



POKENO SCHOOL PANUI

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Wednesday 22 February 2023
Term 1 Week 4

Welcome to Week 4.....

Whanau Fun Night

After a number of years of disruption, we are thrilled to be able to host our Community Whanau Fun Night once again. This will be held next Thursday 2 March from 6:00pm. There will be some food trucks onsite if you would like to purchase food or you can bring your own picnic dinner. Classrooms will be open from 6:15pm to 7:00pm for families to visit and meet the teacher. This is a great opportunity to meet the staff and other families. Mark your calendar for a fun night of games and activities.

Update Personal Details

If you have moved, or changed jobs, email addresses, or phone numbers please make sure you let the office know. This is particularly important if we need to get in touch with you if your child is unwell or injured. Please email office@pokeno.school.nz

East Group and Franklin Sports

For those of you who are new to our school, we are part of East Group which includes Te Paina, Mangatangi, Mangatawhiri, Maramarua, Kaiaua, Orere, and Pokeno Schools. There are a few sports events throughout the year, swimming, cross country, and athletics where we compete against one another, and then a team is selected to represent East Group in the Franklin competition. Franklin competitions include schools from Pukekohe, Tuakau, Waiuku, and many of the surrounding areas. It is a great achievement for a child to compete at the Franklin level. Year 7 & 8 students may then also get selected to represent Franklin to compete in the Auckland Champion of Champions competition against other year 7 & 8's from the greater Auckland region. There are then other Franklin competitions we can enter as an individual school. Soccer, netball, mathex, and speech competitions are events we have previously participated in. A notice will always be sent home to inform families of the event details before they happen. Please be aware that for many events we have to select teams as it is not possible for everyone to attend. The selection process varies depending on the event and how many teams we are able to enter.

Sponsorship

We are always grateful for any financial support we get as a school from businesses in our community. As we begin another school year, we are looking for more local businesses that may wish to sponsor an initiative within our school. If you, or the company you work for, are interested in providing some support for our school we would love to hear from you. You can contact our Associate Principal, Karen Houghton to discuss further - either via email - k.houghton@pokeno.school.nz or by phone on 09 233 6108 ext.918

Upcoming Events

- 23 February** - BOT Meeting - 7pm
- 1 March** - Fundraising event for Cyclone Gabrielle
- 2 March** - 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

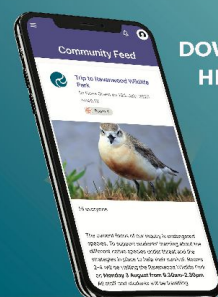
Term 3

17 July - 22 September

Term 4

9 October - 18 December

School Roll
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Student learning stories, progress and goals
School notices
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Fundraising Event for Cyclone Gabrielle

On Wednesday 1st March, Pokeno School is holding a fundraising event for the flood-stricken Hawkes Bay district, which was affected by Cyclone Gabrielle.

We would love it if your children could dress in yellow for the day as a symbol of hope. We will be doing a money trail, so please bring a donation for this important cause, and will have Juicies for sale for \$2.00 each at morning tea and lunchtime. All funds raised will be donated to Puketapu School. We will also have a disco under the roof, games, and winning wheel available. Please bring along gold coins to participate in the fun activities for the day.

Policy Update

At the end of 2022, the Board of Trustees reviewed and updated the 'Personal Digital Devices' policy. Please take the time to read this policy.

Personal Digital Devices

A personal digital device is any privately owned digital device that is not part of a school-approved bring your own device (BYOD) programme. This includes cellphones, smartwatches, tablets, laptops, handheld PCs and consoles, portable music players, e-readers, and other similar devices.

Pokeno School does not recommend that students bring personal digital devices to school. These are not necessary to have during the day. However, we understand that some parents like their children to have a device to communicate with them after school.

We discuss the school rules about personal digital devices at the beginning of the year, and throughout the year as needed.

