



• 5th July 2017 • TERM 2 • WEEK 10 •

"The Pekerau Way"

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou,
Greetings to you all

Farewell Assembly

On Tuesday we said goodbye to Tracey Gray who is joining Cargill Open Plan School in Tokoroa to become Deputy Principal. She has given many years of dedicated service to Pekerau and we wish her all the best in her new adventure.

Mufti Day on Friday

To support a wonderful cause (and our Pekerau whanau) we are going to have a mufti day on Friday with all of the money donated going towards Stop The Bus. They are having a community event in Te Awamutu on Sunday and it would be great to have as many of our community supporting this as possible. Please support this great cause with a gold coin donation.

End of Term Celebration Assembly

On Friday we will be having a special end of term celebration assembly where students who have excelled during the term will be given a certificate that congratulates them on their hard work, effort and achievement. We hope to see as many of our Pekerau community there as possible.

Welcome

I am delighted to inform you that Kate Muller has been appointed as our new teacher in the Senior School and will commence this role at the beginning of Term 3. Kate has completed her Masters in Teaching and Learning and will be a great asset to our teaching team.

I am also delighted to welcome Catherine Monkley who joins us as our Office Assistant. We know that you will make them feel very welcome as part of the Pekerau whanau.

Pekerau Fundraising 2017

This year we are wanting to raise funds of \$20,000 to provide swimming lessons for all of our students.

Our goal is to provide 8 free swimming lessons for each child at the Te Awamutu Events Centre as we believe that this is a hugely important life skill that all New Zealanders must acquire.

As we do not have a school pool we must provide lessons off site and the \$20,000 will enable us to transport our boys and girls by bus, and to gain entry to the pools.

We are committed to providing this opportunity for our children and our aim is to make this sustainable for years to come. Any help that we can receive will be greatly appreciated.

Water Safety NZ reports that 108 lives were lost as a result of drowning in 2016.

- 81 (75%) of these were considered preventable.
- Of these, 3 were under fives, 3 aged 05-14 years

Lack of competence and confidence in the water is a huge concern for Water Safety NZ and to us at Pekerau School. We dream of providing an aquatic education programme that includes learn to swim, but also develops water safety skills and aquatic knowledge, skills and behaviours as we believe that this is the answer in creating the long term change we want to see in our drowning toll.

This approach equips Kiwi kids with the knowledge and skills they require to keep themselves and others safer in, on and around water as the youth and adults of the future.

Gavin Clark (Principal)



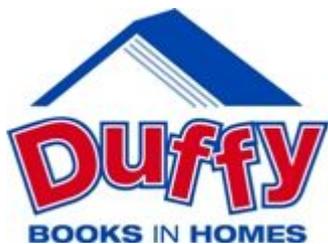
Aspiring Attitudes, Inspiring Actions

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

Reading Information Week 1 Term 3

There will be a reading information evening on **Thursday 27th July at 5pm**. If you cannot make this meeting there will also be a Morning Tea meeting after assembly on **Friday 28th July at 10am**.

This is an opportunity for you to find out about our new reading initiative Duffy Books in Homes. This programme provides free books for all students within our school, it also provides a free book for all of our pre school siblings on their birthday. We are very lucky to be part of this programme and we would love to give you more information about it.



School Donations

If you would like to make a school donation this year to help the school to fund opportunities for our boys and girls these can be made via the office or electronically using the details below. The school donations help us to provide resources and equipment for our children.

School Donation

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

Paper Fee

\$20 per student

Bank Account details: ASB Te Awamutu

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Thank You!!!!

Thank you to all the parents and whanau that came to parent / teacher interviews last Wednesday. It was wonderful to see so many of you in the school sharing your child's learning.

Thank you also to all community members who kindly donated items for our hangi. I am absolutely blown away by the generosity of the Pekerau Community.

