



• 3rd August 2017 • TERM 3 • WEEK 2 •

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou, Greetings to you all

It is great to be back at school and seeing the children getting back into their learning. Term 3 is another busy but fun term for the school and we are very excited about the numerous events taking place in the coming weeks. We have our school cross country event at Flay's berry farm to look forward to, as well as our Move-a-Thon event, Interschool fixtures, Senior School speeches and visiting performance groups. This is certainly going to be a term to remember.

Our new cafe is up and running and will be open on Tuesday and Thursday mornings between 8.30am-9.00am. In return for a cracking cup of coffee, we ask for a koha. If you would like to bring a reusable cup it would be greatly appreciated.

Our Move-A Thon event which takes place on Friday 25th August is an opportunity for your child to raise funds for the school whilst also having the chance to win some amazing prizes. The children will move around a set course and will ask parents, whanau and friends to sponsor them to move continuously for the for 10 minutes-15 minutes. This is linked to our inquiry concept of Hauora/Well-Being. If your child raises \$10 or more their name will be put into a bucket and will enter the draw to win some amazing spot prizes. Prizes include; vouchers, scooters, clothes, games, electronics, books and much much more. All money raised will go towards swimming lessons for all children.

Staff News

It is with great sadness that we have received Charysse Vedder's resignation from her position as caretaker at Pekerau School. Charysse has given many years of incredibly dedicated service to the school and we appreciate all that she has done for the school in that time. We will farewell Charysse at Assembly on 11th August at 9am. We would like to invite all community members to this special assembly and to the morning tea that will follow.

Nga mihi nui,

Gavin Clark

Principal

Silver Kiwi Recipients

Well done to Jamie Hansen our Pekerau Silver Kiwi recipient last week. Jamie is always willing to help our school in whatever way possible and shows great wairua. He recently donated a coffee machine to the school which has led to us opening up a school cafe which aids our fundraising project.

Kei te pai, Jamie.

A huge congratulations to all of our certificate winners.



Bus Notice

Please note that the deadline for purchasing bus tags for term 3 is Friday 4th August, please contact the office if you need to purchase a bus tag for your child.

Parents as Partners Meeting

We are having a parents as partners meeting on Tuesday evening from 5.30pm in the staffroom to discuss the fundraising initiatives

Hangi

I would like to send out a huge thank you to all parents/whanau and community members who helped with the hangi at the end of last term. It was a huge success, and it couldn't have happened without your hard work and generosity. A special thank you to Bin Inn and Direct from the Market for your very kind donations, as well as Kihikihi School for lending their baskets. Thank you to Brian Stockman for your hard work, time and generous donations as well as Quentin Wallace Jamie Hansen and Luke Mullins for your huge efforts. It was fantastic to see our community working together for such a great cause. Kia ora whanau.



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Learning in the Junior School

This term we have started our training for cross country. So far we have managed to get out running every day before lunch and we are seeing children pacing themselves, setting goals, having positive attitudes and best of all... smiling!



With this daily fitness, remember to pack a drink bottle and loads of healthy snacks to help fuel your child's tank.



This term we have Claire from Team Energize visiting our classes to talk to us about why we need lunch and how a healthy lunch gives fuel for the different parts of our body to do their job.

HEALTHY HOME BAKING

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With a few healthy changes muffins, scones, loaves and muesli bars can be made at home for a healthy, fresh and cheap snack. Also, great for the lunchbox!

Home baking = less packaging... a bonus for the environment

Developed by Sport Waikato 2017

Key Dates for Term 3

August 14-18- NZ Maths week

August 25th- Move-A-Thon

September 1st- Cross Country at Flay's Berry farm

September 7th- Senior school speeches

September 15th- Interschool Cross Country

September 21st- Interschool speech finals

Rooms 13 and 14 made playdough. We had a recipe to follow and we had to check that we were adding the right ingredients. We all had a turn at adding and mixing ingredients until we had created the perfect playdough!

