



# POKENO SCHOOL PANUI

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**Wednesday 18 March  
Term 1 Week 7**

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

A separate newsletter is being sent home today with information about what we are doing as a school in relation to the Coronavirus, COVID-19. Please make sure you read this notice and feel free to contact the school if you have any questions.

You will note that a number of school events have been cancelled. This is purely a precautionary measure to ensure we are reducing any potential risk.

It is important for everyone to understand that we have not had any cases of COVID-19 in our community reported to us. The infection rate in New Zealand is extremely low and school is still a safe place for the children to be.

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

## **Lunches**

We are finding that a number of children need help opening various packets of food in their lunchboxes. Teachers supervising eating times are not able to spend time opening packets for children. We ask that families look at alternative options for lunch boxes and make sure that any packaged food being sent can be opened by the children.

## **Carpark on Pokeno Road**

We are aware that the car park where the bus parks is very full at the end of the day. However, we do ask that people park safely and leave space for the bus to get through to its park. We do need everyone to be patient and work together to keep the children safe.

## **Allergy Notice**

We have new students to our school with allergies to nuts, bananas and shellfish. We ask parents are mindful of this when they are packing lunches. The classes of students with allergies will get a separate notice home also. Any questions about this please contact Mrs Houghton - [k.houghton@pokeno.school.nz](mailto:k.houghton@pokeno.school.nz)

## **Cell Phone Reminder**

Just a reminder that any children with cell phones should be handing them into the office in the morning. They can then be picked up at 3:00pm.

## **Upcoming Events**

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

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

**26 March** - Group 2 Tech

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

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

**2 April** - Group 1 Tech

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

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

**7 April** - New Entrant Parent Information Evening 7pm

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

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

**Monday 27 April** - ANZAC Day

**28 April** - First Day Term Two

**4 May** - PTA AGM 7pm

**1 June** - Queens Birthday

**3 July** - Last day Term Three

## School News

### THE POKENO WAY - THE SHOP IS OPEN!!

It was very exciting at lunchtime yesterday at the Kitchen under the roof. Our Student Councilors opened our Pokeno Way Shop for the first time!

We had lots of customers and all the children were very excited about the prizes they could get. Children all get a mini certificate with their prizes so they can share with parents at home.

Our shop is going to be open every Tuesday (weather permitting) for the rest of the year.



### HELP! Punjabi Translator needed

We now have someone able to help us with translating to Hindi but still need help from someone who can help with Punjabi. If this is something you could help with please contact Mrs Houghton via email.

[k.houghton@pokeno.school.nz](mailto:k.houghton@pokeno.school.nz)

### Community Notices

## KAS KIDS AFTER SCHOOL

### April Holiday Programme

Looking for some excitement this April?

We're celebrating Easter, Earth Day & all things Dr Seuss! Come learn magic tricks & how to make sushi. Get in quick for our awesome trips to Auckland Zoo and the movies as spaces are limited!

We also have an exclusive trip just for our 8 & ups to Middle Earth's Hobbiton!

For more information & bookings visit us at:

[www.kidsafterschool.co.nz](http://www.kidsafterschool.co.nz)

Any questions please call our office on 09 236 4078

MSD Social Sector Level 3 Accreditation

WINZ subsidies available for eligible families

## 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	80
Rongo-mā-Tāne	80
Tama-nui-te-rā	80
Ikatere	80

School Roll  
339



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### Supporting success in your school.

If you're a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you take out a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate \$500 to your chosen participating school.

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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.