



Newsletter

Wisdom begins with Wonder



Week 8 Term 4 2024

Thursday 5 December

Principal Korero

Not many sleeps until the end of the year (and to Christmas), and I'm hopeful we can get the pool up and running before the end of the year, especially with the sweltering days we've been having. The team from CHB Water Deliveries filled the pool on Monday so now it's just a matter of getting it chemically up to speed and tested!! It certainly looks inviting...we're fortunate to still have a school pool, and while it's a huge cost to maintain for a small school like ours, we believe it's important!

I would like to send a big shout out to Rachel Astill and our PWF (Pukehou Whānau and Friends) for the recently completed Garden Tour. It was a huge success with some amazing gardens on show, and the feedback received was wonderfully positive. I would also like to thank our staff team for the time they gave to make the day a success. At this time of the year when reports are being prepared, teachers are extremely busy. To give up so much of their time, just illustrates their commitment to school and our tamariki.

Reporting is always rewarding. It's only when you reflect on a learner's year of work that you fully appreciate just how much growth and progress they have made. Likewise, we have been turning our thoughts to the end of year celebration. There are always robust discussions between the teaching team when deciding on certificates and awards! It's hard. Some children will miss out and be disappointed as we can't recognise everyone at our Prizegiving with a cup or trophy. As parents, it's important to have those conversations prior. Remind them to focus on the successes they've had this year and to celebrate those that do receive certificates or awards. You could even hold your own celebration at home for your children, with a special presentation - including speeches - highlighting how proud you are of all that they have done this year.

Cricket

Yesterday, I took a small team of cricketers to the Elsthorpe Invitational Tournament. The day was played in pretty warm conditions, and as can be seen by the photos, the outfield was pretty slow!! I was impressed with how much our team improved as the day wore on. I felt quite nostalgic too. Growing up, we all played cricket. There were always competitive games at school or in the backyard...I would spend many an hour bowling at a makeshift wicket. In hindsight, my neighbours were extremely patient and forgiving with the constant thud of a cricket ball into the corrugated iron fence (and into the glasshouse on one occasion!!). Times have changed, so it was great to see our students out there giving it a go, and there was some untapped talent on show too!!



Staff Member Profile

Mr Rob Pratt



Accurate likeness,
thanks to George W!

"I like the way Mr. Pratt is funny and playful. Mr. Pratt is bald and plays soccer. He is fit and amazing and always wears glasses and hats."

"He likes to come and join the games we play in our breaks."

"I like the way he talks to me and helps me."

"Mr. Pratt makes me laugh so hard. He is bald!"

I am married to Angie who is a secondary school science teacher, and we have three grown children who we are extremely proud of, Lachlan, Cameron, and Alanah. For a very short time we were empty nesters, but are now blessed to have Cam and his wife Aliesha living with us along with our grandson Hugo to keep us on our toes!! And Alanah will soon be home too, taking a break from teaching to travel overseas.

Teaching was something I came to later in life! After a stint as an Avionics Technician in the Air Force, I joined the Police. The majority of my time was spent as the Youth Aid Officer for CHB, based in Waipukurau. It was through my involvement with Blue Light and EPIC that teaching came calling! Being a 'mature' student had its challenges and I'm hugely thankful for the support I received from my family.

I've never looked back. Teaching is by far and away the hardest 'job' I've had but is by far and away the most rewarding too! I feel privileged to be able to input into the lives and learning of our tamariki. There is never a dull moment. It keeps you young. I love small rural schools. I get to know each and every child well, and get to see them thrive and grow over the years.

I am an active relaxer. The gym is my happy place and I love hitting the trails at Te Mata Peak or getting outdoors. Having played rugby and touch football all my life, I now play the beautiful game (football - soccer) for Havelock North chasing a ball around whenever I get the chance. This philosophy has carried over into my teaching practice too. I love giving our students the opportunity to explore the outdoors too.

I am a creature of habit. Early to bed and early to rise with a flat white to kick start each morning is one, and Sushi Saturdays another.

House Points:	PUKEITI	PUKENUI	KAUHEHEI	KAHURANAKI
Week 7 - 8	7,410	5,975	7,715	8,750
End of Term totals:	31,550	24,495	32,545	29,535



Congratulations to the Rackets Team for winning their grade in the singles and doubles tennis!

2025
G22.1 School Packs

Order your
stationery online for 2025

Please see the attached flyer and keep it in a safe place until you have ordered!

