing points on these very busy roads. We do not want to have a child injured crossing in other areas.

We understand that there is not enough parking close to the school. This won't change as the school gets bigger. The Ministry of Education is only required to provide parking for staff and the Council has no obligation to provide additional parking. We encourage as many families as possible to park further away and walk.

PTA News

Hi all and welcome back to an amazing New Year.

We are excited to be holding our first meeting for the year on **Monday 17th February**.

These casual get togethers are held in the **Staffroom** at **7pm** and all are welcome.

We will be discussing dates for this years events; so if you have any new ideas or would just like to check it out; we would love to see you there.

The Pokeno Way

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Ako We are all learners, we are all teachers

Manaakitanga We are respectful of ourselves, others and our community

Kotahitanga We work together and celebrate our differences

Whakawhanake We continually develop and grow with our community

House Points

Mahuika

Rongo-mā-Tāne

Tama-nui-te-rā

Ikatere

School Roll
330



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