



PUKEHĀMOA SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER



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*Strength through Knowledge
Kaha mā te mātauranga*

Tena koutou katoa nga mihi ki te whānau o te Kura o Pukehāmoama - greetings to all families of Pukehāmoama School.

Term 2 is now underway and we have a busy term planned at school. Thank you to all the teachers for the huge effort they put into planning and facilitating their distance learning programmes. We have had some fabulous learning experiences and opportunities developed throughout the lockdown period. Thank you to all our whanau who have supported their tamariki throughout this time. Your time, effort, and support has been truly outstanding and really appreciated by us all.

As the school regroups in level 2 we have great health and safety plans in place. These plans have already been sent out, if you have any questions about this please feel free to get in touch.



At our recent teacher only day, the teachers planned out the focus areas for the term. Our inquiry focus is on Science where we are investigating our Solar System and links with Matariki.

Bus Messages

If there is a change to your child's bus plans. Please email or ring the office to let us know. Do not rely on your children to pass on messages.

Carpark

The carpark is a very busy place before and after school. There have been a couple of close calls with cars going too fast and children walking across the carpark on their own. Children are not allowed to walk through the carpark unaccompanied. So please park your car and walk over and collect your children from the front step. The speed limit in the carpark is 5kmph. Please adhere to this at all times.

Learning Conferences

This term we are holding three-way learning conferences. The purpose of the learning conference is to further develop our home-school partnerships and encourage children to take responsibility for their learning by understanding what they are learning and why. The children will discuss their areas of strength and next steps in reading, writing and maths as well as Wilson's concepts. The three-way, goal setting, learning conferences are to be held on Wednesday 1st of July from 1-7pm. School will close at 12.30pm on this day to allow us time to meet with all our whanau. To book a learning conference time with the event code: **vmd2e** go to: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Looking forward to an excellent term with valuable learning across the curriculum. Our aim is to raise student achievement and accelerate their learning opportunities so each student can reach their potential.

Tirohia kia mārama

Whāwhānga kia rangona to hā.

*Observe to gain enlightenment,
Participate to feel the essence.*

Hei konā mai,
Pania

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UP-COMING EVENTS

MAY

29th Tech Starts – Yr 7 & 8 (Okawa)

JUNE

1st Queen's Birthday (School closed)

24th BOT Meeting

JULY

1st 3-Way Learning Conferences

3rd End of Term Two

TERM DATES 2020

TERM ONE 3rd Feb—9th April

TERM TWO 28th April—3rd July

TERM THREE 20th July—25th Sept

TERM FOUR 12th Oct—16th Dec

WAITIO CLASS

The Waitio whanau have done an amazing job of home learning. The photos, emails, communication and commitment to learning has not gone unnoticed. So a big THANK YOU to all the whanau for supporting the children over the last 5 weeks. I am so excited to have the children back at school and I'm sure they have loved being back with their friends.

It was wonderful to see the range of learning experiences that the children were involved in. Children have been practising maths, handwriting, reading, writing and also had a little introduction to learning about the solar system. It was great to see children's hands-on experiences as well, such as eeling, baking, making volcanos, making rockets, learning through play, shooting targets, riding horses and playing with siblings.



It has been rewarding to see the children in a different light and have the opportunity to learn more about their strengths and interests. I could see there was so much learning happening from all of these experiences.



It was lovely to see some of the children during the Zoom sessions. It was a great way for them to see each other and to be able to share what they had been doing.



Learning has certainly been very different during this time - This is what Alexia had to say about learning from home and being at school:



Learning from home: "It was fun because when you were hungry you could go to the pantry and eat something. It also felt weird because we weren't at school".

At school: "It was funny because we are used to having lots of children at school. It felt strange playing with your friends 2 metres apart".

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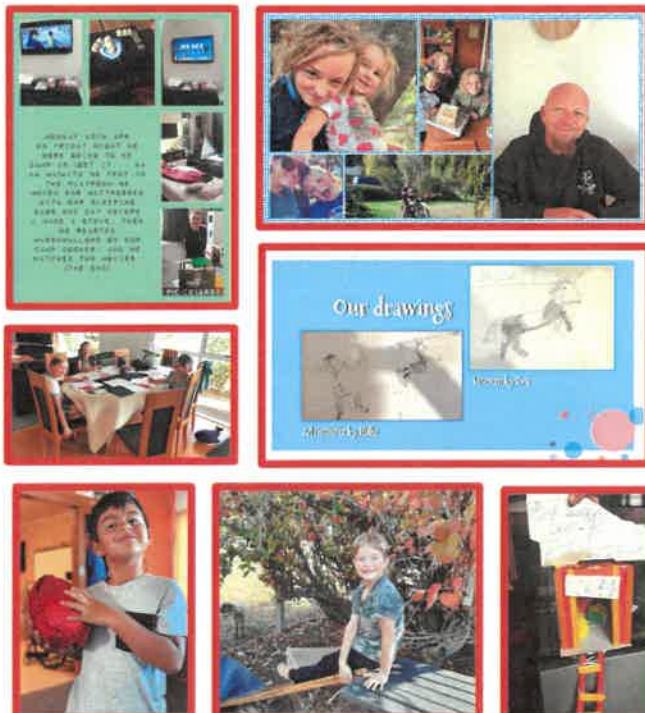
KIWIRUA CLASS

