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Kia Ora e te whanau,

It's been all go around here the last couple of weeks!

Last week our Year 5 and 6 students spent a night at Ngaruawahia Christian Camp and a night at Kelly Tarltons Aquarium in Auckland. We were fortunate with the weather and while there were a few spots of rain the kids were able to get out and participate in the range of camp activities on offer such as bmx bike rides, water slides, kayaking a hike...oh wait! I just said the weather didn't impede them, then I remembered the thunder lightning and hail that struck mid hike! Luckily our children are waterproof so they didn't melt in the bad weather and our parents, teachers and helpers were pretty good and getting all the wet clothes through the clothes drier so nobody went cold for the rest of the camp.

Our Middle syndicate have just finished their 6 swimming lessons and the junior school have just started. Swim Waipa swimming instructors have planned some really high quality lessons to boost water confidence, water safety and fundamental swimming skills. Having parent support down at the pools has been really helpful for teachers to ensure everyone is safe, dressed and having a good time.

2020 is looking really exciting at Pekerau School. We are looking forward to starting the new year with the same staff we have now and we're working on developing a centralised curriculum that will encompass what you have told us is important, what the students have told us is fun to learn whilst keeping our bar high and ensuring we are well equipped to continue accelerating student achievement at Pekerau .

Tania Heke
Principal

Save the Date

22 November- Senior and Middle School Athletics

Board of Trustees Meeting
25th November in the Staffroom at 5.30pm

28th November- Junior Athletics

26-29 November - Middle EOTC

29 November- Interschool Athletics

5 December- Whole School Tabloids

6 December - Year 6 Graduation (TBC) and Interschool Athletics

10 December - School Prize Giving

12 December 2019 Last day of Term 4. School finishes at 12.30pm

Term 1 2020
Monday 3rd February



Pekerau School Prize Giving

(End of Year assembly)

Our final assembly for 2019 will be on
10th December 2019 at 9.30am

We'll be formally recognising students
that have made outstanding
achievements and contributions to
Pekerau School as well as celebrating
the year that was and announcing the
2020 School Leaders.

We welcome all our parents, whanau
and community to come along and
celebrate our final assembly with us.



Congratulations

Loren Borrington R4
Bayley McOnie R14
Kate Muller R9

Who have now completed the first 2
years of their teaching career and
accomplishing their first official
milestone of becoming Fully
Registered Teachers!

Pekerau School are fortunate to have
been a part of your success!



At Pekerau School we (are)



Resilient



Aim High



Team Player



Self Manage

Pekerau School Mural

Mrs Kath Grindrod is world famous at Pekerau School. She loves art and how in its various forms, students can express themselves creatively. Earlier this year she was the mastermind behind our Matariki Showcase and now she can add our school mural to her bag of tricks. Mrs Grindrod works across all our classrooms so when she noticed Kawepo Mullin's artistic abilities she encouraged him to put the Pekapekarau speech topic that won him a place at the Te Awamutu Inter School Finals in a visual representation.

Mrs G then tapped local artist Jack from Lustrum Invictus on the shoulder who has donated his time, skill and some materials to us and bought the shared vision to life.

What is Pekapekarau?

Pekerau School, located on the outskirts of the Te Awamutu township, was officially opened on 3 February 1958 with a roll of 263 pupils, initially known only 'Te Awamutu No. 2 school'. 'Pekerau' the official name given to this school on 17 April 1958, was supposed to be an abbreviation of Pekapekarau, the early Māori name for the area. The spelling should have been 'Pekarau' but was mistakenly written as Pekerau. Pekapekarau means 'a multitude of bats'. The current Board of Trustees are leading a project that will involve community consultation, honouring the mana whenua by giving the school its rightful name.





A massive thank you to Mark McConnell from Kukri who kindly donated Pekaeru School clothing to ensure all of our seniors were adequately dressed at camp. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Pekaeru books, bits and bobs.

If you have any books stamped Pekaeru School or PE uniforms at home, we'd love you to send the back before the end of week 7 so we can do our final stocktakes for the year.

2020 Teacher Only Day reminder.

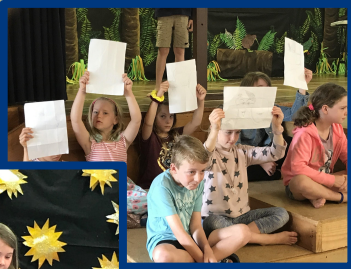
Next year we will be closed for instruction 1 day a term to allow teacher development to be carried out during work time.

