



Term 3, Week 7: 6 September 2017

Learn to Strive. Strive to Learn

PRINCIPAL'S HEADLINES

I was privileged to spend time with our present Year Six students and some caring parents at our annual Ski Camp. It was an action packed time with an awesome group who were prepared to persevere with skiing for two full days despite experiencing inclement weather the second day. First and last school on the mountain both days! Observing their progress was certainly well worth the efforts made to organise. A special thanks to the parents who accompanied us, drove the children to and from camp, drove up and down the mountain daily and prepared all meals and cleaned the lodge on the last day! Mrs Fonokalafi and I know that some real life skills were learnt and practised by all students during this time.

These life skills and values are also reinforced as we all prepare for Pet Day. Those who have fed and worked with animals daily; worked on their space gardens and created beautiful pieces of art in their classrooms, as well as the extra creative activities on the Friday before Pet Day know how to persevere.

Please support the PTA as they prepare for this special day, by contributing where and when you can. This is our major fundraiser for the year and we are competing with many Franklin schools this year, as we all share the 30 September because of the election the week before.

Merillees Nicholls, Principal



Congratulations to Summer Milsom who received the Lion Award and George Rutherford who received the Giraffe Award at our last Whole School Assembly.



Well done also to Green House who won the House Soccer Trophy and Joan Grey who received the chess trophy.

Learning Pathways will be coming home at the end of this week and **Learning Forums will take place on Thursday 14 September. School will close at 12.00** and you are invited to come and visit your child's classroom teacher with your child to share some aspects of their learning.

The teachers are looking forward to seeing you there so that your child/ren can share their progress at school and demonstrate a growing understanding of their development as independent learners.

Student-led conferences are designed to achieve one or more of the following goals:

- to encourage students to accept personal responsibility for their academic performance;
- to teach students the process of self-evaluation;
- to facilitate the development of students' organisational and oral communication skills and to increase their self-confidence;
- to encourage students, parents, and teachers to engage in open and honest dialogue.

You are welcome to make another **appointment** to discuss any further issues with your child's learning, if this is not long enough.

Final written reports will be completed next term. These reports will indicate where your child is in relation to **National Standards** in writing, reading and mathematics.



The cross country team who represented Pukekohe East School at Central Zone. Results:

Year 5 & Below Girls: Jessica Loxton 1st, Sophie Fayers 2nd, Sophie Bowes 3rd, Anna Spackman 4th

Year 6 Girls: Millee Loxton 1st, Rylee Schlaepfer 8th

Year 5 & Below Boys: Thomas Evans 13th

Year 6 Boys: Kapish Kumar 7th, Kian Newman 16th

With the qualifying Year 6 students being away at ski camp, five Year 5 & Below students went on to compete at Franklin Zone Cross Country: Jessica Loxton 2nd, Anna Spackman 7th, Sophie Fayers 15th, Sophie Bowes 16th and Thomas Evans 37th. The four girls were in the Central Zone team that won their section at Franklin Zone. Outstanding result!

Farmlands are running a "Pet Day Selfie" competition. All entries go into the draw for a prize for the school. (Not specified at this stage). All you need to do is take a selfie/snapshot of you and your Pet Day pet and email to Tessa.Dooley@Farmlands.co.nz. Please say you're from Pukekohe East School. Please note that selected selfies will be displayed in the Farmlands Pukekohe store on their Pet Day selfie wall.

PET DAY COUNTDOWN



A big thank you to Jason Fayers from Franklin Vets and Gemma Hartstone for giving up their time to come into the school to talk to and inform the children about how to care for their animals leading up to Pet Day. Thank you to Franklin Vets for vaccinating the lambs and goats for free.

Can we please have class donations for the hampers in by this **Friday, 8 September** as we will start making the hampers over the next few weeks.

There are a large number of unsold raffle tickets still outstanding. Please return as soon as possible. More tickets are available from the office. Remember, there is a prize for the family that sells the most tickets.

