



# POKENO SCHOOL PANUI

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**Wednesday 8 February 2023  
Term 1 Week 2**

## Welcome to a new school year.....

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new children and their families. I would also like to welcome our new staff members, Mrs Sue Borrie (Rm 10), Miss Courtney Bowden (Rm 12), Mrs Iuliia Pashchuk & Mrs Melanie Noble-Savidan (Harakeke 2), Mrs Hendrihet Murran (Kahikatea 1), Mrs Stacey Goodwin (Kahikatea 2).

We strive to keep our families and community as informed as we can but do ask that everyone takes the time to read the fortnightly newsletter. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher or the school office if you have any questions.

Have a great week,  
Mr J

## HERO

HERO is our Student Management System. HERO gives us the ability to share information, newsletters, learning progress and much more through one platform. In order for you to stay informed about what is happening at the school we strongly recommend downloading the HERO app. However, if you do not have the HERO app you will still receive newsletters and notices via email. **Please note that it is your responsibility to inform us of any changes to your personal details. Let us know if you have a phone number, address or email change.**

## Office Hours

8:00am - 3:30pm Monday to Friday

## School Whanau Groups

Kiwi Whanau (Years 0 - 1) Room's 3, 4, 5  
Ruru Whanau (Years 2 - 3) Room's 6, 7, 8, 10  
Tui Whanau (Years 3 & 4) Room's 12, 13, 14, 15, 16  
Kea Whanau (Years 5 & 6) Harakeke 1 & 2  
Karearea Whanau (Years 7 & 8) Kahikatea 1 & 2

## Dress Standards

Although we don't have a compulsory uniform it is still important that children are dressed appropriately for school. During Term 1 we ask that children are dressed in a "Sun Smart" way. Shoulders should be covered so please avoid singlets and tops with shoestring straps. Crop tops are not appropriate for school and clothing should not have any writing or images that could offend.

Necklaces, bracelets, and earrings that dangle below the ear can all be health and safety issues for children playing. We ask that jewelry is left at home other than watches, stud earrings, or an item that is of religious, cultural, or personal significance. Please be aware that Pokeno School will not accept any responsibility for items of jewellery that are lost or damaged.

## Upcoming Events

**23 February** - BOT Meeting - 7pm

**2 March** - East Group Swimming Sports & Whanau Evening

**8 March** - Yr 5-8 Swimming Festival

**6 April** - End of Term 1

## 2023 Term Dates

### Term 1

2 February - 6 April

### Term 2

26 April - 30 June

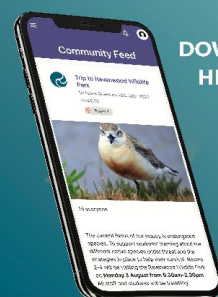
### Term 3

17 July - 22 September

### Term 4

9 October - 18 December

**School Roll  
521**



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HERO APP TODAY**

Log in to customise your account and view:  
Student learning stories, progress and goals  
School notices  
Surveys and Trip Permissions  
School term dates  
School calendar  
Absence notifications  
Navigation to other school-related webpages and more!

## Smart Devices at School

We are aware of an increasing number of children who have a smart device (cell phone or smart watch) at school. We have always indicated that children should not have cell phones at school. Please take note of the following points:

- The school does not accept any responsibility if a child's cell phone is lost or damaged.
- If, for any reason, families would like their child to have a phone at school for safety reasons while they are walking home at the end of the day then it should be dropped off at the office when they get to school.
- There should be NO cell phones left in school bags or in the classroom.
- Cell phones that are seen during the school day will be confiscated and returned to the child at the end of the day. It is likely a phone call will be made to the parents to discuss the phone being at school.
- If your child has a smartwatch or 'Space Watch' we ask that families turn on the school mode function during the day.
- If there has been a change of plans for after school please ring the office and we are happy to pass on the message to your child.

## Helenslee Road Drop Off and Pick Up Zone

Please remember that this is for dropping off and picking up only. Drivers must stay in their vehicle. A safety concern we have in this area are the cars that continue to turn right when exiting. PLEASE left turn only. We understand that this can be an inconvenience but a few more minutes onto your journey will help keep this area much safer for our children.

## Rubbish

All children are expected to take their own lunch rubbish home.

## Children's Health and Wellbeing

### Allergies

Please be aware that we do have some children with nut allergies. We ask that families please consider not sending nuts or nut related products to school. We also ask that you talk to your children about the importance of NOT sharing food.

### Slapped Cheek

This is a common and highly contagious childhood ailment. If your child is ever diagnosed with Slapped cheek we ask that you inform the school immediately. We currently have some students in the school whose health would be severely compromised if they were to get slapped cheek.

### Vomiting and Diarrhea

If your child has a bout of either vomiting or diarrhea they can not attend school until 24 hours after their last episode.

### Be Sunsmart and Compulsory Hats

ALL children must have a hat (named) at school during Term 1. Hats must be worn outside. Children without hats will be directed to play under the big roof. The hats that the children wear should provide suitable protection from the sun. Snapbacks will not be accepted as a sun hat. Children should be dressed appropriately for school and for being in the sun, with shoulders covered. For more information about being SunSmart go to [sunsmart.org.nz](http://sunsmart.org.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



[www.pokenocommunity.nz](http://www.pokenocommunity.nz)

## Pokeno Netball Club

Registrations for the 2023 netball season will open shortly for Year 5 and up. A notice will be sent out via HERO shortly. Year 3 & 4 registrations will be later on in the year.

We welcome players of all levels of ability.

If you have any questions, please email - [pokenonetballclub@gmail.com](mailto:pokenonetballclub@gmail.com).