



# POKENO SCHOOL PANUI

*Ma Te huruhuru, Ka rere Te manu  
Adorn the bird with feathers so it can fly*



**Wednesday 26 February  
Term 1 Week 4**

## **A note from Mr J.....**

I would like to wish all of the children competing at East Group swimming sports on Friday all the best. Swim hard and have fun! I would also like to thank the parents who are helping with transport and supervision.

Enjoy the rest of your week,  
**Mr J**

## **School News**

### **East Group and Franklin Sports**

This Friday will see a group of children travel to Maramarua School to compete in East Group Swimming Sports. Good luck!!

For those of you who are new to our school, we are part of East Group which includes Mercer, Mangatangi, Mangatawhiri, Maramarua, Kaiaua and Pokeno. There are a few sports events through the year, swimming, cross country, and athletics where we compete against one another and then an East Group team is selected to compete in the Franklin competition. The Franklin competition includes the schools from Pukekohe, Tuakau, Waiuku and many of the surrounding areas. It is a great achievement for a child to compete at the Franklin level. Year 7 & 8 students may also get selected for a Franklin team to compete in the Auckland Champion of Champions competition against other year 7 & 8's from the greater Auckland region.

There are then other Franklin competitions we can enter as an individual school. Soccer, netball, mathex, and speech competitions are examples of events we have previously participated in.

A notice will always be sent home to inform families of the event details before they happen. Please be aware that for many events we have to select teams as it is not possible for everyone to attend. The selection process varies depending on the event and how many teams we are able to enter.

### **Board of Trustees Resignation**

A position on the Board of Trustees has become available due to the resignation of Subha Narasimhan. Subha and her family have moved out of the area. The Board would like to thank Subha for her contribution, time and energy as a Board member. If anyone is interested in becoming a member of the Board, but would like to know more about it, please feel free to contact our Principal, Blair Johnston. Alternatively you can email [bot@pokeno.school.nz](mailto:bot@pokeno.school.nz)  
More information regarding finding a replacement Board member will follow the next meeting on Tuesday 31 March.

## **Upcoming Events**

**27 February** - Group 2 Tech

**28 February** - East Group Swimming Sports

**2 March** - School Assembly 2:00pm

**4 March** - Bible In School Begins

**5 March** - Group 1 Tech

**11 March** - Ruru Whanau Swimming Sports

**12 March** - Group 2 Tech

**13 March** - PTA Dress Up Day, Tui Whanau Swimming Sports

**MONDAY 16 MARCH -  
Teacher Only Day, School is closed**

**19 March** - Pokeno 1 Tech, Whanau Evening 5:30pm onwards

**24 March** - GRIP Leadership Conference for school leaders

**26 March** - Group 2 Tech

**27 March** - East Group Year 1 & 2 tabloids

**30 March** - School Assembly 2:00pm

**2 April** - Group 1 Tech

**3 April** - East Group Year 3 & 4 tabloids

**Wednesday 8 April** - Last Day of Term for the children

**Monday 6 April** - PTA Meeting 7pm in the staffroom

**THURSDAY 9 APRIL -  
Teacher Only Day, School is closed**