Here is our recipe if you would like to try it home:

- 2 cups plain flour (all purpose)
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup salt
- 2 tablespoons cream of tartar
- Up to 1.5 cups boiling water (adding in increments until it feels just right)
- food colouring (optional)
- Mix the flour, salt, cream of tartar and oil in a large mixing bowl
- Add food colouring TO the boiling water then into the dry ingredients
- Stir continuously until it becomes a sticky, combined dough
- Allow it to cool down then take it out of the bowl and knead it vigorously for a couple of minutes until all of the stickiness has gone. * This is the most important part of the process, so keep at it until it's the perfect consistency!*
- (If it remains a little sticky then add a touch more flour until just right)

We had loads of fun!!!!!!



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Learning in the Middle School

The Middle School have started the term with a bang! We have had sessions with Youthtown and here is some great writing about this.



Today we went to outside and went to try out youthtown, their names were Pip and Jo. My favourite game was Pipes because I loved it when my team nearly got to the end. Then our next favourite game was Tangle. We all had to cross our arms in the middle of the group and grab a person's hand. It was awesome. Then our next game was Mountains and Valleys. We got in two lines and faced each other and took two big steps back and crouched down and then Pip said "Go". Everyone was rushing to flip the cones upside down and the right way over. Then Pip said "Stop". Everyone stopped and Jo counted the upside down cones and the right way over cones. The mountains won the first game. It was spectacular. Kawepo Mullins

we tramped outside in the cold weather. There were two girls called Pip and Jo. They came from an interesting town called Youth town. we played with pipes and one ball it went crash bang down the pipes. we were all most there..... The games were incredible and exotic I could not even explain it it was just so incredible..... I loved it was so exotic. Everyone was yelling and Jo said no stop... go run around the goal post two times we did a lot of incredible games it was so exotic.

BY Mikayla van der Heyden

Recently the middle school has been lucky enough to have Pip and Jo from Youthtown to help us with our team building skills. We learnt team building games and activities. Tangle was my favourite game....

Tangle, one of the hardest games I've ever heard of, you need skill and strategy for. You get into a tight circle of 5 -20 people and cross your arms then everyone grabs a hand. When all the hands are gone, you try to untangle! At first the team struggled but in the end we all accomplished our goal.

All in all the block was very joyful. I hope we do it again. Yasmine Wilcox

Check out our Awesome Alliteration

Zeplin the zombie zigzagged while zipping and zooming through the Zoo With zack.

By Zeplin Hanley

Ryan raced 100 rollerskaters roughly around a roundabout with rabbits in Rarotonga. By Ryan Whale

Shayden splashed spaghetti sauce on his shiny shirt while sister sally saved a seal from sitting on slippery soap! Shayden Williams



MAD COW DRUMS - Drum Tuition

Mad Cow Drums are pleased to make the following offering to students of Pekerau School who want to learn to play drums in 2017!

Drum lessons will be on Tuesday and Thursday at 3.00pm.

The cost per student is \$11.75 + GST/week. The lesson dates will run in conjunction with the school term.

Please feel free contact Glenn on 021 2020269 to confirm a spot and get more details.

We will be offering a drum kit hire service. If this is of interest please do email us at madcowdrums@ihug.co.nz.

Please note there is no requirement for a drum kit to begin these lessons!

If a student misses a lesson there will be no refunds on that lesson as the fee covers his or her placement for the term.

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Learning in the Senior School

Last week the senior students completed a bubbling explosion science experiment. The purpose of this experiment was to provide a language experience activity that supported our writing. We made predictions, recorded our observations and wrote an explanation about the science that was happening. Once the science was over we then had the opportunity to write about our experience. Students planned their ideas using graphic organizers and many in-depth discussions about what took place occurred. This was an exciting experience. Following are some photos and examples of the work that was completed. **By Tyresse Hina and Chance Matangi.**



The Exploding Classroom

2 day ago I was extremely nervous because we did a scary science project. I was scared because I thought it was going to explode, and because Mr McAuley had told me that last year he blew up his old class at his last school.