Children are so resilient and it's been obvious during the levels 3 and 4 of our national lockdown. From the moment our Government announced the lockdown our Pukehāmoamo community - students, parents and teachers were ready to adapt to a different way of school life, from home.

We saw an increase of technology for communication and learning, meaningful and spontaneous learning experiences from home, zoom meetings, and lots of talks about bubbles, social distancing and metres.



Our Kiwirua parents stepped into the role of an educator where they provided a range of learning opportunities, whether that be through intentional lessons, spontaneous collecting and finding of items, baking, conversations, ANZAC learning, star gazing, exercise, drawing, treehuts, sleep overs in lounges and tents, education TV etc. All children were exposed to authentic experiences.



Then we moved to level 3. We had a small bubble of students at school. They felt a range of emotions about coming back to school:

"Happy because I got to see my friends."

"Weird because we had to go in the senior room."

"Excited because I haven't seen friends in a long time."



"Being back at school was weird because we didn't know what to do. The next day we knew what to do and what doors to go in. We did skipping, art, maths and made a lockdown diary."



"School at home was kind of fun because we got to do some art. School at school was easier because you could look around for stuff that you needed like glue and books."

"Being at school was like playing but not on the playground and we had to go 2 metres"

Thank you to our parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles and the wider community for all your dedication in your bubbles. I am excited to expand my Kiwirua bubble and have everyone back at school again.

He waka eke noa – we are all in this together



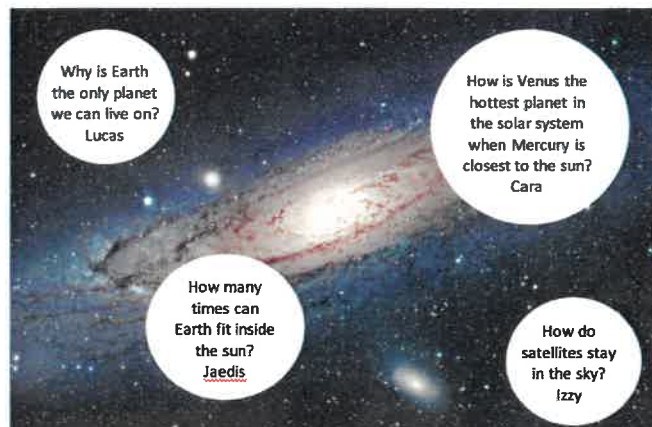
OREKA CLASS

Wow – what an interesting start we have had to Term 2! Orecka Class have been busy at home, getting stuck into their home learning programmes. Let's take a look at some of the exciting projects and learning they have been doing:

Term 2 Inquiry - The Solar System

In Week 3, we shared some of the information that we already know about the Solar System. We also explored some of the questions we have come up with.

Some of our 'wonderings' are:



STEM Challenge: Conveyor Belt

In Week 4 we took on the STEM challenge of making a working conveyor belt with limited tools and supplies and some students had great success!



Image: Grace's conveyor belt

Garden Art

Check out these leaf lion faces! We decorated our lion faces with Autumn leaves.



By Lucas



By Cara



By Daisy

Zoom Meetings

It has been great catching up with each other during the lockdown using Zoom. We've had a couple of hiccups and technological difficulties but it has been a good learning opportunity and such fun to share a bit of our bubble with everyone.



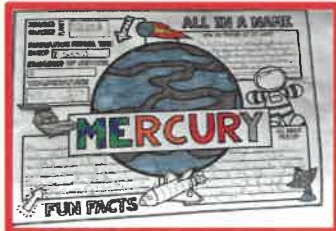
MATAPIRO CLASS

It has been awesome to see the home learning and activities the Matapiro students have been doing in their bubbles.



They have had some great discussions and debates about our inquiry topic, during our Zoom meetings.

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I am so proud of what the Matapiro students and families have achieved over the last 6-7 weeks. It is awesome having you all back in the classroom.

OKAWA CLASS

Wow!!! What an interesting time Okawa has had during 'Lockdown' and in their 'Bubbles'. Mr D had set many different home learning tasks for the students to complete and we had regular class catch-ups via ZOOM during this time.



