



• 20 September 2018 • TERM 3 • WEEK 9 •

Principal's Message

Spring fever has hit Pekerau School and we've been having a good old clean up! Our caretaker Charyse has been busy here with some volunteers giving the grounds a good spruce up, and the teachers have been busy dusting off our curriculum documents and our technology resources in preparation for our teaching context "Number 8 rewired and Kiwi Ingenuity." Over the holidays our teachers will be putting the finishing touches on the term 4 plan which will include lots of making, designing, digital creativity, and problem solving. We'll also be finalising the organisation for our Rangatira-Grandparents day which will be at the end of the first week after the holidays- Friday 19th October. So please let your whanau know this special day is coming up!



**Last Day of Term 3 is Friday
28th September.**

**We look forward to
welcoming you all back on
Monday 15 October.**

**Rangatira-Grandparents Day will
be on Friday 19th October 2018.**

Check in with your nannies and
poppas, ask them to save this day
so they can come along and spend
some time with you at your school.

Just a reminder Term 4 it is
compulsory to wear a sunhat.
These can be purchased from the
school office \$15 each.



Senior School Speech Winners 2018



Junior School Poetry Showcase

Thank you to all those who attended our Junior School Poetry Showcase, the children had so much fun, and the artwork was amazing.



JUNIOR CROSS COUNTRY:

The Junior School will be running our cross country at school on Friday 21st September from 11.30-12.30.

As it is a sports event we are encouraging the Junior students to wear house colours to school. If they are unsure of their check with their class teacher.

Parents are welcome to run alongside the children if you are keen. At the end of each race each child will receive a participation ribbon and an iceblock to celebrate their efforts.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Junior School Teachers

School Cross Country

A great day was enjoyed by all out at Flay's Berry Farm last Friday. Thank you to the parents who gave up their time to help. Congratulations to the following children, you are PEKERAU STARS!!!

8 year old girls

- 1st Keisha Wallace
- 2nd = Isbella Ridley
Ronelle Phillips
- 3rd Leah Quinn

8 year old boys

- 1st Quest Marshall
- 2nd Ben Collins
- 3rd Zack Hopping

9 year old girls

- 1st Maia Oxenham
- 2nd Aysha Ridley
- 3rd Chanel Pope

9 year old boys

- 1st Fergus Hill
- 2nd Christopher Burr
- 3rd Tory Smith

10 year old girls

- 1st Nevaeh Wallace
- 2nd Emaani Mullins
- 3rd Nikita Aramoana

10 year old boys

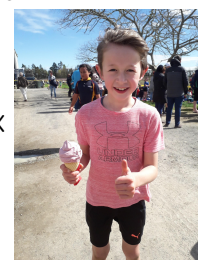
- 1st Judd Quigley
- 2nd Mahonri Sunnex
- 3rd Christian Pope

11 year old girls

- 1st Emma Denize
- 2nd Tobey Van der Heyden
- 3rd Capri Tahakura

11 year old boys

- 1st Dsian Clerke
- 2nd Dajzahn Cassin
- 3rd Cruze Austin



Kaitiaki Readers

We are fortunate to have several residents from Freedom Court Retirement Village as well as a couple of our parents/grandparents who will be volunteering their time each week to listen to children reading which will help develop their fluency and confidence.

One of our kaitiaki readers, Helen, is the daughter of Pekerau's foundation Principal Mr Anderson!

If you would like to be involved as well please contact taniab@pekerau.school.nz



Whanau Hui Feedback

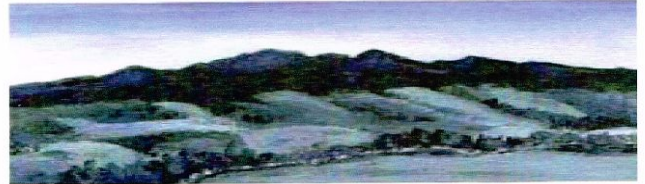
On Tuesday we had a whanau hui here at school to talk about your aspirations for teaching Te Reo Maori across our English medium classrooms. Special thank you to Nanny Steph who made the fry bread for our hui.

