



POKENO SCHOOL PANUI

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Adorn the bird with feathers so it can fly*



**Wednesday 14 October
Term 4 Week 1**

Kia Ora Pokeno School Whanau,

Welcome to the beginning of Term Four. This term is typically busy with different events, end of year reports, and prize giving to name a few. We will keep you updated through the newsletter and if necessary send out reminders for some events through the school app.

Please make sure you stay informed by reading the newsletter. If you are unsure of anything you can always contact your child's teacher or phone the office and ask.

Have a great week,
Blair Johnston - Principal

School News

Property Works & Information Evening

A lot has happened since the end of last term. We have had five classrooms delivered, a new drop off and pick up zone created, and work has begun on our new car park on Pokeno Road. If you are still unsure about parking options, especially at the end of the day, please go to our website for more information.

The information evening that was planned for earlier in the year will now be held next Tuesday 20th October at 7:00pm in the Pokeno Community Hall. We will be sharing the long term plans that the Ministry of Education has developed in conjunction with the Board of Trustees. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Pink Shirt Day

Pokeno School will be celebrating Pink Shirt Day this Friday 16 October to celebrate diversity, spread Aroha and prevent bullying. To celebrate with us, we would like our school community and Pokeno community to either wear a pink shirt or anything else that is pink. Bring along some gold coins to get delicious treats and join in the fun activities we are planning!

Organised by our Student Council.

<https://www.pinkshirtday.org.nz/>

Upcoming Events

16 October - Pink Shirt Day

20 October - Property Information Evening 7:00pm
Pokeno Hall

22 October - PTA Meeting
7:00pm

26 October - Labour Day

22 October - PTA Meeting
7:00pm

3 November - BOT Meeting

9 November - East Group Athletics at Pukekohe High School

16 November - Whole School Assembly 9:15am

18 - 20 November - Art Exhibition

19 November - Franklin Athletics

15 December - Reports home

15 December - Prizegivings

16 December - last day of Term Four 1:00pm finish



School News cont....

School Photos

Just to let you know this process takes some time to complete, it includes our staff having to proof all the class photos before we give our final approval for printing to go ahead. You will all receive your child's keycode card once this process has been completed, this could take up to another 2 weeks.

School Finishes at 3:00pm

Just a reminder that school finishes at 3:00pm. Children should only be collected early if you have an appointment to attend. Children being collected early can be quite disruptive to the class and can also mean that children are missing things at the end of the day. We ask for your support as we try and limit the number of interruptions to our classes.

Toys and Cellphones

Any personal items such as toys and cellphones should be left at home. The school will not be responsible for personal items that get lost or damaged. If your family has decided that your child needs a cell phone to help with after school arrangements then we ask that it is handed into the office in the morning and collected again at 3:00pm. Our year 7 & 8 students should not be bringing phones on tech days.

Hats

Although the beginning of the week saw a reasonable amount of rain, we do start encouraging children to be wearing hats during Term Four. Please make sure your child has a named hat at school every day.

Duffy Books in Homes

"Caught being a good grandparent", write a short poem explaining why your grandparent is a positive influence on your life, entries close on Friday 23rd October, please refer to the posters in your class rooms for further information.

Community News

Bombay Tennis Club OPEN DAY Sunday 18th October 11am-2pm

Come and see what our family-friendly tennis club has to offer.

Meet club members and/or join in with the day's activities.

YOUNG AT ART' offer children's, teenage and Adult Art and Craft classes in Pukekohe. Our Term 4 classes are open for booking in groups for children aged 6-9yrs, 9-12yrs and 13yrs+ on Monday's, Tuesday's and Wednesday's.

Our adult workshops are currently being planned so if you are interested please contact us. For more information or to book please check out:

<http://www.youngatart.co.nz/>, email: admin@youngatart.co.nz or phone: 0297 712 923. **Bookings are essential as places are limited'**

Mangatawhiri Christmas Market

Saturday 7th November from 9am - 1pm Mangatawhiri Hall

PTA Meeting
Thursday 22 October
7:00pm in the staffroom

Please support the PTA
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Everyone is welcome.

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

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| Mahuika | 1412 |
| Rongo-mā-Tāne | 1318 |
| Tama-nui-te-rā | 1270 |
| Ikatere | 1421 |

School Roll

384



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