My hands were shaking when I put the film canister filled with water into the clip lock bag. I didn't want it to explode with my hand in the bag. We had to get baking powder and damp rid into the bag. I grabbed a teaspoon and filled up the bag.

I was shaking. I did not know what was going to happen. It was time to shake the bag. The chemicals inside started fizzing up and I thought the bag was going to pop in my hands. The bag felt hot and was burning my hand. I liked this experiment because the bubbles made me laugh and I was excited to a small explosion.

By D'sian Clerke Year 5 Room 3



Bubbly Fizzy Explosion

"And the class was covered in GLOOP" Mr McAuley finished saying, as he pulled baking soda, damp rid, film canisters, food colouring and clip lock bags out of a box. This was because we were doing a science experiment today. "This is so we can write a recount", Mr McAuley explained.

When we got into groups, we had to get what we needed for the experiment. We had a speedy vote over who was going to get the clip lock bag, and Sonia won. After that, I sprinted and dodged around people to get the small, clear, film canister. As I slowly walked back to Whetu and Sonia, I was huffing and puffing.

"People who are grabbing the baking soda, you will come up here with your clip lock bag and put two, small, level teaspoons of baking soda in the clip lock bag. You shall do the same with the damp rid". As Whetu trotted up to get the baking soda, Sonia and I were chatting. "Sonia, go and get the damp rid", Whetu said.

We all went to fill the film canister with water. Whetu and I put a thousand drops of food colouring in the water that turned the water pure gold. Slowly, carefully, I thought to myself nervously, as Sonia carefully lowered the film canister into the clip lock bag.

The whole class walked carefully outside, holding the clip lock bag and the film canister. "3, 2, 1, SHAKE!" Mr McAuley cried. As we shook the clip lock bag, everything inside it turned pure gold, fluffed and then fizzed up. I was excited about the experiment.

By: Danica Reweti Room 3 Year 6

BUBBLE TROUBLE

IT WAS JUST A REGULAR WEDNESDAY MORNING UNTIL MR MCAULEY BEGAN HAUNTING THE CLASS WITH A STORY OF WHAT HAPPENED SO MANY YEARS AGO, IN HIS OLD CLASS. HE TOLD US TO GET INTO GROUPS, THEN THE CLASS PREPARED FOR A RISKY SCIENCE EXPERIMENT. HE SAID THAT HE BLEW A ROOM UP WITH JUST A SINGLE SCIENCE EXPERIMENT. I THOUGHT TO MYSELF I NEED TO START MANNING UP AND THINKING OF THE POSITIVES.

THE CLASS TRIPPED OVER EACH OTHER TO GET THE INGREDIENTS IN BEFORE OTHERS GROUPS. FIRST TYREESE AND JOSHUA GASSED IT OVER TO THE BAKING SODA AND DAMPRID BAGS AND THEY POURED A FEW TEASPOONS INTO A EMPTY CLIP LOCK BAG. I HAD THE JOB OF FILLING UP THE FILM CANISTER WITH WATER AND FOOD COLORING, BUT WHEN IT COMES TO CAREFULLY PLACING ITEMS INTO A ZIPLOCK BAG I DON'T FEEL CONFIDENT IN MYSELF. THANKFULLY MR MCAULEY CAME AND DID IT FOR US.

AS THE CLASS LEFT OUTSIDE I FELT LIKE NOTHING WOULD EVER HAPPEN. **SHAKE THE BAG!** MR MACAULAY SAID, SO JAMES SHOOK THE BAG LIKE IT WAS THE END OF THE WORLD. SUDDENLY THE BAG WENT FROM ALL WARM AND FOAMY TO COLD AND MILKY.

BEFORE THE SCIENCE EXPERIMENT I FELT NERVOUS. BUT AFTER I FELT LIKE A HERO.

LOUIS ROBINSON YEAR 6 ROOM 3

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