We had a good number of whanau come in to share their ideas with us that included:

- Teaching the tikanga (protocols) around why and how people have powhiri
- Having the English translation and words available for waiata and karakia (for whanau/families)
- Making it normal to hear Te Reo Maori words and phrases being used in the classroom
- Marae visits
- Children learning about their own whakapapa, the local pepeha and history of our area
- Strengthening Home-School partnerships

Celebrating the 40th Anniversary 2018 Annual

Pirongia Craft Day *Only NZ Handmade / Home Grown*



Live Entertainment,
Art, Crafts, Plants, Food,
Pottery, Jewellery, Clothes
and many new stalls

Ample Parking
9 am – 3 pm

SUNDAY September 30th 2018

Wet or fine
NO DOGS!



Today it was the final of the Capture the Flag House Competition.

The two teams competing for first place, were Pohutukawa and Rimu. 31 students from Rimu turned up to compete, while Pohutukawa had 26 students.

The game was a very tight affair for the first 10 mins. Both teams had chances to score but some last ditch defending kept the game score less. Rimu finally managed to score a point with a run down the right side. This spurred Pohutukawa on, they scored two quick points. The second point resulted after a great piece of play, where the attacker passed the ball, it was blocked by a defender, but the attacker regathered the ball and flicked on to another teammate to score.

Rimu had several chances late in the game to equalize but unfortunately dropped the ball over the line twice. It really was a great game, played in good spirits and with sportsmanship on display.

So, congratulations to Pohutukawa for winning the Capture the Flag House

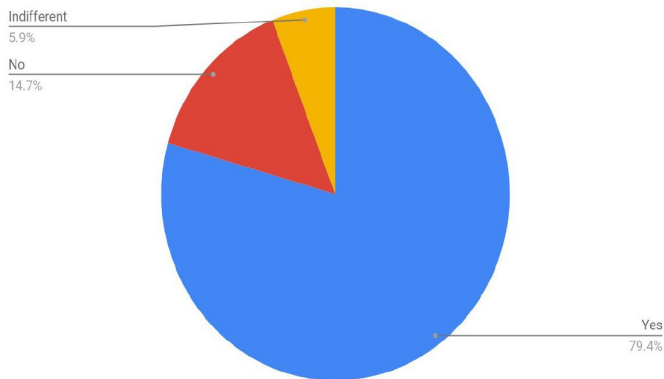


Reo Rua Community Survey

A full copy of the report that includes a sample of comments and a summary report is available for you to read. Email principal@pekerau.school.nz for a copy.

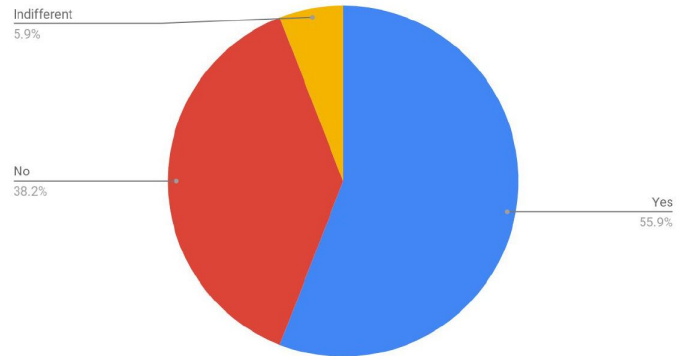
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Responses



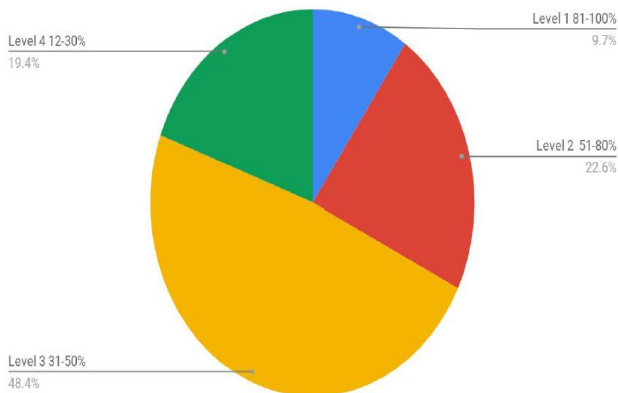
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Responses



