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Board of Trustees Panui

Chairperson

Earlier this week the Board of Trustees elected Erinna Lane as the Chairperson. Erinna's role as Board Chair is to lead the board, make sure the board works as a team and the work of the board is done. Erinna and our Principal will develop a close professional working relationship to ensure the smooth sailing of Pekerau School. Erinna will be the public face of the board, but she doesn't work independently of the board.

Cohort Entry

The board were presented with the community feedback about Cohort Entry to School as well as a comprehensive report highlighting the arguments for and against. The Board have decided that from term 1 2020 Pekerau School will adopt a Cohort Entry policy for our new entrant students, that will be reviewed at the end of term 1. The Cohort Entry enrolment scheme will be widely advertised to support parents with the changes.

ERO update

Following our 2018 ERO review, our Principal and Teachers have been systematically addressing areas of concern. Last week we had a checkpoint ERO visit where we were able to demonstrate the initiatives we have put in place to influence the positive shifts in student achievement, teacher practice and school culture. The Board are also working on goals to ensure our ongoing success as a school and community.

Tania Heke-Principal and Erinna Lane-Board Chair





Save the Date

5th September -School Cross Country

9-13th September Maori Language Week

10th September -Postponement date for Cross Country

19th September - Big Nix Tournament

20th September -Inter School Cross Country

25th September -Junior team Whanau day for products

23rd September -BoT Meeting

27th September - End of Term 3

14th October - Start of Term 4

1 December-Grandparents Day

6 December - Year 6 Graduation (TBC)

10 December -School Prize Giving

12 December 2019 Last day of Term 4



Year 5 and 6 Camp Update

Kia Ora Whanau.

Senior School Camp planning is well underway as we move nearer to Term 4, November 11-13. Great work all families who took part in our Fact-a-thon. This was a great opportunity for our students to learn their Basic facts equations and earn money off their camp fees at the same time. The Fact-a-thon was a great success.

This week we are choosing our Camp Parents. We received an overwhelming response making it really hard to select parents. As a result we put all names in a hat and fairly drew these. We have correspondence coming home this week, so keep an eye out for:

- Parent Help confirmation.
- Consent forms and behaviour contracts. These need to be signed and returned asap please.
- Notice confirming money paid and money owing.

We still have 11 weeks left till camp. The Senior team will be drip feeding information home to make this manageable. Itinerary and gear lists will go home next term as we get closer to November.

Senior Team

Bread Bag Tags

Bread Tags for Wheelchairs was founded in South Africa in 2006, with the tags collected are used to manufacture seedling trays. The profits were then used to purchase wheelchairs for those less fortunate. It takes about 200 kilograms of bread tags to generate enough money for one wheelchair. Bread tags are made from a high impact polystyrene that can't be recycled in New Zealand, so they often end up in the landfill.

More information can be found on the Bread Tags for Wheelchairs NZ facebook page. Lets see how many bread bag tags Pekerau School can get by the end of the year!



Reading Workshop

Parents are invited to come along to the library at 2.15pm on Wednesday 4th September to get some practical ideas about how to help your child engage in and enjoy reading more.

Please email Louise Macro (Junior Team Leader) if you are able to come along.

<u>louisem@pekerau.school.nz</u> or feel free to turn up on the day!



Information about Bullying

At Pekerau School we believe that all of our students have the right to come to school to learn in a safe and happy environment. We do what we can to prevent bullying by teaching behaviour expectations through our Pb4L-The Pekerau Way curriculum.

There are some useful resources available to parents that will help you to support your child understand what bullying is and how you can help them if you suspect they are being bullied. The best person to speak to about bullying is your child's teacher. This person already has a sound relationship with your child and will be able to support you with the 'where to next'.

What is bullying?

Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behaviour that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. Kids who bully use their power – such as physical strength, knowing something embarrassing, or popularity – to control or harm others. Bullying is when one student (or a group of students) keeps picking on another student again and again to make them feel bad. They say or do mean things to upset them, make fun of them a lot, try to stop them joining in, or keep hitting or punching them.

Bullying can happen anywhere, at any time, and can be verbal, physical or emotional. It can happen in person or online, and it can be obvious or hidden.



Bullying is deliberate – harming another person intentionally.

Bullying involves a misuse of power in a relationship.

Bullying is usually not a one-off – the behaviour is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time.

Bullying involves behaviours that can cause harm – it is not a normal part of growing up.

