



POKENO SCHOOL PANUI

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**Wednesday 27 May
Term 2 Week 7**

A note from Mr J.....

Kia Ora Pokeno School Whanau,

Everyone seems to be back into the routine of school. We would like to thank parents, caregivers and family members for supporting our Level 2 systems by not going into classrooms and by 'checking in' through the school app.

I understand that some families will still be feeling a bit anxious about having their children return to school. I just wanted try and reassure you all.

- Schools are safe. Even though there is such a low risk of the virus getting in the school gates to start with, we will be keeping up our hygiene practices and other public health measures as an extra precaution for as long as we're at Alert Level 2.
- The return to school has gone really smoothly and it has been brilliant to see how excited the children have been to get back to their learning and social routines.
- It's really important children do return to school, not just for their education but also their health and wellbeing.
- Instances of Covid-19 in New Zealand are very low
- We're aware of concerns out there that people without symptoms may be able to spread the virus. The Ministry of Health has advised us that there is no instance in New Zealand of someone spreading the virus without ever having symptoms.

If any families still have concerns please feel free to contact myself or our Deputy Principal, Miss Lee. We are more than happy to discuss your child's return to school.

Stay safe and be kind to yourselves
Mr J

School News

Road Safety & Parking

Please help us keep your children safe. Be patient in the carparks and consider others when parking your car. If you need to cross either Pokeno or Helenslee Roads then please use the Kea Crossings. As adults we are role models to ALL of the children and at the end of the day we don't want children crossing the roads unsupervised.

We would like to thank those families who are parking further down Helenslee Road or Hill Park Drive and walking. This is helping to reduce traffic congestion closer to school.

We would also like to remind everyone not to park in the driveway to the McRobbies yard in Helenslee Road. While it looks like there is plenty of room, their trucks do need all of that space to get into the yard. McRobbies have always been great supporters of the school and we need to make sure we are supporting them in return.

Upcoming Events

- 1 June** - Queens Birthday
- 30 June** - BOT Meeting 7pm
- 3 July** - Last day Term Two
- 20 July** - Term Three begins
- 25 September** - Last day of Term Three
- 12 October** - Term four begins
- 16 December** - last day of Term Four



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School News cont....

Before and After School Care - KAS

We are very lucky to have Kids After School (KAS) operating out of the Pokeno Playcentre here at school. Please contact them directly if you need support with before and/or after school care. We do ask that children are not on the school site before 8:00am, therefore KAS is a great option for those families who need to leave for work earlier. Contact them on 09 236 4078

Bible In Schools

There is no Bible in Schools for the remainder of Term 2. Therefore all children need to be at school ready for a 9:00am start every Wednesday.

Change of Clothes / Named Clothes

We ask that all children have a (named) change of clothes in their bag. This is especially important in Term 2 and 3 as the field begins to get wet. It is also important to make sure clothing is named. At this time of the year the children have often peeled off several layers before lunch. Some of it gets put into school bags but there is always clothes left lying around the school. Named clothing will get delivered back to its owner. Unnamed clothing gets added to our growing lost property collection and often is left unclaimed.

Room 5 doing a minibeast hunt. We found awesome minibeasts then wrote descriptive who am I? pieces of writing.



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	689
Rongo-mā-Tāne	792
Tama-nui-te-rā	722
Ikatere	744

School Roll
354



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Pokeno

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