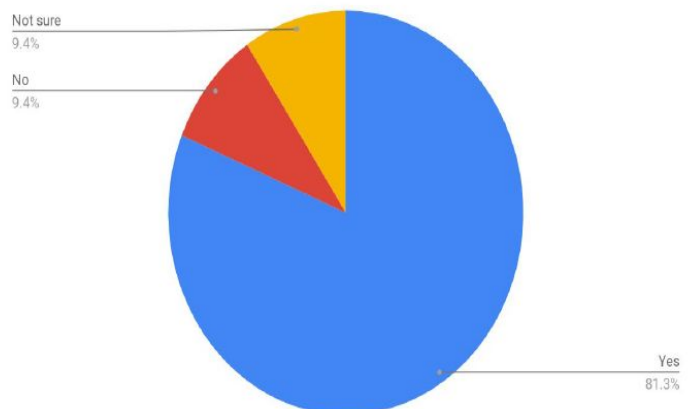
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Responses



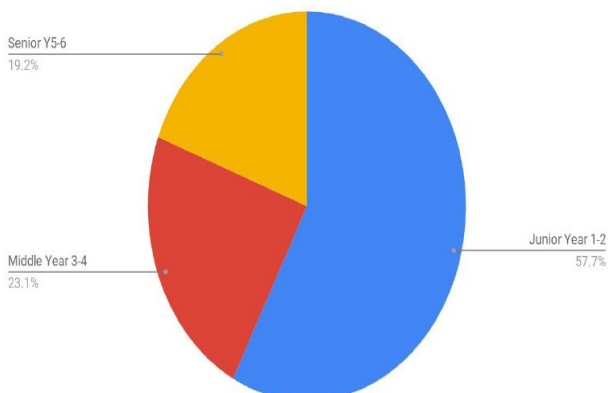
4. Would you expect the level of instructional reo to increase over time? For example, to a higher % of Te Reo spoken in the second and subsequent years?

Responses



5. If we were to open a rua reo (bilingual) classroom in 2019, we wouldn't be able to offer this to all year levels. Where do you think we should start?

Response



Thank you to everyone that shared your responses with us. It gave the Board and Senior Leadership Team some insightful data to use for planning 2019 and beyond.

CONGRATULATIONS To the Pohipi Whanau!

Your name was randomly pulled from the draw winning a \$50 voucher and Duffy book for Awatea!





• 7 September 2018 • TERM 3 • WEEK 7 •



Principal's Message

With spring finally upon us we are looking forward to providing more outside activities for the children. Mr Tubman has been running lunchtime house competitions that the children have been thoroughly enjoying!

Pekerau School have already gathered a little bit of parent voice that has indicated that some of our community would like to see a rua reo (bilingual) class at Pekerau School. On Tuesday, a community survey went home asking you to have your say, even if this is not something you would consider for your child. To ensure your voice is heard please complete the survey and return to school no later than Monday.

Pekerau School Cross Country

Our school cross country was held today, with so many children running, walking but most of all smiling and finishing.

Special THANK YOU to
Gibson Construction

who have kindly sponsored our cross country this year with ribbons for our 1st, 2nd and 3rd place getters!



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Lets Celebrate
Maori Language week
10th to 16th September
Te Wiki o te Reo Māori
10 - 16 Mahuru 2018
It's cool to Korero!

Board of Trustees Hui

Monday 17th September 2018.
5:30pm in the School Staffroom
All welcome

Whanau Hui

There is a whanau hui on Tuesday 18th September at 5:30pm in the school staffroom.

Everyone is welcome.

Lisa Rapana will be here to gather your thoughts and ideas around use of Te Reo Maori in the classrooms.



Aspiring Attitudes, Inspiring Actions

Belonging – Turangawaewae, Excellence – Hiranga, Unity – Kotahitanga, Pride – Mana, Integrity – Ngakau, Respect – Manaaki, Spirit – Wairua

Room 17 -Self Managers

Room 17 have been illustrating our School Values. They were Self Managers, working hard to finish their work and did such a superb job that they went and showed our Principal



Saber, Wednesday, Ataaria,Quinn

Duffy Books

Caught Being Good Dad!

Quentin Wallace was the proud recipient of the Duffy "Caught Being Good Dad" award. Quentin works hard for our school and is super supportive of our teachers and tamariki. He helps out every week with Kapa haka and is also a superstar Dad and Koro! Kei runga noa atu koe!



Quentin Wallace



We need your help?

Our lovely Barista Carla has been volunteering her time in the mornings to provide staff with a "REAL" coffee.

We are looking for someone who can support Carla by committing Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Are you interested in learning how to make Barista Coffee and sharing your experience with the staff.

Phone: 07 8716025

Library Books and Readers amnesty .

Do you have any Pekerau stamped books lying around at your house? Please send them back to school, No questions asked.