All I can say is that I have never been more proud of Okawa for the way they worked with their whanau, the work they produced and the positive attitudes is a testament to themselves and their whanau. I would also like to thank all the parents, grandparents, other family members and friends for your support with their learning.

The range of learning that happened at home has been AMAZING... it ranges from - writing, maths, reading, learning about ANZACs, writing books, writing poems, art, chain sawing, cooking dinner and baking. Learning about the Solar System, fitness, coding, fishing, clay bird shooting, fixing motorbikes, gaming, horse riding and the list goes on...

Check out some of the work I was able to capture during this time!



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOT

Dear all,

Firstly, I would like to congratulate and thank Pania and all of our staff for the amazing job they have done during this very challenging time. COVID-19 combined with the current drought are putting us all through times that we have never seen before. The major effect these are having on our lives cannot be underestimated. Please ensure you continue to support each other and ask for help if needed. We have a great community here in RD9.

The effect of COVID-19 on the learning environment was major, and although it resulted in trying circumstances, everyone seemed to respond well to the new normal during lockdown of technology based distance learning. The kids looked like they really enjoyed the Zoom sessions and I saw and heard of many great stories about class time during lockdown.



The BOT was able to meet via Google Meets on 13th May which was very effective. We would like to reinforce the need to read all of school announcements regarding COVID-19 and follow the Ministry public health guidance and ask questions when anything is unclear.

We are all patiently awaiting the start of organised sports and other activities this term. I'm sure you are all being creative about keeping kids active and engaged in things whilst being at home.

Look after yourselves and those around you. Keep washing those hands!

Regards,

-Richard Hoggard (BOT Property/Health & Safety)

NOTICES

- **PUKEHĀMOAMOA PLAYGROUP**
Every Friday 9.00am – 11.00am
(During school term)
At Pukehāmoamo School
Enjoy a cuppa and a chat, whilst the children play in the school environment.
 - Fun fully funded outings
 - Fun for under 5's
 - Great for pre-schoolers to get use to the school environment, making an easy transition to school life
 - Meet new people

For more info please call

Briar 027 378 1160



- **FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE – WE NEED YOU!**
We are looking for dynamic, motivated parents to continue the fundraising effort which pays for our children to have up-to-date technology in the classrooms, extra sports equipment and books, and goes towards school upgrades such as the playground.

We can't do this without help from parents.
WE NEED YOU!

This group will continue the running of successful events held in the past, such as quiz night, as well as looking for opportunities and ideas for new fundraising.

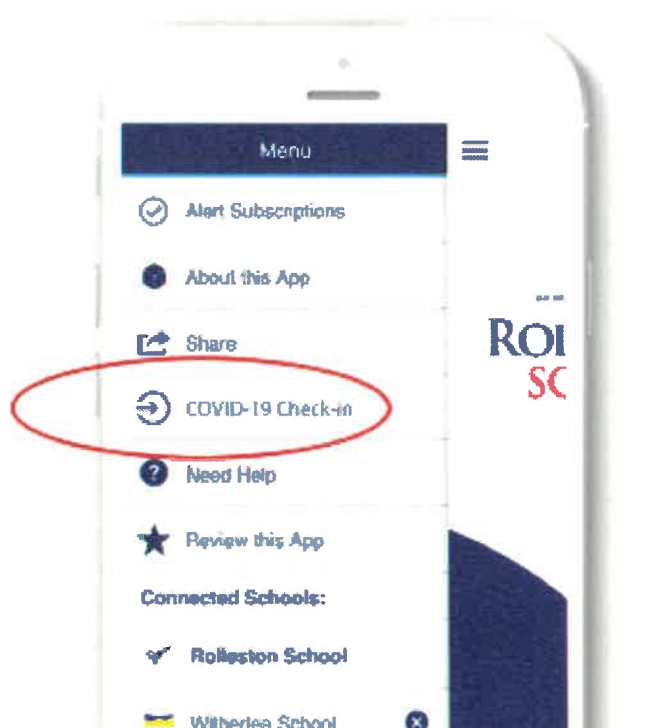
Please contact Anna Apatu
(anna.apatu@gmail.com or 027 66 66 517)
if you would like to be part of the 2020 / 2021 fundraising committee.

- **PINECONES FOR SALE**
Anita and Lucas have pinecones for sale!
\$5/bag. We can deliver.
Ph: 027 411 4118

Pukehamoamo School

Our School App has a new COVID-19 Check-in module

"Available on App version 2.4.0 or greater"



Parents, caregivers and visitors can use the App to:

- 1) Check in to the School on arrival by registering your details.*
- 2) Show staff confirmation screen if requested.*
- 3) Check out when leaving the premises.*

To download the App simply scan the QR code or go to the App Store on your Apple or Android device and Search '**SchoolAppsNZ**'.

Then search 'Your School Name' to find your school's app.