EPro 8

Congratulations to both of our teams who represented the school in the Waikato semi finals at Morrinsville Intermediate last week. They both performed exceptionally well, with the Pekerau 2 team coming in second place ensuring they qualified for the final which will be held this week at Fairfield Intermediate school. Good luck to those competing and congratulations to both teams for all your hard work and effort.



Above- Pekerau 1 Team



Above Pekerau 2 Team

Inter-School Science and
Technology Competition
Year 5-6, Year 7-8,
Year 9 & Year 10 Events

EPro8 Challenge
Engineer Problem Solve Innovate

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



BOARD OF TRUSTEES - CASUAL VACANCY FOR AN ELECTED TRUSTEE

A casual vacancy has occurred on the board of trustees for an elected parent representative.

The board has resolved under section 105 of the Education Act 1989 to fill the vacancy by selection.

If 10% percent or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the board to hold a by-election should write to:

The Chairperson

Board of Trustees

Pekerau Primary School

P O Box 233

Te Awamutu 3840

By: **Tuesday 18 July 2017**



Direct from the Market

I would like to thank Direct From The Market for their incredible support they have shown, donating a large amount of produce for our hangi. We really appreciate your continued generosity.

They deliver weekly to Te Awamutu every Wednesday (during the day).

Please place your order before 12pm on Tuesdays to ensure you get your order delivered on Wednesday. Crate Specials this week are awesome value pay only \$35 for \$50 worth of fruit and vegetables. Orders can be made direct from facebook www.facebook.com/directfromthemarket

Rippa Rugby Tournament



On Friday 23rd of June, 9 of us went to Frankton rugby club for a day of rippa rugby. When we got there we only had the TA sports van for shelter, because Mr Franklin forgot to bring a canopy for all of us while it was raining.

So we go to our first game on the muddiest field ever in history, we came up against Matamata. It was a good and hard core game but we could not get any traction on the field, but with our awesome team we won. After the game we were the muddiest monsters ever.

20 minutes later we got our second game it was against Hukanui second team. We lost but it was a fun game and we were laughing the whole game. The score was 6 tries to 5 tries, we were on field 9 and it was not that muddy.

We played Frankton and smashed them 7-1 it was the funniest game ever.

We got to the quarter final against Hukanui best team and lost 7-2.

BY KOHEN, WILLIAM, OLIVER



Gymsports

It was great to see our Pekerau Gymnasts competing at the Gymsports competition on Wednesday at the Events Centre.

They did wonderfully well, displaying all they have learnt during the term. Thank you to Mrs Herdman and Mrs Leitch for coaching the team and for making a difference outside of the classroom. It is greatly appreciated.



TE AWAMUTU

2PM
SUN
9TH
JULY
2017



LINK
ARMS
WITH
US
&
MAKE
A
STAND
FOR
OUR
CHILDREN

WE NEED YOU ALL

We are inviting all people from the Te Awamutu community to come link arms with us and be a part of the STOP THE BUS documentary.

This is a symbolic gesture where we take a stand together committing to do whatever it takes to ensure that ALL children in Te Awamutu are able to live a life free of violence and fear.

OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR TAONGA.

If you are a parent, caregiver, relative, friend, neighbour, teacher, coach, leader, employer... we can all be a part of the change.

We hope this stand will lead to discussion, awareness, accountability and action



**FILMING WILL BEGIN AT 2PM
ON ALEXANDRA STREET
TOWN CENTRE**

STARTING FROM ARAWATA AND SLOANE ST END.

**PLEASE KEEP TO THE FOOTPATHS AND ENSURE
ALL CHILDREN ARE SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT.**

**TO MAKE THE FILMING EASIER PLEASE
AVOID PARKING ON ALEXANDRA STREET,
AND INSTEAD PARK ON SIDE STREETS
OR USE PARKING AREA OFF CHURCHILL STREET.**

FOR UPDATES GO TO

www.facebook.com/StopTheBusNZ
#stoptheAbusE

*Representatives from various agencies will be available at this event for anyone seeking support or wanting more information on community action

For any queries contact Erinna: 021 150 9637