



# POKENO SCHOOL PANUI

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**Wednesday 4 March  
Term 1 Week 5**

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

Congratulations to the 19 swimmers who attended East Group Swimming Sports last Friday. We are proud of the way you competed and you were great ambassadors for Pokeno School.

I would also like to thank all of the children who applied for one of our student leadership positions. You should be proud of the time and thought you put into your letters. Unfortunately not everyone can be selected for a position. Congratulations to those students who were selected for a position and I look forward to seeing you working as role models and leaders this year.

I hope everyone has a great week,  
**Mr J**

## School News

### 2020 School Leaders and School Council

The Year 6, 7, & 8 students were all given the opportunity to apply for a school leadership position, which make up our student council. The children are expected to write a letter outlining the position or positions they are applying for and why they feel they would be suitable for a leadership role.

Congratulations to the following students who are our 2020 school leaders.

### Ambassadors

Leo Booker, Hunter Montgomery, Alli Godkin, Georgia Holtham

### House Captains

**Tama-nui-te-rā** - Jamie Turton & Izabelle Currie

**Rongo-mā-tāne** - Zeeshan Shah & Annabelle Beeby

**Ikateru** - Leo Brooker & Haylee-Jade McGrath

**Mahuika** - Alli Godkin & Kyuss McDowall

### Student Reps

Ben Knock, Maycie Mao, Hayley White, Shelly Zahn, Nathan Brown, Jacob Smith, Mollie Tohaia, Isabella Janevska, Poppy Hines, Seb Farrell, Aibel Dony-Athithara

### Cell Phones

Children do not need cell phones at school. If you need to contact your child you can get a message to them by contacting the office. If, as a family, you have decided you would like your child to have a cell phone at school due to after school arrangements, we ask that children hand it into the office when they arrive at school. They will then be kept secure during the day. The children can collect their phone at 3pm. Children who do not hand their phones in could have them confiscated and parents will then need to collect them from Mr J. The school will not accept any responsibility for phones that go missing or are damaged during the day if they have not been handed in to the office. The same rule applies to the Year 7 & 8 students on a tech day, as they should not be taking them on the bus to tech.

## Upcoming Events

**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

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

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

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

## School News

### Bible in Schools

Bible in schools started again today. School does not officially start until 9:30am on Wednesdays while Bible is running. Children who do not attend Bible will be supervised in a classroom, or alternatively you can drop them off at 9:25am in time for the roll at 9:30am.

### Toys and Personal Items

We ask that the children leave toys and any personal items that are of value to them at home. We cannot accept any responsibility for items going missing or being damaged. If your child is bringing something to school to share with the class, please make sure it is given to the teacher to look after for the day.

### HELP! Translators needed

Mrs Houghton is looking for people who could help translate notices into Hindi and/or Punjabi. If this is something you could help with please contact her via email. [k.houghton@pokeno.school.nz](mailto:k.houghton@pokeno.school.nz)

### THE POKENO WAY - HOUSE TOKENS

This year, we have introduced a new reward system. Students are now able to get a token when they are making good choices outside. For example, at lunch eating, during playtimes or at an assembly. These tokens are to go into the House boxes to be collected towards a House Reward.

We have noticed some of our students (particularly in the Juniors) are wanting to take these home and leave them in their lunchboxes! If you find one of these in your child's lunchbox, can you please encourage them to bring it back to school and post it in their House box?

The photos below show what the tokens look like and where they can be posted. This currently sits outside the Office/Mr J's Office but will be moving in the next few weeks. We will update you with its new home shortly.



## Community Notices

### Pokeno Netball Club

After a few years in recess the netball club is back up and running. If you would like to register your player please complete the registration form on the Pokeno School facebook page by Friday 6th March. If you have any further queries or do not have access to facebook please contact Jessica Smith c/- [j.smith@pokeno.school.nz](mailto:j.smith@pokeno.school.nz)

## 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  
335



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## PTA News

Hi all and welcome back to an amazing New Year.

Our next meeting will be on **Monday 6th April**.

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.