



POKENO SCHOOL PANUI

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Wednesday 24 June
Term 2 Week 11

A note from Mr J's desk

Kia Ora Pokeno School Whanau,

It is hard to believe that with everything that has happened during the last three months we are almost halfway through the school year. Next week is the last week of Term Two, although for many of our families it will feel like you have only just managed to return to your usual routines. Please note that the school will be closed for the holidays from 4th July. We return on Monday 20 July.

We would to thank everyone for your support and understanding as we navigated through the different levels of COVID-19. It is important that we continue to maintain good hygiene practices and that children who are sick are kept at home. We appreciate your support in this area.

Have a great week,
Blair Johnston - Principal

School News

Newsletters

Newsletters are currently being published fortnightly and not weekly. If there are other urgent notices that need to be sent home we will continue to communicate through the school app, Facebook, email or text message depending on the importance and urgency.

Arriving Late

We are currently concerned about a large number of children who are consistently arriving at school after 9:00am. It is important to understand the negative impact arriving late has on a child's day. When they are late they miss opportunities to get ready for the day, they are not able to make important social connections and they may miss important information about the day ahead. Knowing what is planned and what is happening provides children with the structure and security they need. Please try and support your child by ensuring they are at school before the bell rings.

Parent / Teacher Conferences

Due to the impact COVID-19 has had on the school term, we are not asking teachers to write mid-year reports. It was unrealistic to expect teachers (and children) to complete the assessments and write the reports in the timeframe we had after returning to school. This process normally takes approximately eight weeks, after lockdown we only had three to four weeks.

Our Parent / Teacher conferences will go ahead next term as usual. These will take place in Week Two, Tuesday 28th July and Wednesday 29th July. School will finish early (1:00pm) on the Tuesday so that the conferences can start early. The Wednesday will be a normal school day. We use an online booking system for families to book their times. More information about this will be sent out soon.

Upcoming Events

30 June - BOT Meeting 7pm

3 July - Last day Term Two

20 July - Term Three begins

28 July - Parent Teacher Conferences - **1:00pm finish**

29 July - Parent Teacher Conferences - 3:00pm finish

14 August - East Group Cross Country TBC

2 September - Franklin Mathex

11 September - East Group Rippa Rugby TBC

25 September - Last day of Term Three

12 October - Term four begins

16 December - last day of Term Four



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Carpark

As many of you already know, the Board of Trustees has been working with the Ministry of Education planning infrastructure and building upgrades. Part of this planning is the upgrade of the 'bottom' car park on Pokeno Road. Last week we were told that the Ministry is hopeful that work will start in about a months time. The work will take approximately 6 - 12 weeks to complete. During this construction phase families will need to find alternative places to park. We will also need to find a new space for the bus, which is likely to be behind the cars parked outside playcentre. We ask for your patience and understanding during this time. It is also important to note that while there will initially be some parking available for families in the new carpark, this is being built to cater for our growing staff numbers. Therefore, as the staff numbers increase there will be fewer parks available for parents. Developing alternative routines, such as parking in Helenslee Road or McLean Street and coming through the alleyway would be better long term solutions.

Survey Monkey - Reporting Processes

Sharing information is an essential part of creating relationships for learning. We are in the process of reviewing our reporting processes and would really like to work with you to design a meaningful system to share information about learning between teachers, your children, and whanau. A survey will be sent out this week via Survey Monkey and we would really appreciate your support in getting this completed. As a way of thanking you we will be putting every survey in a draw to win one of two amazing Pokeno Bacon meat packs valued at \$60.

Tuakau College 2021 Enrolment Dates

- 13 August** Orientation Day at Tuakau College 9am - 3:15pm**
Prospective students spend the day at Tuakau College
- 19 August** Open Evening at Tuakau College 4pm - 7pm.
No appointments required
- 28 August** In Zone applications due
- 4 September** Out of Zone applications close
- 11 September** Out of Zone Ballot (if required)
- 30 September** Final date for out of zone confirmation by applicants

****Please note: It is families responsibility to get children to the orientation day. Pokeno School does not organise this. In past years Pokeno students have caught the bus. For more information about any of these dates please contact Tuakau College.**

Community News

July Holiday Programme

Holidays again? Time to book in to keep the boredom at bay! Send the kids along for excitement & entertainment at your local KAS Programme! Celebrate winter with a onesie party or indoor Nerf battle! We're cooking up a storm with Master Chef & sushi lessons! Learn a little magic, spread some kindness & enjoy our version of a drive-in movie!
For more information & bookings visit us at:

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

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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
362



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