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Kia Ora Koutou,

Passion projects kicked off this week for the Tuakana Team. The children voted on what they wanted to participate in and the teachers have planned accordingly. This term the children have opted into a range of classes including Enviro activities with Whaea Riss, Ripper Rugby with Paul Wheeler (from the TA Rugby Club), Presenting with Mrs Mitchell, Art with Miss Muller, Science with Mrs B and hip hop dance with Matua Zac. The teachers are looking forward to offering these extra opportunities to the children.

Next Friday we are packing our teachers up and heading to Te Akau ki Papamoa (School) where we'll be observing their classroom teachers and checking out their Maori curriculum: looking into how they developed this within their English medium school. When Principal Bruce Jepsen joined Te Ākau ki Pāpāmoa School in 2007, the roll was plummeting, 90% of the students at the school were failing, and could not read, write or do maths. 12 years on, the school is now one of the most successful primary schools in the country, and digital technology plays a big part in that success. We are going to fill our own teaching kete with pearls of knowledge as we continue to write our own story of success for the students, whanau and community of Pekerau School.

[Click here to read more.](#)

Tania Heke

Principal



*Save the Date*

Every Friday  
Assembly @ 9.10am

Monday 2nd March  
BOT Meeting in the  
staffroom @5.30pm

5th March  
Energizer Day for  
School Student  
Leaders

6th March  
Teacher only day  
-SCHOOL CLOSED

9th March  
Cohort entry for  
5 year olds

13th March  
Photolife Class and  
Individual photos

16,17,18 March  
Raglan Beach Trips

27th March  
Touch Rugby starts

30 March-1st April  
Life Ed visit to Pekerau  
School

**Friday 6th March  
SCHOOL CLOSED FOR TEACHER ONLY DAY**

We are Pekerau STARS!



## Getting to School on the Bus

### Behaviour and Safety on the bus

- All of the Te Awamutu Schools in conjunction with GO BUS agree that each school will be responsible for the behaviour of their own students on the bus.
- At Pekaeru, we ask you to sign a bus agreement and explain the behaviour expectations to your child.
- Consistently poor behaviour could result in your child not being allowed to travel on the bus.

[Click here for more information from the Ministry of Education](#)

### Eligibility and Bus Tags

To be eligible for transport assistance your child must meet the following criteria:

1. The school must be the closest state or state integrated school your child can enrol at
2. Your child must live At least 3.2 km from the school (over the shortest public road or pedestrian route from home roadside gate to the school's front gate).
3. There must be no suitable public transport

There is a \$35 charge for bus tags for non-eligible students that can be paid to the office. We are not allowed to let your child travel on the bus without a tag (even if it is for a short period)

[Click here for more information about eligibility](#)

Lastly, we were recently given a heads up that GO BUS are likely to increase the cost of bus tags in the future. There was no date or price indicated but it could be as much as \$50 per student.

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# Raglan Beach Trips



The school has been given the opportunity to attend a Beach Education programme at Raglan Surf Life Saving Club. The day is run by the Raglan Surf Life Guards and consists of surf safety messages, bodyboarding, beach games, swimming and understanding the role of a lifeguard.

In light of recent events, we want to reassure you that we have taken every possible precaution to eliminate potential risk or harm.

Please note: All adults need to be prepared to get in the water.

As Pekaeru is now a ZERO School Fees school there is no charge for adults.

A notice asking for parent help, and a student permission slip has been sent home this week. If you have not received one, please contact your child's teacher.

Day/ Date	Rooms/ Groups
Monday 16th March	New Entrants (Room 13, 14) Year 1 & 2 (Room 11, 10 & 9)
Tuesday 17th March	Year 3 (Room 9 & 4) Year 4 (Room 4, 3 & 16)
Wednesday 18th March	Year 5 & 6 (Room 1, 2, 3, 16)



# Positive Behaviour 4 Learning



In this week's PB4L lesson our teachers taught the students The Pekaeru behaviour expectations when using the toilets.

Instead of waiting till the sinks are blocked with sand from the sandpit, the floor is covered in paper towels and water we're taking a proactive approach to teaching the right way to use this space. We want our toilets to be clean and tidy for the next person who will be in there.

## The Pekaeru Way Behaviour Matrix

	Self Manage 	Team Player 	Aim High 	Resilient 
Toilet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Flush the toilet after you have finished</li> <li>★ Wash and dry your hands</li> <li>★ Play away from the toilets</li> <li>★ Hand towels in the bin after use</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Tell an adult if there is a mess in the toilets</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Tell an adult if there is a mess in the toilets</li> <li>★ Make sure that only water goes in the sink and down the drain</li> </ul>	

The same lesson is taught across the school so we're all saying the same thing. In the classroom, the Teachers will follow up with reminders if the children are using the loo during class time and during breaks the duty Teacher will also use the same language so we are all "talking the same talk."

