



• 22 March 2018 • TERM 1 • WEEK 8

Kia Ora Pekerau Whanau,

We had a sombre start to the week following the tragic events that occurred in Christchurch. We came together as a staff first thing Monday to discuss how we would support our tamariki as they returned to school after the weekend, following Ministry of Education advice we ensured the children felt reassured, we kept to routines and reminded them about our safety procedures such as the importance of signing in and out. We are looking forward to celebrating the Christchurch first responders and the diverse cultures of Aotearoa and of course all of those affected by this tragic event this Friday with our Colour your Day Mufti! We ask that children bring a gold coin that will be donated to the Christchurch Muslim Community.

Tania Heke-Principal

### Upcoming dates:

- 22nd March - Assembly: Week 8 - The Nest
- 29th March - Assembly: Week 9 - Room 6
- 4th April - Talent Quest 5.30pm
- 5th April - Gumboot Mufti day & Pizza Day
- 10th April - Disco 5pm - 6.30pm
- Last day of term 12 April 2019
- 29 April 2019 Term 2 begins
- 9th - 12th May Ice Skate Tour @ Pekerau School
- 14th June combined Te Awamutu Schools Teacher Only Day-SCHOOL CLOSED



### PEKERAU SCHOOL APP

**The Pekerau school app can be downloaded via the android and apple store. When it is downloaded make sure your alerts are turned on in your notifications. This is a great way to get school/class info out to our whanau quickly.**

Please email the office with your updated details:

office@pekerau.school.nz

<http://pekerauschool.apps.school.nz/share/>



### Teacher Union Meeting CANCELLED

The Paid Union Meeting that was to take place this Friday 22nd of March has now been cancelled. School programmes will resume as normal, including assembly which will be hosted by our junior classes.

### Paperless Newsletter

Reminder that next term, our newsletter will only be available by email or via our school app. To ensure you get a copy, please make sure that we have a correct, up to date email address.



# Keeping Ourselves Safe

*The Juniors enjoyed visits from our emergency services. Thank you to Jane from St John's, Constable Irwin and the team at the Te Awamutu Fire Brigade*



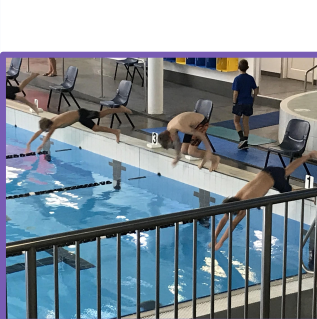
On Monday the Senior Students were lucky enough to be visited by a group of 22 students from Makuhari Japan. We welcomed them with a mihi whakatāu and they performed a Japanese dance and song. Our students were also lucky enough to learn some traditional Japanese string games and Japanese Origami. Thank you Makuhari Students we had a blast.



# DUFFY BOOK WINNERS



**REMINDER NETBALL GRADING STARTS THIS SATURDAY 23RD MARCH, DRAW IS ON THE "PAPERPLUS TE AWAMUTU NETBALL CENTRE" FACEBOOK PAGE.**



We are so proud of our superstar swimmers who represented Pekaeru at inter school swimming on Monday. Holly, Nixon, Mikayla, Charlee, Cam, Katelyn and Samantha you should all be very proud of your efforts.. Special recognition to Holly who won the 1 length backstroke final and Nixon who placed 5th in 1 length freestyle final. *Congratulations*

