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Kia ora e te whanau,

What an exciting time of year it is here at Pekerau School! Our Year 6's are gearing up for their end of year celebration with Whaea Riss, Matua Zac and Ms B at the Te Awamutu Rugby Club tomorrow night. We are excited to see everyone dressed up to the 9s as we celebrate the end of their educational journey with us. Last year we were very fortunate to have local parents, whanau and businesses sponsor new trophies that will once again be presented to our 2019 graduating students.

Next years Year 6 students were invited to apply for a Values Leader role for 2020. Whaea Riss and Ms B have put the kids through their paces and are confident they have chosen the right kids for the job. We'll be announcing the 2020 leaders at our Prizegiving assembly next Tuesday.

Next year Pekerau School has opted to have zero school fees. Instead we have opted into the Government's school donation scheme. You can read more about what the means by [clicking here](#).

The last day of term 4 2019 is Thursday 12th December, finishing at the earlier time of 12.30pm, Our School office will be closed during the holidays so can you please help look after our school by calling the Te Awamutu Police on 872 0100 if you see any suspicious behaviour. To the great relief of our neighbours, we are getting a new security alarm installed very soon. If you do hear it going please call Central Security on 872 0008. It's a monitored alarm so they will respond as soon as they can

Have a safe and happy break. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 3rd February 2020.

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Tania Heke
Principal



Save the Date

10 December - School Prize Giving

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

2020

Friday 31st - Office Open for stationery purchases, uniform and enrolments

Monday 3rd February- School starts at 9am

Thursday 6th Feb- Waitangi Day

Thursday 20th Feb- Meet the teacher and goal settings interviews

Friday 6th March- School Closed for Teacher Only Day

Monday 9th March- Cohort Entry

Thursday 9th April - Last day of term

Friday 10th April- Easter



2020 Classroom Placements

(for students)

We put a considerable amount of time and effort into getting our class lists right. We use current achievement information, who works well with who, anecdotal notes from the teacher and then we match up all that we know about your child's personality with a teacher that will be able to provide the right balance to motivate, challenge, comfort and nurture them to be the best Pekerau Star they can be!

There are no winners if we don't get it right so we're taking the time we need to make sound decisions. 2020 classroom placements will be made known to your child next week. Students will do a meet and greet with their new teacher next Wednesday.

We don't take requests from parents.

2020 Teacher Only Day reminder

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

There was an attempt to liaise with TAI to reduce the impact upon whanau with children at both schools, however their dates were more sporadic making it difficult to plan our professional development around.

Pekerau books, bits and bobs.

If you have any books stamped Pekerau School or PE uniforms at home, we'd love you to send the back urgently so we can do our final stocktakes for the year.

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

2020 Teaching Staff

We are excited to start the new year ahead with the same teaching staff! To foster collaborative teaching and learning approaches we will have 2 teaching syndicates (teams). Our Teina team will be led by Mrs Louise Macro and our Tuakana team will be co-led by Mrs Ginny Mitchell and Whaea Riss Randell.

Teina Team		
Louise Macro (Team Leader)	Room 13	New Entrants and Year 1
Bayley McOnie	Room 14	New Entrants and Year 1
Whaea Tracy Roose	Room 11	Year 1 and Year 2
Claire Moore	Room 10	Year 1 and Year 2
Josie Robinson	Room 9	Year 2 and Year 3
Tuakana Teina		
Kate Muller	Room 4	Year 3 and Year 4
Ginny Mitchell (Co-Team Leader)	Room 16	Year 4 and Year 5
Matua Zacchaeus	Room 3	Year 4 and Year 5
Loren Borrington	Room 2	Year 5 and Year 6
Whaea Riss Randell (Co-Team Leader)	Room 1	Year 5 and 6
Robyn Spice	Ms Spice works across all classrooms providing cover for teachers.	

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.



2020 Stationery Packs

Available from our School Office **NOW**
at discounted back to school prices.
You can pay now or in February next
year when school starts again.

Year 1-2 packs - \$29.00

Year 3-4 packs - \$22.00

Year 5-6 packs - \$22.00

The School office will be open for
stationery and uniform sales as well as
new enrolments on Friday 31st January
2020 9am- lunchtime.

*Our stationery is sourced from our preferred supplier at more than
competitive prices offered to the school as we have the power to buy in
bulk. We do not profit from these sales. We do not provide individualised
stationery lists.*

You can arrange a time payment plan through our school office
to credit your child's account over the christmas holidays. .
However we can not advance bus tags, stationery or uniform
until there is sufficient funds available to cover costs.
Ring Christine in our school office on 871 6025 for more
information.

At Pekerau School we (are)



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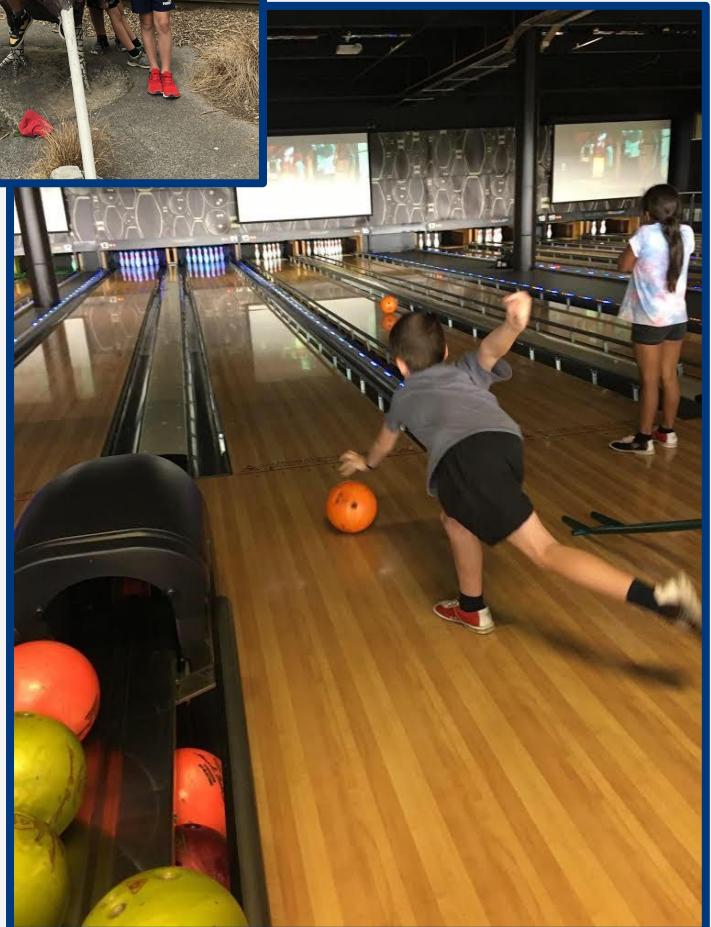
Team Player



Self Manage

Middle School E.O.T.C. Week

Middle School had a fabulous time in Week 7 learning skills by taking part in activities that our wonderful Waikato has to offer. Swimming, craft, golf, bowling, and Kiwi adventures to name but a few!





Pekerau sun hats for sale in the office for \$15

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>

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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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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. Here are some Junior photos.

