



Term 1, Week 2: 7 February 2018

Learn to Strive. Strive to Learn

PRINCIPAL'S HEADLINES

It was exciting to see the school buzzing again when children and parents arrived last Tuesday. The Board and Staff do hope that you all had a wonderful summer holiday. A special welcome to new families to Pukekohe East.

Lakewood Lodge Camp was a success with our Year 3 – 5 students trying a variety of outdoor activities: archery, kayaking, climbing wall, riding horses, zip line, orienteering and other problem solving challenges. When I visited I saw happy children giving everything a go! Many thanks to Diane Harris who organised the camp and Allannah Maples and Stephanie Elsley who assisted. The children wouldn't have had the experience if parents weren't available, so a special thanks to those who attended.



School routines are important to ensure children feel secure and safe. In order for a child's expected progress in learning and social skills, routines must be present in the home. To ensure teachers receive maximum input from all children, could you help to ensure children have regular sleep patterns and nutritious food in their lunch boxes. I have been impressed with the small containers being used by some of the students. If all students could bring their food in containers, we could cut down on gladwrap and packets blowing everywhere in our beautiful courtyard. Water bottles are also essential.

We will have a **Parent Information Evening** on **Tuesday 13 February 7pm**. Meet in the hall first and then you will go to your children's classrooms to meet teachers. This is not a meeting to discuss your child, but a general meet and greet.

We have a **Phone app** to help you have instant contact with the school when reporting absences or wanting access to the school calendar and newsletter. It will also enable urgent messages to be sent out to you via push notifications, so if a school event is cancelled we can send you a message. There is also a new feature where you can give permission for school trips by filling in the form on the screen. Local businesses have provided the funding for this app and that is why you will see an advertisement scrolling across the bottom of the screen. It has been renamed as Skool Loop.

You may have noticed...

The Parent Teacher Calendar App
Is now... **The Skool Loop App**

The same fantastic app with a smart new look

✓ Remember to check your App/Play store regularly for updates.



To ensure your family knows what is going on in the school and events for each term **please use the school's website: www.peps.school.nz**. You will find a **calendar of events** which does sometimes change so you need to keep checking it, plus the facility to sign up to have the newsletter emailed directly to you every fortnight. The **newsletter** and past copies are always available on the website. Check the front page for any new **notices**.

The Board have ensured that more improvements have been made to the school during the holiday break. Rimu and Kauri have new paving stones outside. These rooms have also had some interior painting. Carpets, buildings and windows were also cleaned. Landscaping and planting of more natives alongside our new driveway has enhanced our environment. The extra bark was dispersed in other places around the school by Board members and other parents. Hooks have been removed off the trolleys and put outside the classrooms. This will enable new safety matting to be laid along the decks.

We are all looking forward to a successful year!

Merillees Nicholls, Principal

SCHOOL COMMUNITY PICNIC

Friday, 23 February 5.30 – 7.30pm

Bring your own picnic
and dress in house colours.

Featuring 'Pull the Bus' - House Competition.
Cancelled if wet.





SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS Buckland School Swimming Pool Monday, 19 February

To participate, it is imperative your child can confidently swim the entire 25m distance without stopping. The minimum age is 7 years old. A letter with all the details and permission slip will be sent home shortly.



PUKEKOHE EAST BUS SOCIETY 2018 MEETINGS

Meeting dates for 2018 are as follows:

- Monday 12 February – 8.00pm
- Monday 30 April – **AGM** – 7.00pm
- Monday 23 July – 7.00pm
- Monday 15 October – 7.00pm

All meetings will be held in the Pukekohe East School hall.

NZ MODERN SCHOOL OF MUSIC



Interested in in-school music lessons for your child? New Zealand Modern School of Music offers quality keyboard/piano lessons, \$17.50 per 20 min lesson. Creative learning with fantastic opportunities including our popular music competitions and theory and practical exams. For booking and enrolment form contact Piano/Keyboard Teacher Nicole Baker. Mobile 0210345716 or email nicolebakermusic@outlook.com. Lessons commence 13 February.

GUITAR TUITION



Guitar tutor, Renton Brown, will be working at school again this year. Information brochures (including enrolment/permission slips and payment information) are available from the school office. Please note – tuition is available for students in Years 4, 5 and 6 who are aged eight years or older. Students continuing from last year need to re-enrol. Limited spaces are available.

Dates to Remember!

TERM 1			
Dates	Times	Events	Check
12 Feb	5.45pm	BOT Meeting	
12 Feb	8.00pm	Bus Society Meeting	
13 Feb	7-8pm	Parent Information Evening	
19 Feb	9.30am	School Swimming Sports at Buckland School Pool	Age 7 & up
22 Feb		BIG DAY OUT - years 1 & 2	
23 Feb	5.30pm on	School Community Picnic Evening	
2 March	2.15pm	Whole School Assembly - Kauri	
7 Mar		TEACHER ONLY DAY - School Closed	
13 Mar	7.00pm	PTA Meeting	
15 Mar		Franklin Primary Schools Triathlon	
16 Mar		PTA Fun Food Friday - NO MUFTI	
20 Mar		Franklin Ripa Rugby	
27 Mar	12.30pm 1.30-7.30	SCHOOL CLOSURES EARLY Learning Forums	Bus times
30 Mar		Good Friday	
2 April		Easter Monday	
3 April		School Closed	
6 April		Photolife visit - school photos	
13 April	2.15pm	Last Day of Term 1 Whole School Assembly - Rimu	
30 April		Start of Term 2	
6 July		Last Day of Term 2	

PUKEKOHE EAST NETBALL TRIALS

Sunday 25th February
at Pukekohe Netball Centre
Registrations 4.30pm - Trials 5-8pm
\$20 non-refundable deposit payable on trial day
Registration forms can be downloaded at
pukekoheeastnetball.wordpress.com
Enquiries ph Janice McNeil 021 987 022

NB: Year 3 and 4 players do not need to trial, only register to play. Forms for those interested will be available from the school office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

THE FLASH BANG SCIENCE CLUB – AFTER-SCHOOL CLASSES ARE BACK!!! (7yrs-12yrs). Open for bookings now and filling fast! Inspire your curious kids with practical, hands on experiments in a fun creative environment. TERM 1 class is in PUKEKOHE on Mondays 4.30-6pm starting in 2 weeks so still time to book. For more information and bookings please check out www.flashbangscienceclub.co.nz or email: admin@flashbangscienceclub.co.nz.

Young at Art will be running our children's art classes 'Art Adventures', 'Crafty Cats', 'Dynamic Drawing' and Clay classes in Pukekohe and Pokeno this term. For more information or to book please check out: <http://www.youngatart.co.nz/after-school/>, email: admin@youngatart.co.nz or phone: 0297 712 923