



• 23 February 2017 • TERM 1 • WEEK 4 •

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou,
Greetings to you all

Congratulations
to all of our certificate winners at
Assembly last week.



We are so proud of your achievements and the attitude you are showing towards your learning.



Well done to our **Silver Kiwi** recipients, **Brad Saunders** and **Craig Walker**. You truly deserve this recognition and you are great role models for our younger students.



This week Mr Thornley and I have had the privilege of visiting all classes within the school. It has been fantastic to see the boys and girls so engaged in their learning and so willing to share their current learning goals, work, achievements and next steps. The children have settled well into their classes and all classrooms are vibrant learning spaces.

We have recently bought some new furniture which has also aided classroom spaces. The new fit for purpose furniture suits the preferred learning style of our boys and girls. We now have standing desks, kneeling tables as well as individual study spaces in our rooms which helps our students to take control of how they learn. This has been a great investment and we urge parents to come and see our wonderful classes.

Lost Property

There is a lot of unclaimed lost property from this year and last year. We will put all lost property on the stage in the hall every **Friday from 2.30pm**. Please make sure all clothing is named to help keep the amount of lost property down.



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Pekaerau Facebook page

Our school Facebook page is up and running and is a resource that we use to share the learning taking place at school. The response to this page has been amazing and our post from last week's assembly has reached over 2500 people. This is brilliant. If you know anyone else who would be interested in finding out about the great things that are happening at Pekaerau then please share the Facebook page with them.

Dates for your Diary

Assembly

This week Planet 17, Mr Tubman's class are showcasing their learning at assembly and I am sure it will be 'out of this world'. We would love to see as many parents as possible at assemblies on Friday mornings and you are welcome to join us for a coffee afterwards in the staff room.

PARENTS AS PARTNERS

We are looking for new members of our community to join the Parents as Partners group. This fundraising group does amazing work for our school and are always looking for new helpers. ***Our next Parents as Partners meeting will be held at School at 5.30pm on Tuesday March 7th. We hope to see you then.***

Community consultation evening

We will be holding a Community consultation meeting at **7pm, Monday 20th March**. This meeting will be an opportunity to find out more about our emerging vision and the strategic direction of the school. We would love to have as many community members to join us for this event as possible.

Lake Arapuni Trip

Last week our senior school students went to Lake Arapuni to prepare them for camp activities at Port Waikato. This was an excellent event which the children loved. We thank all those dedicated parents who helped out at Lake Arapuni and all of those attending camp with the children next week. These events cannot happen without your support.



School Donation

\$50 for a single child or \$70 per family

Paper Fee

\$20 per student

**Bank Account details: ASB Te Awamutu
12 3134 0056652 00**

COOLING DOWN FOR SUMMER

MILK

Along with water, low fat milk is an EVERYDAY drink as it is high in calcium, which is important for the health of your bones and teeth.

Flavoured milks are SOMETIMES drinks as they contain calcium, but can be very high in sugar.

1 x 250ml carton flavoured milk = 5tsp sugar

Developed by Sport Waikato 2016

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



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Skillswise

We have also been lucky to have Callum from ASB teaching us about Financial Literacy - the children enjoyed learning about decisions we make involving money.



As part of our Inquiry Learning about Identity we had an awesome team visit to the Waharoa and Miss Hansen shared her knowledge about all the different parts and the history and importance of this taonga.



This is Room 5's Learning Whare.

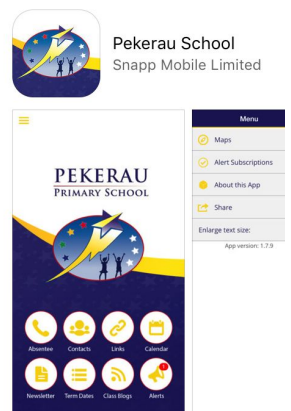


School Website

We have also begun updating our school website <http://www.pekerau.school.nz/> as a place where parents and whanau can go to get information on our school. This will be an ongoing process throughout the year.

Communication with Parents and Whanau

We have a number of different ways that parents and whanau can keep up to date with what is happening at our school. This year we have launched our **new school app which can be downloaded via the android and apple store** and this has been specifically designed for our school and our community. It allows us to send alerts straight to your mobile devices and it allows you to communicate absences to the school office from the app, as well as also providing a platform for you to contact your child's teacher directly from the app. This is a great resource for our school.



Facebook

We also have our school Facebook page which allows us to showcase some of the wonderful learning happening at our school. To keep up to date with all new posts please like and share our Facebook page.



Seesaw

This year we are using the Seesaw app to try and keep our parents and community involved in the teaching and learning taking place at Pekaeru School. Parents will be given a unique code linked to their child that will give you a window into their classroom and their unique learning.



Kotahitanga / Unity We work together to make Pekaeru a safe and fun place to learn and play.

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Learning in the Middle School / Seasons syndicate

The Four Seasons have been working really hard on their writing this term and we have a couple of fabulous examples to share.

The Ashya Poem

By Ashya Ridley

I'm an OK artist.
I'm an excellent Minecraft player.
I'm an OK reader.
I'm an amazing friend.
I'm an OK sports player.
I'm a super-fast climber.
I'm an OK dancer.
I'm an awesome baker.

The OK Poem

By Cooper Sicely

I'm an OK swimmer
I'm a fabulous basketball player
I'm an OK reader
I'm excellent at jumping.
I'm an OK writer.
I'm outstanding at making new friends

I AM

I am a child
I wonder if I can go to the moon
I hear birds chirping in the wind
I see kids picking flowers
I want to be an astronaut in space
I am a Pekerau Primary student

I pretend I'm in a red racing car
I feel the soft breeze against my face
I touch plants as I go passed them
I worry that a robber will take me
I cry if I'm lonely or sad
I am a person who loves her family

I understand what it is like to be mistreated
I say to my mum I love you
I dream to be a famous artist
I try my hardest to be good
I hope all my dreams come true I am me

Jordyn

Planet 14 Turangawaewae Art

Room 14 have been talking about *Turangawaewae* or **Belonging** this week. They have discussed how they feel they belong at school and have produced some wonderful art of our beautiful waharoa. Ka pai Planet 14. These are fantastic.



Ngakau /Integrity I do what is right even when it is difficult