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# PEKERAU

## PRIMARY SCHOOL



• 9th March 2017 • TERM 1 • WEEK 6 •

**Nga mihi nui ki a koutou,  
Greetings to you all**

**Congratulations  
to all of our certificate winners at  
Assembly.**



Well done to our **Silver Kiwi** recipients,  
**Mikayla Van der Heyden** and **Keisha Wallace**.

## Turangawaewae / Belonging



Aspiring Attitudes, Inspiring Actions

**“I belong to Pekerau and I have the right  
to feel safe at school.”**

This statement is being unpacked in classrooms as this is what we believe ‘Turangawaewae / Belonging’ means at Pekerau School. If we come to school with the right attitude, it will lead to actions that help others and make Pekerau an amazing school where everyone is valued and appreciated.

## Hats

As we are still enjoying some fine weather we still expect all of our students to wear a wide brimmed hat whilst out playing at morning tea and lunch time. These can be purchased at the office. Let's be sunsmart kiwis.



**Hiranga / Excellence I do my best at all times**

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## Assembly week 6

This week Planet 11, Mrs Mitchell's class are showcasing their learning at assembly and I have heard that they have something amazing planned for us. It has been great to see so many parents at assemblies on Friday mornings and please come to the staffroom and join us for a coffee afterwards.



## Senior School Camp

Last week the senior school went on camp to Port Waikato. This was an immensely successful camp and I would like to thank all the parents for helping. Without your assistance, hard work and dedication these educational opportunities cannot happen. I would also like to extend my gratitude to the teachers of the senior school for all their commitment to making this camp a great success. In particular I would like to thank Tracey Gray for organising this camp so effectively. Finally I would like to thank all the parents and caregivers who contributed money towards the camp to give their children a week that they will remember forever. We know this is a considerable expense and we appreciate 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**

## PARENTS AS PARTNERS



Our parents as partners group met last night to discuss fundraising ideas for our school. It was a fantastic turnout with 13 people attending. We are aiming to raise \$10,000 for our school but we would really appreciate your input as to what we use this money for.

Our aim is to raise money for something that will impact each and every child that attends Pekerau School. With that in mind we have chosen two potential areas that we believe will have a considerable impact for all of our boys and girls. To ensure we make an informed decision we would love to get your feedback on your preferred option.

Our first consideration is to upgrade our playground markings, as well as providing new games and activities around the school grounds to keep children active and entertained at morning tea and lunch. This will help our children to work positively with others and make Pekerau a fun place to learn and play.

The alternative is to help subsidise swimming lessons for all of our students. This money can be used for buses to take children down to the local swimming pool, as well as subsidising entry into the pools. The number of swimming lessons we can provide each child would be dependent on the amount raised.

Please fill in the online survey and give us your feedback. This will help us to decide the aim for all of our fundraising activities for 2017. The survey can be accessed through our Facebook page, school App and school website.

Our first fundraising event will be a mufti day on Friday 31st March.

## 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.

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





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## Support Staff News

Nicole Collett, a member of our office team has recently made the decision to move on from Pekerau School. She has given seven years service to our school, in our school office and as our Board of Trustees secretary. She has taken on many responsibilities during that time.

Elaine Prutton who has given five years dedicated service to the school has also made the decision to move on from Pekerau. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours and we will obviously be putting in some serious thought in how to farewell them in an appropriate manner!

We are delighted to welcome Fiona Perry to Pekerau. Fiona comes to Pekerau from Fairfield Intermediate school where she has been working for the past four years.

## Te Awamutu Football Club

Te Awamutu Association Football Club is now taking registrations for junior players for the 2017 season.

Players can register via the club website

[www.teawamutuafc.co.nz](http://www.teawamutuafc.co.nz)

Alternatively they can visit the Te Awamutu Stadium at Armstrong Ave on the 11<sup>th</sup> March between 9am and 12 to register in person. Any queries please email [teawamutu.a.f.c@gmail.com](mailto:teawamutu.a.f.c@gmail.com)



**TA MARIST  
JUNIOR  
RUGBY**

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TA MARIST CLUB-CASTLETON PARK  
SIGN UP: MARCH  
2ND 5-6.30PM  
9TH 5-6.30PM  
14TH 5-6.30 PM

FEES: \$30 PER CHILD \$60 TWO  
OR MORE SIBLINGS.  
FEES INCLUDE SHORTS/STOCKS

ENQUIRIES PLEASE CALL:  
PIP 0276866451

6th to 13th grades

## Te Awamutu Hockey

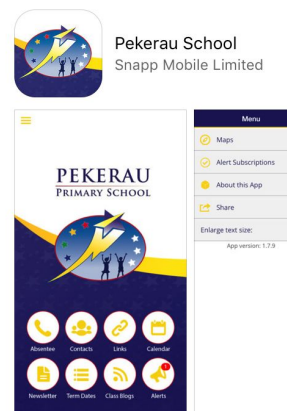
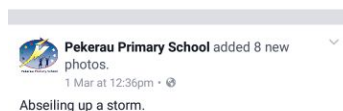
Junior Hockey Muster  
Thursday 16 March  
3.30pm

Te Awamutu Indoor  
Sports Centre  
Contact Belinda  
021-441-350



## 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 Pekerau 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 Pekerau a safe and fun place to learn and play.