PB4L

Positive Behaviour 4 Learning has arrived at Pekerau. We have begun to revisit and refurbish our wonderful values to give the students of today "ownership". Now we will become the "Pekerau Stars" We are staying aligned with our original and much valued Matariki STARS and as a school we have begun with

S - We are Self Managers

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Please ask your child/children about what this looks like. Ask how many self managing tickets they have received during this first week in the playground.

WATCH THIS SPACE!!!!!!!!!!!!



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Te Awamutu Golf Club

Free Golf Coaching

For primary children in Years 4 / 5 and 6 only
Coaching starts on Monday 10th September
after school for 3 weeks.

4pm to 5:30pm

Contact Ben on 028 8500 4027

PTA – Artworks Fundraiser

Thank you to the many families who have already supported the fundraiser, to those who still have orders to place, you are not too late.

Orders close Wednesday 12 September 2018

KAPA HAKA

Yesterday our Kapa Haka group performed at the Kapa Haka festival. All students performed well and made not only themselves proud but also our school. They looked absolutely stunning in their new kakahu (costumes). Maxwell Kara did an awesome job with his whaikorero and Eva Philips led our group well. They looked amazing in their korowai that were specially made for the event.

A huge thank you to all who made this journey possible.

There are no placings at this festival as it is a showcase of Kapa Haka not a competition.

All groups received a trophy for participation.



Junior School Poetry Showcase

Whanau and friends,

Please join us for a celebration of our learning as each junior class shares some poetry, one of our focuses this term.

This showcase will be held on Wednesday 12th of September in the school hall, at 1.30 PM.

We hope to see you there



Junior School Certificate Winners Week 5



Reece, Eli, Anya and Jude

Manaaki / Respect I show I respect others through my actions and my words



Aspiring Attitudes, Inspiring Actions

Belonging – *Turangawaewae*, Excellence – *Hiranga*, Unity – *Kotahitanga*, Pride – *Mana*, Integrity – *Ngakau*, Respect – *Manaaki*, Spirit – *Wairua*

Community Survey

Pekerau School have already gathered a little bit of parent voice that has indicated that some of our community would like to see a Reo Rua (bilingual) class at Pekerau School. We would now like to hear what you think, including those parents who wouldn't necessarily put your children into a Reo Rua (bilingual) classroom.

In a Reo Rua classroom, children will talk, write and read in Te Reo Māori and some English. They will use Te Reo Māori resources to support their learning. They still learn things like reading, writing, maths, art and PE, however the instructional language is Te Reo Māori. Karakia, Waiata and Tikanga (protocols) are also an important part of the learning in a Reo Rua (bilingual) classroom. There is evidence to support that Maori medium classrooms strengthen connections to Te Ao Māori (the Māori world) and the children develop a stronger sense of self, self-pride and self-worth. This is an opportunity for Māori to achieve as Māori.

We want to hear from ALL of our community, not just our Whānau Māori.

1. Do you think Pekerau School should have a Reo Rua (bilingual classroom)? YES/ NO

2. If Pekerau School did have a Reo Rua (bilingual classroom) would you want your child/children to be in that class? YES/ NO

3. If Pekerau School had a Reo Rua (bilingual classroom) what level of reo would you expect in our first year of development? (Tick 1 only)

- ☐ Level 1: **81-100%** of the teaching instruction and learning in Te Reo Māori
- ☐ Level 2: **51-80%** of the teaching instruction and learning in Te Reo Māori
- ☐ Level 3: **31-50%** of the teaching instruction and learning in Te Reo Māori
- ☐ Level 4: **12-30%** of the teaching instruction and learning in Te Reo Māori

4. Would you expect the level of instructional reo to increase over time? For example, to a higher % of Te Reo spoken in the second and subsequent years? YES/NO

If Yes Why?

5. If we were to open a rua reo (bilingual) classroom in 2019, we wouldn't be able to offer this to all year levels. Where do you think we should start?

- ☐ Year 1
- ☐ Year 2
- ☐ Year 3
- ☐ Year 4
- ☐ Year 5
- ☐ Year 6

6. If your child was in a Reo Rua (bilingual) classroom at Pekerau School, what would your aspirations for them as a Year 7 student be? Would you want them to continue a bilingual pathway through Intermediate and High School?

Thank you for sharing your voice with us.

Please record your contact details below if you would like to go into the draw for a \$50

