



POKENO SCHOOL PANUI

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Friday 10 March 2023
Term 1 Week 6

Welcome to Week 6.....

Whānau Evening

A big thank you to everyone who attended the Whānau Evening last week. We were thrilled to see the return of this event and it was fantastic to see so many of our community there.

NZEI Strike

As most of you will have heard it is likely that teachers and Principals who are part of the union (NZEI) will be going on strike next Thursday 16th March.

Unfortunately, the funding for our schools and kindergartens is not enough for to give us the time we would like to support all our kids to thrive. We need to attract and retain educators by ensuring that teaching is a valued and attractive profession. This action is not just about pay, as there are also a number of claims in relation to workload and resourcing that will significantly impact on the quality of education that teachers and schools can deliver.

Taking industrial action is the last thing we wanted to do. And the decision was not taken lightly. We felt that this was the only way the government would listen and recognise that when they support our children to learn and succeed, we are supporting whānau and communities to thrive.

As the majority of our teachers are NZEI members the Board of Trustees will need to decide if the school can be safely opened for supervision with limited staff on site or if they will need to close the school for the day. It is expected that the Board will receive official notification from the NZEI on Monday, and they will then communicate their decision to our families as soon as they possibly can.

Families should begin to make plans now in preparation for a possible closure.

Term Two Start Date / Teacher Only Day

Please note that Term Two will begin on Wednesday 26th April. The Ministry of Education has given all schools four teacher only days (across 2023 & 2024) to engage in professional development in relation to the refresh and redesign of the New Zealand Curriculum. The first of these days has to be taken in the first two weeks of Term Two. As there is a public holiday (ANZAC Day) on the first Tuesday of Term Two most schools have chosen to take Monday 24 April as their teacher only day. We are hoping that this will minimise disruption to our families.

Rugby Players Needed

Bombay Rugby Club is looking more players for their under 9 tackle grade (8 years old on Jan 1st 2023, born 2014) They are looking for about 5 more players so they can make two full teams. Training once a week and mostly Saturday mornings with the occasional Friday night game.

Come be a part of this awesome rugby club and community. For registration contact Michelle on registrarbjrjc@gmail.com or for more info feel free to chat to Miss Shore (Room 3) h.shore@pokeno.school.nz

Upcoming Events

13 March - Tech Pokeno 3 (Yr 7's)

14 March - Tech Pokeno 1 (Yr 8's)

16 March - Kiwi & Ruru Whanau Assembly 9.10am

16 March - Karearea Whanau Assembly 2pm

21 March - Tech Pokeno 2 (Yr 7's)

23 March - Tui Whanau Assembly 2pm

28 March - BOT Meeting 7pm

29 March - Year 7/8 trip to WERO Whitewater Park

3 April - Whole School Assembly 2pm

6 April - End of Term 1

24 April - Teacher Only Day

25 April - ANZAC Day

26 April - Term Two Starts

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
523



Leadership Conference

On Friday 3rd of March, our Ambassadors and House Captains attended the GRIP conference at the Due Drop Event Centre in Manukau.

Our student leaders learnt all about leadership, how to show integrity, and thinking about others before yourself. There was a great vibe while interacting with the students in the audience!



GENEROSITY

RESPONSIBILITY

INTEGRITY

PEOPLE



Community News

RISING STARS

Pukekohe Performing Arts Youth Theatre

Term One is underway!

Wednesdays – 5-6pm ages 8-11yrs and 6-7pm ages 12-17yrs

Tutor: Hayley Va'a

Cost: \$150 per child per term (Discount available if more than one child is enrolled in the same term.)

For more info and enrolment form please email: risingstars2120@gmail.com

Artz on Show School Holiday Performing Arts Workshop

This is a fun yet educational week for students aged 5 – 15 years. Students participate in a range of performing arts classes, concluding the week with a performance!

11 - 14 April 2023, 9 am – 4 pm daily
Held at Karaka War Memorial Hall
319 Linwood Road, Karaka

View our website; www.artzonshow.co.nz or contact Hayley on either artz@artzonshow.co.nz or 09 294 7129

ARTZONSHOW

PUKEKOHE PERFORMING ARTS
Production of

MARY POPPINS JR.

14-22 APRIL 2023
HARRINGTON THEATRE, 2 HARRINGTON AVE, PUKEKOHE

BOOKINGS AT
WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM
ENQUIRIES: INFO@PUKEKOHEPERFORMINGARTS.ORG.NZ

A Musical based on the stories of P.L. Travers and the Walt Disney film
Original Music and Lyrics by Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman
Book by Julian Fellowes
New Songs and Additional Music and Lyrics by George Stiles and Anthony Drewe
Co-Created by Cameron Mackintosh

Adapted by Theatrics under the supervision of Timothy Allan McDonald
Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australia)
All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia.

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	569
Rongo-mā-Tāne	516
Tama-nui-te-rā	619
Ikatere	659



Hero

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Student learning stories, progress and goals
School notices
Surveys and Trip Permissions
School calendar
School term dates
Absence notifications
Navigation to other school-related webpages and more!

HOPE DAY



Many of you may know about how bad the weather has been lately, and how many people have lost almost everything. Instead of just sitting around and watching the people suffer, Pokeno School wanted to help.

We started off by planning together and then setting out jobs for our year 7 & 8's and then working together to make decorations.

We offered Juices and Ice blocks for \$2 each, a disco under the roof, a money trail of hearts to fill up with donations, skipping ropes on the court followed by some metal tennis nets.

We asked parents if their children are able to wear something yellow to help support us with what we're doing.

At the end of the day, we are proud to say that we have raised exactly \$2000 and gave it to Puketapu Community!

We thank all of the year 7 & 8's for helping us and to all the whanaus that have helped by supporting and donating.



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