

PEKERAU PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Principals Comment

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to term 3. We hope the children all had a great break and are looking forward to continuing their learning at Pekaeru. A **warm welcome** to the following pupils who have enrolled so far this term: Kennedy, Steven, Linita, Ellie, Sonny, Samantha and Nicolaas. Our roll now stands at 317.

I have had a number of enquiries from parents regarding the measles outbreak and to date we have no notified cases of measles. If we do then you will all be informed and the school will take appropriate action as laid down by the Health Department.

All terms at Pekaeru are very busy but this term is going to be exceptionally busy. We have a school production which takes place at the end of this term and will involve every child in the school. We are also taking part in a swimming programme for children from year 3 up, which is being run by Sports Waikato and sponsored by Sealord. There is also the Cultural Festival later in the term. All the extra activities are going to put a real strain on both staff and pupils so we have decided to have no Friday assemblies this term. All class awards will be handed out at our Tuesday singing assembly which all parents and caregivers are welcome to attend. Normal Friday assemblies will commence again next term.

Parent Interviews will take place at the end of this month on 31 August and 1 September. Before they take place we will be holding a parent evening to share student achievement levels with you. This discussion will include information on how our students are achieving in reading, writing and numeracy, what levels students should be at according to National Standards and how you can help your child at home. This evening will take place on 25th August. There will be a crèche provided and our choir and Kapa Haka group will perform. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Last weeks muffin day was a huge success with \$507 raised which will be used to help fund junior school programmes. The School council are organising a "pyjama day" later on this term. Money raised from this day will go towards the cost of a new school sign at the front entrance.

We are very fortunate to be one of the selected schools to take part in the Sealord schools swimming programme. This will take place every Friday for all children from years 3 to 6. This is a great chance for your child to have some "expert" swimming instruction so it is expected that all children will take part. There is absolutely no cost to the school or you for this programme.

And finally I had a wonderful time visiting our Daughter and Grandchildren in America. Apart from the over 100 degrees days we had we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Once again many thanks to the B.O.T. for giving me the leave to do this and a special thank you to Lesley for running the school so well while I was away. I will forgive her for using up all of my Principal stickers.

Yours in Learning
John Cubitt
Principal

Term Dates:

Term 3: August 1— 7 October

Term 4: October 25 — 15 December

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GO, GROW, GLOW!

Meals and snacks should be based around the four food groups. The first group is **BREADS & CEREALS** which includes rice and pasta.

Every day **GO!** with 5-6 servings of breads & cereals

These foods give you the energy to 'GO'



For added benefits, look for ones high in fibre such as wholegrain bread and Weetbix.

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This is coming up in the next few weeks
Notices will be sent home closer to the time
~ Keep collecting your sponsors ~
There are more forms at office if needed

Pupil Achievement
Parent Information Evening
25 August

Calf Club

Combined Schools Calf Club Day
Tuesday 4th October
at Te Awamutu Intermediate School

Group Day
Saturday 8th October
Kihikihi Domain

Any queries to Ginny Mitchell

The Safe and Happy Club After School Care Programme

Held in the Pakerau School hall every day after school. We have the **WINZ subsidy available**, which if eligible you can pay from as little as \$1.16 per hour for ASC. We also have an excellent **holiday programme**, which is booked out every holidays (we have now expanded into another area which means we can now take 95 children instead of 60) and if eligible for the subsidy you can pay as little as \$5 per week for the holiday programme.

Contact Laille Martin 07 871 6696 or 0277278521 or Linda Beduhn 027 727 8521 OR **pick up information/ ENROLMENT FORM** from the Pakerau School office

SICKNESS

- Please remember—in order to stop the spread of bugs/germs, school policy is that a child should **not attend** school **within 24hrs** of the last vomiting episode. Also if your child is given antibiotics, please keep them at home for at least 24hrs from when they start taking the antibiotic. If we all **keep to this rule**, we won't have so many children missing out on their important learning.



UPCOMING EVENTS

31 August & 1 September	Parent Teacher Interviews
6 September	School Cross country
15 September	Grandparents Day
27 September	Cultural Festival