What is <u>not</u> bullying?

Bullying is a word often used to describe a lot of things that are not actually bullying. These other behaviours may be just as serious as bullying, but may need to be sorted out in a different way.

Sometimes there might be a fight or argument between students. If it happens once, it is not bullying even though it can be upsetting. It is also not bullying if someone sometimes fights with a friend and they can sort it out.



Conflict between two or more people who have a disagreement, a difference of opinion or different views (where there is no power imbalance) does not always mean it's bullving.

Not liking someone or a single act of social rejection is not bullying.

One-off acts of meanness or spite are not bullying.

Isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence are not bullying.



Click here for Bullying Free NZ information for Whanau





Tips For Reporting Bullying:

- Listen to your child and assure them that they have a right to be safe.
- 2. Be clear on the facts. Make notes about what happened and when it happened.
- Help your child see that there is a difference between 'narking', 'tattling' or 'telling' and reporting. It takes courage to report. Reporting is done not to cause trouble for another student, but to protect all students.
- Telling is getting help when you or someone you know is being hurt, or when your right or that person's right to be safe is being taken away.
- It may be difficult, but try to remain calm so that you can support your child and plan a course of action with them.
- Stay on track. Keep an eye on your child's behaviour. If your meetings with school staff haven't made the bullying stop, go back and talk to the principal. Follow-up on the steps that were agreed to at the meeting.
- Speak to your child's trainer or coach if the bullying is taking place during after-school activities or sports events.
- Contact the Police if the bullying involves criminal behaviour, such as sexual assault or use of a weapon, or if the threat to your child's safety is in the community rather than the school.

2019 Pekerau School Cross Country

Approximate times only

9.30: 8yr girls

9.45: 8yr boys

10.00: 9yr girls

10.15: 9yr boys

10.30: 10+ girls

10.45 10+ boys

11.00: Morning Tea

11.30: 5yr girls

11.40: 5yr boys

11.50: 6yr girls

12.00: 6yr boys

12.10: 7yr girls

12.20: 7yr boys

12.35: Lunchtime



Age 8 and upwards please ensure you have suitable footwear for cross country.

Dress in your house colours.

Barista coffee will be on sale for the adults.

Sausage Sizzle & donuts available to purchase.

Resilience

Since cross country practice has begun, we have noticed a sudden spike in visits to the sick bay. We have sore tummies, invisible bee stings, broken and sprained ankles not to mention the cross country headache.

We don't expect everyone to be a star athlete, but we do encourage all of our students to be resilient! Encourage your children to give it a go, increase their fitness and enjoy the competitive nature of cross country with Pekerau enthusiasm.

We have staff trained in first aid for any students that require urgent care or medical assistance.





Silver Kiwi Award Recipient Samantha Symes



DUFFY BOOK RECIPIENTS

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THANK YOU !!!

To our wonderful Fundraising
Team who help run raise money for Pekerau School.
From running sausage sizzles, organising pizzas, making coffee, organisng coffee cups, peg fundraisings
and more...

THANKS

Beth, Megan, Marie, Renne and Kiri !!!!!, We appreciate what you do for Pekerau School.

PAPER FEE

Your \$20.00 paper fee is now due This is a yearly fee for each child





Our school is proud to be part of KickStart Breakfast! All tamariki are welcome to come along for breakfast!





Our breakfast club has been a great success this week!!!

Tamariki can come along and have a milo and weetbix.



Parents & whānau, please remember our school is part of KickStart
Breakfast! All tamariki are welcome to come along for breakfast in Room 10

Our Breakfast Club starts at 8.15 am



BREAKFAST CLUB IS NOW OPEN

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are pleased to announce that we are opening up a Breakfast Club at the school. Breakfast is the most important meal of the day, and thanks to KickStart Breakfast programme which is the partnership between Government, Sanitarium and Fonterra, we are able to deliver Weet-Bix and Milk to our children at the school.

Breakfast clubs are not just about eating but also it provides an engaging environment that encourages students to develop social skills, take on extra responsibility and grow academically through the wider benefits of breakfast.

Currently we are looking for local Hero's to help volunteer at our breakfast club. The role of the volunteer is very important to the logistics of setting up the breakfast club each morning but more importantly sharing your stories with the new generation of thinkers, learners and future workforce.

If this is something that you may be interested in, we would love to hear from you.

Kind regards,

Principal				
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