IMPORTANT 2020 DATES

TERM 1 Monday 3 Feb- Thursday 9 April	TERM 2 Tuesday 29 April - Friday 5 July	TERM 3 Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September	TERM 4 Monday 12 October-Dec (TBC)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cohort Entry 3 Feb • Waitangi Day 6 Feb • School closed for Teacher Only Day 6 March • Cohort Entry 9th March • Easter Friday 10 April 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School closed for ANZAC day-Monday 27th April • Cohort Entry 28 May • School closed for Teacher Only Day 29 May • Queens Birthday 1 June • Cohort Entry 2 June 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cohort Entry 20 July • Parent-Teacher-Student conferences 30 July • School closed for Teacher Only Day 21 August • Cohort Entry 24 August 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cohort Entry 12 October • Labour Day 26 October • School Closed for Teacher Only Day 13 November • Cohort Entry 16 November

Week Four Assembly - Room 16

Freddie Emery of Rm 11 was awarded the Silver Kiwi for all round Excellence!



For being an absolute Pekerau star! You work to a very high standard and are motivated to learn. Freddie, you are a fantastic role model to others. You show all of the school values and you genuinely care for your peers. You are such a pleasure to have at Pekerau School!

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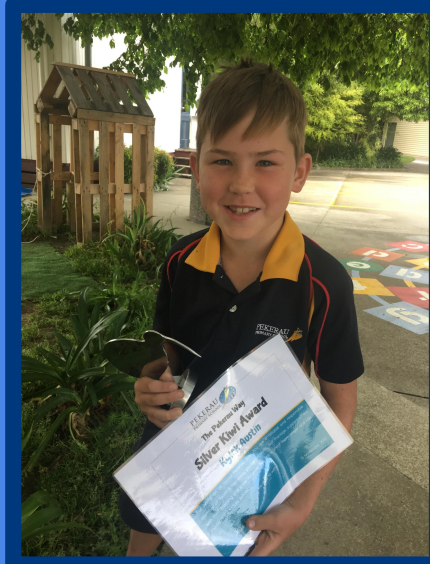
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Week Five Assembly - Room 12

Kylck Austin of Rm 9 was awarded the Silver Kiwi for all round Excellence!

For being an all round Pekerau Star. You are a reliable and responsible member of Room 9. You apply yourself in class, self manage, support others with their learning and show initiative. You are a great team player and role model in the Middle School Ka mau te wehi!



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Pekerau Breeds Talented Drummers!

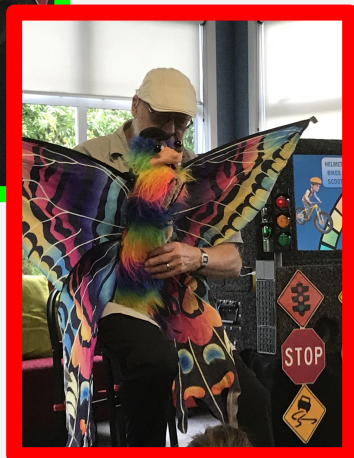
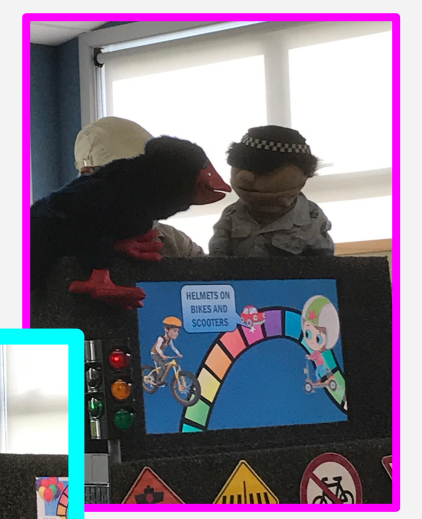
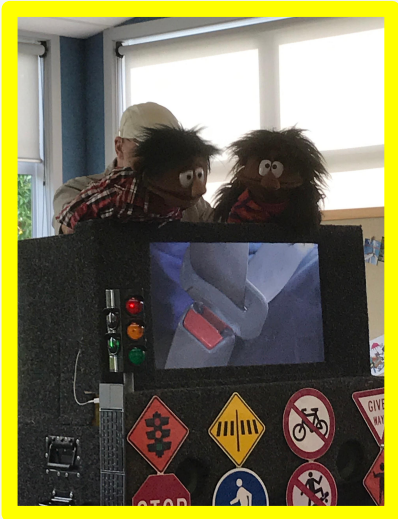


Hamish Berkers takes the drums lessons here at Pekerau with Mad Cow Drums. The lessons happen on Wednesday afternoons after school. Each lesson is 10 minutes on the drum kit. They take any experience level and will take their students through their program to ensure they become the best they can be in their time with them.



Dan and the Road Safety Puppet Show

Dan Martin (Dan the Puppet Man) is a ventriloquist and has had a passion for kids and puppetry since his mid teens, and has been making and manipulating puppets and training puppeteers for over 40 years. On Tuesday he came to Pekerau to teach the Juniors Road Safety through the medium of puppetry.



Kōrero

Mātauranga

Me kōrero tātou

Supporting all schools to succeed

Reform of the Tomorrow's Schools system

Information for Parents and Whanau

All schools should be great places to learn. We're resetting the system that governs, manages, administers and supports schools so that all learners get the same chance to succeed.

