



• 3rd May 2019 • TERM 1 • WEEK 10

Kia Ora Pekerau Whanau,

A warm Pekerau welcome to our new students and their whanau that have joined us this term.

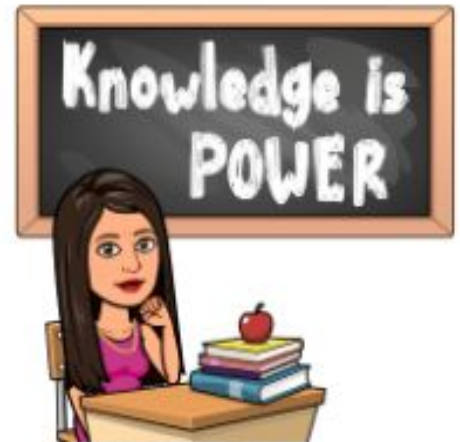
This is the first edition of our e-newsletter. If you know someone that hasn't received our e-newsletter, please get them to give their contact details to our school office so they can be added to our mailing list.

Pekerau School are really fortunate to have the Life Education Caravan here, with Teacher Nicky Wise and Harold the Giraffe teaching the children a range of lessons to support our own Health Curriculum topics. There is usually a financial cost to the school to use this service, however due to generous sponsorship from the Kihikihi Lions Club, the Life Education Trust and the Rosetown Lions we will now be able to direct school funds back into other learning opportunities and resources for the children.

Tania Heke-Principal

Upcoming dates:

- 9th - 12th May Ice Skate Tour @ Pekerau School
- 10th May Paid Union Meeting
- 17th May Pink Shirt Day
- 3rd June Queen's Birthday
- 4th-7th June Book Week/Costume assembly
- 14th June Combined Te Awamutu Schools
Teacher Only Day – SCHOOL CLOSED

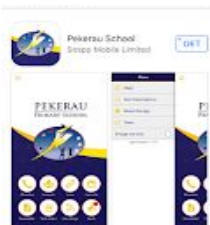


PEKERAU SCHOOL APP

We don't have many parents on our School App. This is the best way for us to communicate quickly with parents if there is an emergency happening. The 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/>



PEKERAU ESPRESSO

We Use Local Raglan Roast Coffee Beans Brown Lightning

Parents and Teachers please support our fundraising kaupapa by purchasing your morning coffee at Pekerau Espresso.

Gold Coin Koha.

Hours 8am - 9am Mon - Fri

Bring your own cup or use one of ours.
(no plastic cups available)



We are Pekerau STARs!



BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS – INFORMATION SESSION – 5:30pm, 9 MAY 2019

The Board of Trustees elections are being held on 7 June 2019 and nominations are currently being called for candidates to stand for election. An information session with our existing Board is being held next Thursday, 9 May 2019 at 5:30pm in the Staff Room for everyone interested in standing for, and becoming a trustee.

The Pekaia School Board consists of five elected parent representatives, a staff representative and our Principal, Tania Heke. Parents, caregivers and people from the wider community can put their name forward to be a candidate for the elections.

You do not need to have specific skills to be a candidate but need to be able to work in a team, ask challenging questions and be a good communicator. Professional development training is provided by New Zealand Schools Trustees Association, as well as advice around employment and governance.

Come along to the information session next week to find out more.

Rebecca Hill-BoT Trustee



SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

School trustee elections are coming up.

Step forward for our schools ✓

Contact your school for a nomination form or learn more about trustee elections

@ trustee-election.co.nz
☎ 0800 353 284
✉ electionsadvic@nzsta.org.nz

What is a school board of trustees?

Almost all state and state integrated schools in New Zealand have a board of trustees. School board membership includes parent representatives, a staff representative, a student representative (where there are students above year 9) and the principal. Your board may also include other types of trustees. Contact your school for more information on the composition of your school's board.

Who can become a trustee?

Parents, caregivers and people from the wider community can put their name forward to be on a school board during the board of trustee elections.

What do trustees do?

The board is accountable to its parents and community and for student progress and achievement. Here are some specific things a board does:

- Sets the strategic direction and plans for the school and monitors the school's progress against them.
- Monitors and evaluates student progress.
- Oversees the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum and administration.
- Ensures that the educational needs and aspirations of Maori learners, Pasifika learners and learners with special learning and behaviour needs are identified, planned for and met.
- Fulfils the intent of the Treaty of Waitangi by valuing and reflecting New Zealand's dual cultural heritage.
- Appoints and supports the principal and assesses their performance.

What skills do trustees need?

Trustees are active leaders in their schools and need to work well in a team, ask challenging questions and have good communications skills. Boards need a balance of skills and experiences around the table to ensure effective processes for planning, monitoring, reporting and reviewing of the school's performance are in place.

What help do school trustees get?

New Zealand School Trustees Association provides free advice around employment and governance, support and resources. NZSTA also provides a variety of professional development opportunities for trustees.





Congratulations Nixon Parkes for placing 9th at the MX Nationals

ICE SKATE TOUR

Ice Skate Tour
@ Pekaerau Primary School

Thursday 9th May 3pm - 6pm
Friday 10th May 3pm - 6pm
Saturday 11th May 10am - 4pm
Sunday 12th May 10am - 4pm

All welcome!
\$8 Kids (under 16)*
\$12 Adults*
\$35 Family*

*Prices include ice skates, helmet, gloves and at least half an hour ice skating (longer if capacity allows)

Friday 10th May 6pm
The Pekaerau Curling Cup
Enter your team now:
[facebook.com/thecurlingcup](https://www.facebook.com/thecurlingcup)

Kids \$8 only
including ice skates

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Children's individual statements will now be sent home monthly
Please contact the office to make payment arrangements.

You can make payments towards your child's account in the following ways:

- *Eftpos- Chq or Savings only* No Credit
- *Cash*
- *Online Banking:* It is important you reference correctly.

Bank Account Details: *Pekaerau School*

Account Number: *12-3134-0056652-00*

Reference: *Childs Name*

Code: *Room #*

Reference: *What funds are for*

We have some amazing stainless steel pegs for purchase that don't get blown off your line in the wind, last forever and are very sustainable. \$20.00 for 20 pegs!



Term 2 bus fees are now due, statements have been sent home. Money needs to be into the office by 10 May 2019 for children to continue travelling on the bus.



1 May 2019

Dear Parents and Whanau,

REMINDER NOTICE

As you may know, Teachers across the country have been negotiating better working conditions, greater support for students with special needs, as well as remuneration that reflects the important job teachers do everyday. On **Friday 10th of May** there will be a Paid Union Meeting (PUM) that our teachers will be attending to discuss the latest offer from the government. To minimise disruption to the children's learning our school will remain open for instruction, however we are unable to run normal teaching programs and there will be no assembly this day.

In the morning, the following classes will be catered for in other classrooms while the teachers are at the Paid Union Meeting (PUM): Room 6, Room 4, Room 13, Room 9.

In the afternoon these classes will be catered for in other classrooms while teachers are at the Paid Union Meeting (PUM): Room 14, Room 11, Room 5, Room 1, Room 16.

While there is no requirement to do so, some whanau may choose to keep your children at home for part or all of the day on Friday 10th of May. Buses will continue to run at the normal times.

Nga mihi,

Tania Heke

Principal





From time to time parents, whanau and community may have a concern or complaint. The Board of Trustees adapted this process to ensure your voice is heard and the matter is resolved.

C4 Concerns and complaints process

Starting point

