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"To meet the educational needs of the Pohangina Valley community by fostering individual excellence in a dynamic and caring environment."

EXCELLENT LEARNING FOR A GLOBAL FUTURE

Week 7 Term 4, 2017

29th November, 2017

Respect Whakaute - Honesty Matatika - Effort Ngaki

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora Awahou Community,

2 ½ weeks to go....not that we're counting....honestly.....

What a year it has been! So much great learning has taken place, huge progress for all students, great school events, and a fantastically positive environment.

As is always the case at this time of year, there are changes to be announced. Unfortunately, despite how successful it has been having three teachers this term, government funding (or lack of) means it is not sustainable for us to continue with this great model. This has meant that we have been in the not-fun position in recent weeks of realising that a change back to two teachers, also means an unavoidable change to the make up of staffing in our school.

Sadly, we will be losing one staff member next year, as Ms Edmond has taken up a full time role at another school in Palmerston North. This was not an easy decision to make for Connie, as she has thoroughly enjoyed her time here and the children in Wharite have made amazing progress this year.

In 2018, we are delighted to announce that Mrs Young will be teaching in Maharahara 4 days a week, with Mr Schmidt on the other day, and Miss Barr will be teaching in Wharite. We are very excited about continuing the great progress achieved this year into 2018, and expanding on this even further.

All of our teachers have worked extremely hard this year with great progress across the school, not only in areas of academics but also in promoting and developing our school values. In an ideal world we would love to keep all three of our current staff as all have shown huge development throughout the year and all three have a lot to offer education.

If you have any concerns, thoughts or issues with how school is operating, **please** come in and see me. As stated many times, I am always available for open, honest dialogue and as we learned from our meteorite experiment, misinformation and non-truths can spread pretty quickly when not clarified at the source. It has been disappointing to hear that there has been some misinformation discussed in the community of late – come and see me, I don't bite. ☺ Arohanui, Matt Schmidt – Principal.



Wharite exploring money from around the world!

Virtue of the week:

Trustworthiness

Trustworthiness is being worthy of trust. People can count on you to do your best, to keep your word and to follow through on your commitments. You do what you say you will do.

Trustworthiness is a key to success in anything you do.

"Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom." Thomas Jefferson

SCHOOL NOTICES

Prizegiving

The trophies are at the engravers as we speak. A reminder that school prize giving this year is Wednesday, December 13th from 6pm – 7.30pm (ish). We look forward to seeing you there!

2018 Start Date

We can confirm that the start date for students for 2018 will be Thursday, February 1st. Dates for 2018 will be:

Term 1 – February 1st – April 13th

Term 2 – April 30th – July 6th

Term 3 – July 23rd – September 28th

Term 4 - October 15th – December 19th

(There will be two teacher only days during the year.)

Pet Day

Thanks to everybody who came along and supported Pet Day. It was a fantastic evening, with a great turnout, great weather and even a record profit!

Athletics

School Athletics was a great success and it was amazing to see the talent on display and the improvements in all of our children. On Friday Maharahara attended the Kainui Cluster Athletics at the Massey track, with some fantastic results! As well as some placings in individual events, a HUGE congratulations goes out to Carter, Narnia and Zoe who all came third in the overall championships for their respective year groups. Great effort!

Big Day Out

On Tuesday, December 12th we are looking at having our whole school 'Big Day Out' at the Lido pools. I am just waiting on confirmation from the venue and will get a flyer out asap. There is no cost for this event and we will travel by bus for a fun day out.

Wharite Sleep Over

As a celebration for the end of the school year and a farewell for Ms Edmond, Wharite will be having a sleepover at school on Thursday, December 14th. Any Wharite parents are welcome to join us. This was great fun and a huge success last year. More info to come home soon.

Swimming Pool

The pool is almost ready! A huge thanks to the Scott family for their hard work over the last couple of weeks getting it ready. We are hoping to be in there by the end of the week, so if students bring their togs from Friday onwards, we **may** be ready to cool off from this awesome sun we have been seeing of late.

LOOKING AHEAD



Tuesday, 12th December – Whole School day out (tbc)

Wednesday, December 13th – Prizegiving

Thursday, December 14th – School picnic / Water Fight!

Thursday, December 14th – Wharite sleep over

Friday, December 15th – Last day of school year

Thursday, February 1st 2018 – First day of school



STUDENT ACHIEVERS



Congratulations to this week's student achievers!

Remember!

* Term 4 = Sunhats (school issue), sunblock, water bottles and Sun Smart clothing.

* Prizegiving – Wednesday, December 13th

* School finishes Friday, December 15th

PET DAY 2017



COMMUNITY NOTICES

POHANGINA BROWNIE AND GUIDE CLUB OPEN DAY

If you are interested in Brownies or Girl Guides, come and join us for a fun filled afternoon on Monday 11th Dec, 3.40pm – 5.30pm at the Old School, Finnis Rd, Pohangina Village.

For girls aged 6 ½ - 12 years. We would love to see you there! For more information please contact Aly on 329 4005.

ASHHURST XMAS MARKET

Bettina and Alistair are organising a 'Showcase the School' fun stall for the Ashhurst Xmas market like we did last year to promote our awesomeness. The idea is to make sure the school has a presence at this great community event and offer some free 'Xmassy games' and/or entertainment for the kids (last year it was candy-cane fishing and Santa-Hat Ring Toss). Anyone with ideas or who is able to spend an hour or two on the morning of Saturday 9 Dec helping run it (it's the combined Ashhurst Christmas Parade/Market Day/Skate Park Opening that day) please get in touch with Bettina on 027 668 9449 or bettina@pukekoblue.co.nz.

PIGLETS FOR SALE!



PIG LETS
for sale
\$100 dollars ringed and
drenched
8 weeks old. wsser breed
call 027 668 9449

Kade has piglets for sale. See the awesome ad above! Phone 027 6689449 if interested.

Pohangina Valley Sunday School - Starting early 2018

Will run alternate Sundays at Pohangina Church and St Bartholomew's Church, Komako.

Confirmation of start date in December Issue of PVC Newsletter.

Any questions or expressions of interest contact

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