Thirty years ago, the Tomorrow's Schools reforms changed New Zealand's schooling system, creating a system intended to better engage parents, whānau and communities with their local schools.

While the current system has strengths, it is inadequately serving some of our learners, in particular Māori, Pacific, people with disabilities, learning needs and those from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Now, New Zealand has the opportunity to reset the education system with a greater level of resource and expertise at the front lines where it is needed.

This reset is significant. Changes will require ongoing investment of both time and resource, and will need to be managed in a coherent and connected way over the next ten years.

Key changes of interest to parents and whanau

Meeting the needs of Māori – The reforms emphasise the power of collaboration and partnership; and the value of working closely with iwi and Māori to lift the performance of the education system, so ākonga Māori enjoy and achieve education success as Māori'

The development of a Māori Medium Network Plan for the next decade has been commissioned as well as an education workforce strategy to ensure teacher supply for the Māori medium pathway.

Māori and iwi engagement in school governance is to be strengthened. By June 2020 the Ministry of Education will develop advice about how this can be achieved.

Complaints and disputes resolution –Over the next 2-4 years, the Government will enable the establishment of panels to resolve disputes, where they cannot be resolved at the school level. The panel's focus will be to resolve serious disputes in an inclusive, culturally appropriate and timely manner. Complaints about teachers will continue to be within the jurisdiction of the Teaching Council. This will not be changed by the new disputes panels

Taking a network-based approach to enrolment zones –The role of developing enrolment schemes will be undertaken by the Education Service Agency at a regional level, working closely with the relevant schools to ensure their views and those of their communities are also taken into account as part of the design process.

Refocusing the role of Boards – The Government will remove the distinction between the existing primary and secondary objectives for Boards in governing schools. Legislation will provide for four objectives that give as much weight to, obligations in relation to pastoral care and giving effect to Te Tiriti, as to academic achievement.

A more visible support system for school leadership – To better support our education leaders, the Government invites the Teaching Council to establish a Leadership Centre to enhance the considerable work they have already undertaken on their Leadership Strategy and Educational Leadership Capability Framework.

The new Education Service Agency (ESA), as part of a redesigned Education Ministry, will also be given additional functions to build support for, and service to, leaders and principals.

What's next?

The Government acknowledges the reset to further strengthen the education system will be significant. Changes related to governance and management of schools need to work in a complex system that also includes early learning and tertiary education. They will require ongoing investment of both time and resource, and will need to be managed in a coherent and connected way over the next ten years.

A detailed timeline can be found in Appendix 1 of the Government's position document, '*Supporting all schools to succeed: Reform of the Tomorrow's Schools system*'.

Website: <https://conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/tomorrows-schools-review/>

Pekerau 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 inline 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://pekerau.schooldocs.co.nz>

Username: pekerau

Password: thepekerauway



Library Helpers Wanted

Can you spare a few hours to help us do the end of year Library Stocktake?

If you can please call Catherine in our school office with your details. She will let you know the days and times.

Phone 871 6025 or email office@pekerau.school.nz



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When should I enrol my child to start Pekerau school?

Your child can start Pekerau School between age 5 and 6. All children must be enrolled at school by their sixth birthday. When your child has started at Pekerau School, they must go to school every day. Enrolling early helps us plan in advance for their arrival.



What is Cohort Entry?

Cohort Entry is when children start school together as a group on a selected date.

In 2020, Pekerau School will be introducing Cohort Entry for 5 year olds starting school for the first time. This will help our teachers plan for a smooth start to school for these children.



Pekerau School Kick Start Program

Kickstart is run every Wednesday afternoon from 1.30-2.30pm. This is a great opportunity for the children to get to know their teachers, other children and the school environment.

*Pekerau new entrant teachers.
Mrs Macro (left) and Miss McOnie (right).*

2020 School Start Dates for Children Turning 5.

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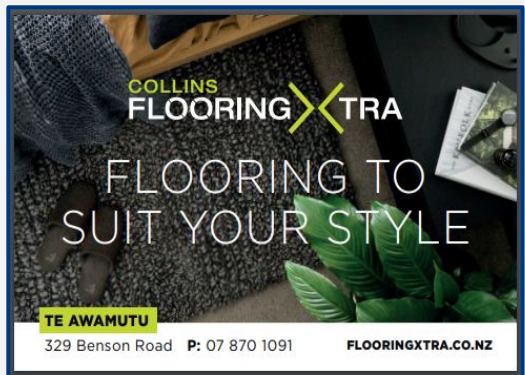
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Swimming Lessons

Pekerau School were sponsored swimming lessons thanks to the generosity of Water Safety NZ. The Middle and Junior teams have been going to the pools this term and the seniors will have their lessons early 2020.



Miss Robinson and Room 5 also had a chance to show off our school values while they practiced a fire drill at the pools.