IMPORTANT DATES:

(Check updates on the HERO Calendar)

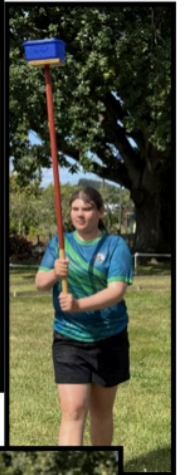
DECEMBER

Mon 9	Board of Trustees Meeting @ 6 pm
Tues 17	Final Assembly / Prize Giving @ 6 pm BBQ from 5 pm
Wed 18	End of Term (half day)
Sun 22	Carols at Pukehou Church

2025 start date - Monday 3 February

Top Schools

A fun water based afternoon, organised by Waipawa School, tested these keen participants with their teamwork, communication and skill as they navigated obstacles to fill as many buckets with water from their leaky ice cream containers in the 5 different events while competing against a team from another CHB school.



ALWAYS WEAR A LIFEJACKET

KEEPING YOUR WHANAU SAFE ON THE WATER



Most accidents occur suddenly with no warning. There may be no time to grab a lifejacket unless it is close at hand, and it is extremely difficult, if not impossible, to put on a lifejacket once you are in the water.

As a skipper of a boat, you must carry a correctly sized lifejacket for each person on board. This is a **legal requirement** that applies to all boats, including tenders and larger craft.

When choosing a lifejacket, consider:

- the type of recreational activities you do on water
- the distance you plan to travel away from shore
- the weather and sea conditions you will encounter
- the local bylaws that may apply to your region
- the sizes available for children



What's
on
top?

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WHAT'S ON

Maths at Home

After a successful first session, the next Maths at Home workshop run by Sam Kordan will take place at Te Huinga Wai (Waipukurau Library) from 5-6pm on 5th December. These are aimed at whānau of children aged 5-9. Please share with your communities.

Kiwi Kids in the Kitchen by ANNA MARIE EATS



WE MAKE FUN AND
DELICIOUS
FOODIE VIDEOS JUST
FOR KIWI KIDS!



WE LOVE TO COOK!



Taikura Rudolf Steiner School

ENROLMENTS OPEN
FOR HIGH SCHOOL

Year 9 - Year 12
2025

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OUR FEATURES

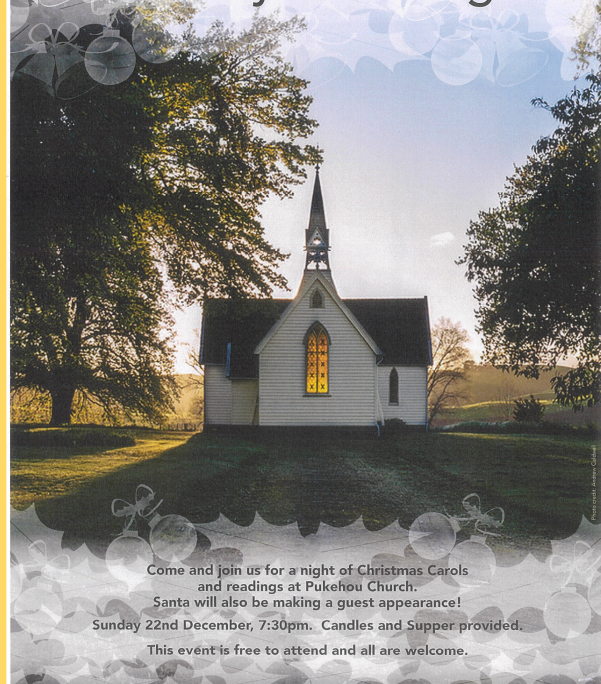
- Smaller class sizes
- Broad Steiner Waldorf curriculum
- Alternate curriculum to NCEA
- Warm and considered learning spaces
- Bus services from Waipawa & Napier

MORE INFORMATION

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Pukehou Church Carols by Candlelight



Come and join us for a night of Christmas Carols
and readings at Pukehou Church.

Santa will also be making a guest appearance!

Sunday 22nd December, 7:30pm. Candles and Supper provided.

This event is free to attend and all are welcome.

Pukehou School 2024 Celebration

You are warmly invited to our
2024 Celebration and Prizegiving on

Tuesday 17th December @ 6pm

Pukehou School Hall

(Children will need to be at school by 5.45pm)

Sausage Sizzle available from 5pm onwards.



The Pukehou School Board are again hosting a Sausage Sizzle in thanks for all that you have done this year. This is a great opportunity to come together as a school community to mingle, chat, and reflect. We hope to see you there.

Otane School Christmas at the kura

6TH DECEMBER 2024
5PM - 8PM
AT OTANE SCHOOL

Come and join us for a night of fun.

There will be food trucks,
entertainment, kids cake decorating
competition, raffles, a shoot-a-thon
comp as well as a visit from Santa

There are some great prizes to be
won!
Bring a picnic blanket or a chair and
enjoy the atmosphere