If a student does bring a personal digital device to school, the following guidelines apply:

- The school does not accept responsibility for lost, damaged, or stolen personal digital devices.
- Students must hand in their device to the office at the beginning of the day, and can collect the device at the end of the day.

Personal digital devices may not be taken on EOTC events.

If a parent needs to contact their child urgently during the day, they should call the office.

Inappropriate use

If a student is observed using a personal digital device, this is considered inappropriate at the school and the student must hand it to a staff member immediately when asked. If possible, students should lock their device before handing it to staff. The device will be kept in the office and can be collected by the parent/caregiver at the end of the day.

Inappropriate use of a personal digital device may include:

- using the device when not permitted
- any sort of bullying, including online bullying, e.g. disrespectful messages about staff or other students
- taking photos or videos of other people without their permission
- forwarding inappropriate messages or content.

Inappropriate use of a personal digital device is dealt with through the school's behaviour management, responding to digital incidents, and surrender and retention of digital devices guidelines, as appropriate.

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
Ikaterere



Maramarua Rugby Club

Now taking registrations for the Junior players

www.sporty.co.nz/maramaruarugby.

We ask all parents to register online. Muster is on this weekend Saturday 25th March at the club. If you have any questions about the upcoming season feel free to get in touch with our President Todd Black - 027 541 4219.

Pokeno School Chaplain

We are very happy to confirm that Chaplain, Tricia Burns, through Lifewalk (lifewalk.org.nz) will continue to work in our School Community for 2023. This year, Tricia will be at school on Thursday lunchtime based in the library so students can 'drop in' if they feel they need a chat.

If you would like your child to see Tricia for a longer session or you as a family would like her support, you can contact our SENCo/AP Karen Houghton via 09 233 6108 ext.918 or k.houghton@pokeno.school.nz

Below is some information from Tricia introducing herself.

For those who I haven't met yet, my name is Tricia Burns. I am a Minister and Chaplain, mother of 4 boys, 8 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. I was born in Kenya, East Africa, and came to NZ when I was 11 years old, not much older than many of our School Students now.

My role as the school chaplain is to provide social, emotional and spiritual support. I am here to provide pastoral care to all who require it, enabling the wellbeing of our tamariki and the school community in general.

Life can bring many challenges for families, I am available four hours a week or more if need be. I am happy to help in the following ways:

- Provide one on one support for our tamariki, teachers, and parents connected to the school community.
- Facilitate group programmes
- Connect with parents and whanau in practical ways.
- Be available to help in classrooms or at school events, camps, assembly, etc.

I look forward to working with you all over the coming months to better support and provide encouragement and a listening ear.

Thank you Tricia



Waikato Diocesan School for Girls
OPEN DAY
Friday 10 March 2023

Please register your attendance at
www.waikatodiocesan.school.nz

We have limited onsite parking at 16 Martin Street car park (off McNicol Street). Please follow directions at the gate.

DAY SCHOOL

If you are interested in attending as a day school student, please attend our 10.00am – 12.00pm Open Day session.

All Saints Chapel

Welcome by the Principal at 10.00 am, followed by tours of the day school.

BOARDING SCHOOL

If you are interested in boarding at Dio, please attend our 2.00pm – 4.00pm Open Day session.

All Saints Chapel

Welcome by the Principal and Director of Boarding at 2.00pm, followed by day school and boarding tours.

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We'd like to hear from you about joining our school family.

Phone 07 855 2038 extn 2703
Email admissions@wdsg.school.nz
Visit www.waikatodiocesan.school.nz to apply online.



Pokeno School

Come and join us!

WHANAU PICNIC

Bring your own picnic dinner to share with friends and whanau on the field. Gourmet in the Garden Food trucks will be onsite if you would like to purchase something to eat. Our classrooms open from 6:15 pm so you can have a chat with teachers and have a look at Learning to Learn inquiries. There will be games and activities including the much coveted Gumboot Throw throughout the evening.

2nd March, 6:00pm