You can be part of our positive behaviour 4 learning by asking your child if they have received any values cards and encouraging them to explain to you what they got them for.

We have had some feedback already but if you'd like to have your say please let Miss Robinson know by emailing her at

[josier@pekaeru.school.nz](mailto:josier@pekaeru.school.nz).

Thanks,  
The Pb4L team.

Our tamariki have been working hard to display our values both in and out of the classroom.

The more value cards we get the more coloured balls go into the container. Once this container is full our WHOLE KURA gets a prize.

*Check out how fill the container is after 3 weeks!!!*



# Staff Spotlight

## Introducing Kath Grindrod

Whaea Kath is not new to Pekaeru School. She has been part of our Staff whanau for 4 years. This year she begun a new role with us as our Learning Support Coordinator, a new MOE initiative to support students and their families.

### 5 Fun Facts about Whaea Kath

- Partner of Bobby and Mum of Della May, Allias and Max
- Ms G has the bestest, friendliest, most intelligent dog named Leo. He goes to Doggy daycare while she is at school.
- Ms G LOVES dressing up. She is already planning her term 2 book week costume!
- Arty, crafty, creative (Whaea) Kath
- Road trips, travel and experiencing life are some of Whaea Kath's favourites



## And Christine Roach

Christine joined our office team in 2019. She looks after our school finances and administration. Christine is first aid trained so she is our resident expert with bumps, grazes and other more serious injuries.

### 5 Fun Facts about Whaea Christine

- Wife of Manga and Mum of Tasmyn, Shenaye, Kysahna and Braedyn and Super Nannie of Makaia
- Being at the beach soothes her soul
- Enjoys nature and doing yoga
- Her Dad is world famous in Otorohanga where he drove taxis for 56 years
- She enjoys a good laugh!



# Staff Spotlight

## Meet Catherine Monkley

Catherine joined our Pekerau staff whanau in 2017, after a short break we were excited to welcome her back mid 2018. Cath works in our school office, she rings you if your child is away and is the friendly face you see when you come in.

### 5 Fun Facts about Catherine

- Wife of Tony and Mum of Conrad
- Loves her new home in Ohaupo
- Enjoys motorbike rides with Tony
- I've been everywhere man! Cath has lived in Taupo, Turangi, Matamata, Hamilton...
- Enjoys home DIY and mucking in



## And Simon Hill

Simon is a recent addition to the Pekerau Staff whanau, joining us in September 2018 as our Caretaker. He is a Pekerau SUPER STAR he fixes things before we even realise they need to be repaired, he keeps our school looking immaculate and is well liked by the children and adults alike!

### 5 Fun Facts about Simon

- Originally from Zimbabwe, Simon now calls Te Awamutu, New Zealand home.
- Husband of Sue and Dad of Danielle, Kate and Jason. Jason attends Te Awamutu College
- Proud Chiefs and ALL BLACKS supporter.
- Loves fishing and being outdoors, especially on the water.
- DIY enthusiast, always has a project on the go!

# Back to School Disco!

Thank you for coming to our very first disco of 2020. We ate delicious pizza, snacked on home baked goodies and gobbled up fresh homegrown watermelon. We also raised...

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## Pekaeru School Policies

Our school has been working with SchoolDocs to create a website for our policies and procedures. We are excited to announce that the site is now live and available to our school community.

Our policies and procedures have been tailored to our school, describing our procedures for behaviour management, reporting to parents in line with legislation and/or Ministry guidelines, significant events, reviews/requests from schools, and regular review. We will advise you when policies are up for review by the Board of Trustees and how you can take part in the review.

We invite you to visit the site at <https://pekaeru.schooldocs.co.nz>

**Username:** pekaeru  
**Password:** thepekerauway

### 2020 School Start Dates for Children Turning 5.

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Monday 3 February	Tuesday 28th April	Monday 20th July	Monday 12th October
and	and	and	and
Monday 9th March	Tuesday 2nd June	Monday 24th August	Monday 16th November

Leading up to their start school date, children will be invited to attend the kick start program on Wednesday afternoons from 1.30pm to 2.30pm to familiarise themselves with the classroom teacher and school routines. When you come into the office to complete the enrolment forms, we will let you know when your child can start coming along.



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