REMINDER: All chicken and project journals must be handed in **NEXT FRIDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER**. NB: This applies to journals only. Make sure your journal is clearly named. Your actual project is to be handed in on the last day of term 3. Please clean and return all cups and trophies awarded at last year's Pet Day.

If you are entering a calf, goat or lamb please come to the office for your free Animal Health Tonic sample - which promises to help your animal gain weight and have a shiny coat! The Pet Day roster will be sent by google docs this year instead of being displayed in the school hall. The PTA will send this out soon to all families.

Bus Society Quiz Night tickets on sale

Quiz whizzes are invited to test their knowledge at the Pukekohe East School Bus Society's biggest event of the year, the annual Quiz Night. Tickets to the event, taking place on Saturday October 28, are on sale now at the school office. Tickets are \$20 and there are teams of ten, so create your own team or sign up to a mixer table. For an extra \$10 the bus will pick you up and drop you off along the school route.

Supper will be provided and there will be a cash bar, raffles, auctions and a DJ. Bus Society Chairman Niko Kloeten says the event is a fun night out that doubles as a major fundraiser.

"Pukekohe East Primary School is unique in owning our school bus. This is a great asset but it is 100% community funded, so events like Quiz Night are important for raising the money we need to keep the service going. As a former student of the school, I am proud to see this tradition kept alive by our dedicated Bus Society team."

Event details

When: Saturday October 28, 7pm-late (DJ from 9:30pm)

Where: Pukekohe East Community Hall

Tickets: \$20, available from school office

Bus pick-up: \$10 on school route

NZ MODERN SCHOOL OF MUSIC RESULTS

Congratulations to the following NZ Modern School of Music students for passing their recent practical music exams with excellent results!

Jack Steger Hood Piano Preparatory Honours

Hayley Searle Keyboard Preparatory Honours

Sophie Fayers Keyboard Preparatory Meritcont'd

Dates to Remember!

TERM 3			
Dates	Times	Events	Check
11 Sept	5.45pm	BOT Meeting	
13 Sept	9.15-10.30am	Open Morning - TERM 4 NEW ENTRANTS ONLY	
14 Sept	12.00-1-7pm	School closes early Learning Forums - Book online	Bus time
15 Sept		Hand in Chicken and Project journals	
20 & 21 Sept		Franklin Choir Performance	
22 Sept	2.15pm	Whole School Assembly	Oaks
29 Sept		Pet Day preparation and classroom activities. End of Term 3	
30 Sept		Pet Day	
16 Oct		Start Term 4	
15 Dec		End Term 4	
30 Jan 18		School starts 2018	

Milly Reeves Keyboard Preparatory Merit

Ruby Lukic Keyboard Preliminary Honours

Samantha Cox Keyboard Preliminary Merit

Finn McDrury Keyboard Preliminary Merit

Annabelle Stevens Initial Keyboard Distinction

Lachlan Colbert Initial Keyboard Honours

Amelia Wallace Initial Keyboard Honours

NICOLE BAKER, *Manager, New Zealand Modern School of Music*



Sincere thanks to the BNZ staff who spent the day volunteering to complete tasks around the school. They worked extremely hard on our adventure playground, resurrecting the long jump pit, school gardens and tracks in the native reserve. This team made a difference to our school!



Pohutukawa students learning first aid from St. Johns Ambulance staff.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Pukekohe East Tennis Club Muster

Pukekohe East Tennis Club registration for new and existing members for the upcoming season:

When: Saturday, 23 September 9.30am – 11am

Where: Puke East Hall (cnr Runciman and Pukekohe East Rds)

New players please bring a racquet. All abilities welcome.

Calf Club Judges Training Day

Sat 9th September at the A & P Grounds, Pukekohe from 10am

-12.00pm. Any aspiring judges, children and their calves are welcome to attend. It is worth attending particularly for any younger children/parents who are entering calves for the first time. There will also be a leading course set up to practise with some valuable input from judges that will be there on leading, rearing and type. Gill Jamieson for Franklin Calf Judges Assn