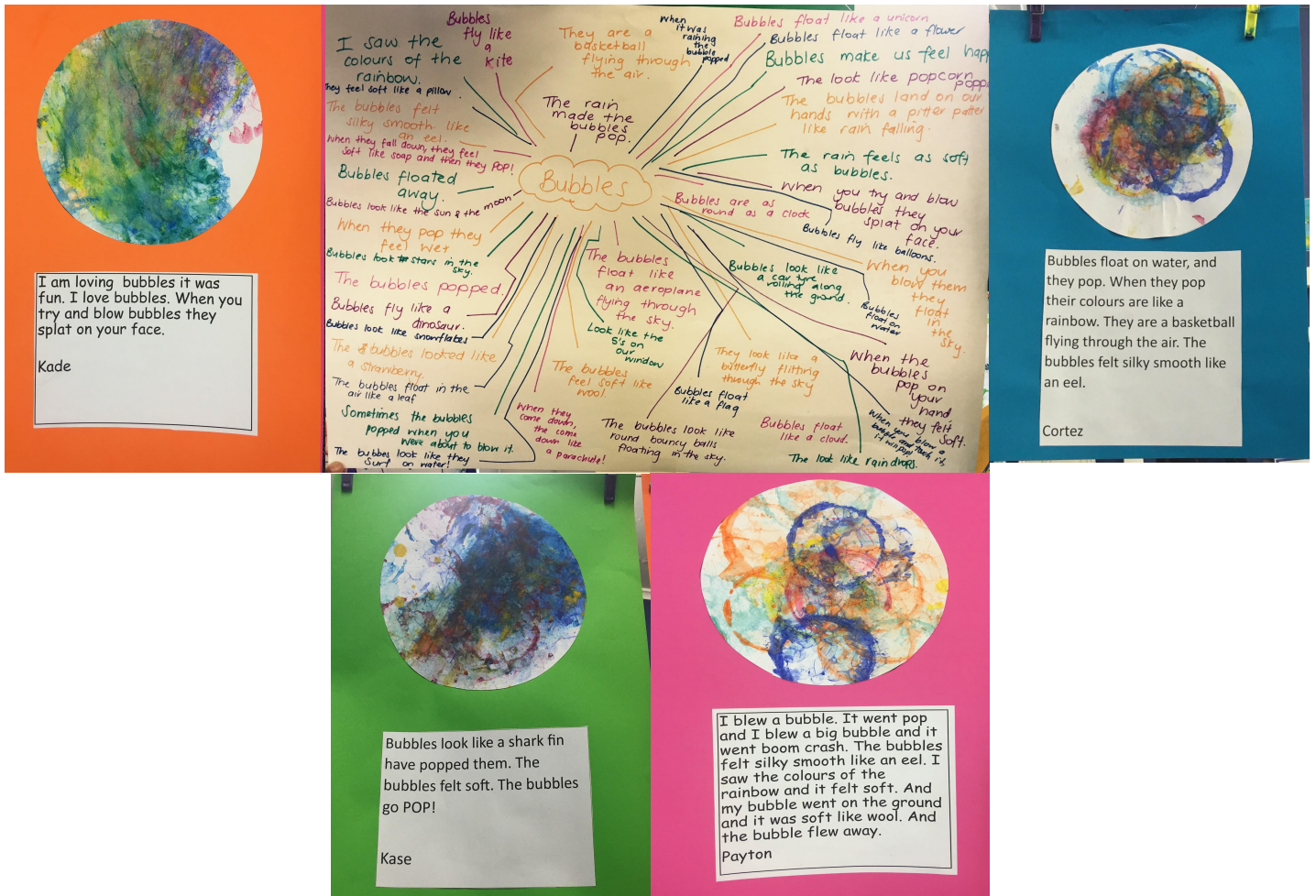


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## Learning in the Junior School

Rooms 11 and 12 have been learning how to think creatively. We had a language experience with bubbles, did a massive brainstorm of our ideas together and then wrote about bubbles. Afterwards we created bubble art by blowing bubbles in paint and placing our paper over them. It was a very messy and fun experience!!!



Room 14 have been doing some wonderful art with Whaea Jo during tikanga and Te Reo lessons. These are amazing pieces of art from our youngest students. Kei te pai!



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