



• 23rd March 2017 • TERM 1 • WEEK 8•

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou,
Greetings to you all

Congratulations
to all of our certificate winners at
Assembly.



And a HUGE well done to our **Silver Kiwi** recipients, Aaron Randell and Eva Kelly. You are Pekerau Superstars!!!

Community Consultation Meeting

On Monday evening we had a very successful community consultation evening where we fed back to the community on the new vision that has been introduced as a result of the consultation that we undertook in Term 4, 2016. The feedback we received from parents, students, staff, local kindergartens and schools was fantastic and once collated it brought around the vision of "Aspiring Attitudes, Inspiring Actions." Below are the statements that we are unpacking in class that explain the attitudes and actions that we believe our students require to be successful in their lives. A copy of the slideshow presented can be found via the website by clicking on the staff professional blog.

Aspiring Attitudes

- ★ I do my best in all areas of learning.
- ★ I set myself achievable and interesting goals
- ★ I use my learning to investigate and invent
- ★ I ask questions and seek new information
- ★ I never give up

Turangawaewae / Belonging

Every child belongs to Pekerau and has the right to feel safe at school.

Hiranga / Excellence

We do our best at all times.

Kotahitanga / Unity

We work together to make Pekerau a safe and fun place to learn and play.

Mana / Pride

I am proud of my actions and the way I treat others.

Ngakau / Integrity

I do what is right even when it is difficult.

Manaaki / Respect

My actions and words show I respect others.

Wairua / Spirit

My actions and words make Pekerau a great place to learn



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Whanau Learning Walks- Week 10

On Wednesday 5th April, we will be holding a whanau learning walk evening from 2.30pm-6pm. This is a great opportunity for our boys and girls to share their learning with their whanau members by showing them their books and their classrooms. There will also be an opportunity for parents and whanau to talk to teachers in classrooms in an informal setting. It would be great if you could come and share the wonderful learning that has taken place in term 1 with your children.



Contact details

It is essential that our contact details for parents and caregivers is up to date and accurate. This includes your physical address and emergency contact details. Please contact the office to update your contact details either by phone- 07 871 6025 or by e mailing- office@pekerau.school.nz

Potential enrolments

If you know anyone who is wanting to enrol their child this year at Pekaeru, we would really appreciate if you came in and filled in an enrolment form as soon as possible. This helps with our organisation. Equally if you are out of zone, please fill in an expression of interest form as soon as possible and hand it in to the office.

Japanese Visitors

This week the senior school had visitors from Makuhari High School in Japan. They shared games and activities from Japan with our students. Of course we shared our National Anthem with them 'The Pekaeru Way'. A huge thank you to Dale and Linda from Te Awamutu Intermediate for allowing us to have this exchange.



FUN....draising

As part of our FUN....draising, we are trying to provide opportunities for Pekaeru to raise some money, BUT more importantly opportunities for our children to have FUN. Below are some of our FUN...draising activities for Term 1.



Scooter Day

Each syndicate will have a scooter/wheels day this term. All we ask is a small donation on these days. This will start this Friday- with the Junior Syndicate being invited to bring their scooters/wheels to school. They will have the courts to themselves on this day to scoot around and have fun.

The following Friday, 31st March it will be Middle Syndicate's turn to bring their wheels, followed by the Senior Syndicate on Friday, 7th April. Please remind children to bring their helmets with their wheels.



Mufti Day

Our first fundraising event will be a mufti day on Friday 31st March. Please bring a donation for this event. We are trying to raise money that will impact each and every child within the school. This money will either be used to improve our playground facilities, ground markings and equipment to help keep our children active, or will be used to subsidise swimming lessons. The more money we raise the more we can help your children and the school. Please donate as much money as you can for this great cause.

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



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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.teawamutuaafc.co.nz

Alternatively they can visit the Te Awamutu Stadium at Armstrong Ave on the 11th March between 9am and 12 to register in person. Any queries please email teawamutu.a.f.c@gmail.com



Te Awamutu Hockey

Junior Hockey Muster
Thursday 16 March
3.30pm
Te Awamutu Indoor Sports Centre
Contact Belinda
021-441-350



Assembly Week 8

This week we have Room 2 taking our assembly and we are very excited about this. We can't wait to see what they have in store for us. We would love to have as many parents and whanau to join us for assembly as it showcases the wonderful learning happening at Pekaerau and allows us to make more connections with our community. Please join us for a coffee in the staffroom after our assembly.



Senior School Cooking

This week we have been treated to some wonderful smells in the school and upon further investigation we found out that it was because our students were cooking up a storm. It was a pleasure to taste their wonderful creations and to see the boys and girls learning some more life skills whilst at Pekaerau.



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. You can also keep up to date through our school Facebook page.



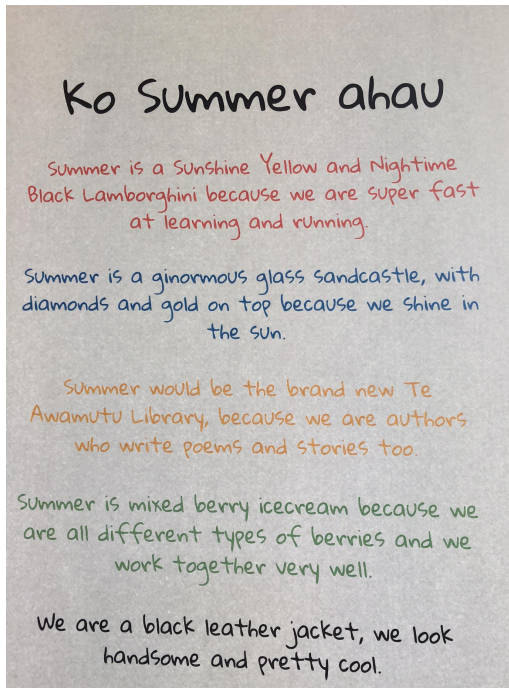
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Learning in the Middle School

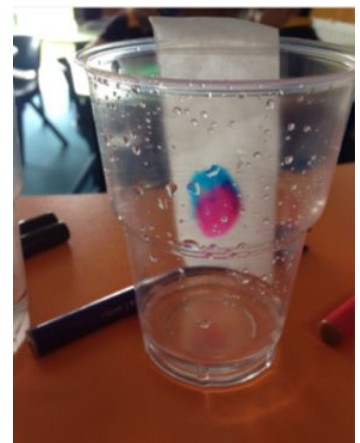
We have been doing some exciting writing in the Middle School, with three of our classes taking part in the Get NZ Writing Project which involved us doing some amazing Ko au (I am) poetry as a class, then individually. This was a fabulous link to our theme of Identity this term. In Room 9 (Summer) we were super proud of our class poem so we thought we would share it with you.



Once we finished our Ko Au poem, we chose our favourite line and published it on the back of a postcard. We also completed a poster with all sorts of interesting information about ourselves and sent it off. We received our postcards in the mail and we loved reading them and putting each piece together to make the puzzle on the right. Room 5 and Room 6 are almost finished theirs and will be receiving their exciting package in the mail in the next few days.

Another interesting activity we have all been working on is Me and My World - exploring all the things that are important to us in different parts of our lives. These will be on display in classes very soon and parents are welcome to come into classes to see these wonderful pieces of work.

Room 5 have been experimenting with chromatography. With felts, we drew circles onto coffee filter paper and dipped them in water. This separated the pigments that make up each colour. For example, the purple separated into pink and blue. Check out the results of this experiment!



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