



## Pukeko Team Term 2 Newsletter

Thursday 6th May

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### **Welcome back to Term 2!**

We trust our Pukeko tamariki enjoyed two weeks spent with family and friends and are raring to go for another busy term of learning at school.

You may have read Julie Cowan's Principal blurb in the Week 11 newsletter last term which outlined our school's strategic goal around partnership. One part of this goal is around implementing ways to increase connection, partnership and strengthen communication. The purpose of this newsletter is to keep families in the loop with upcoming events, reminders and an outline of key learning areas coming up over the course of the term.

As always, if you have any questions about your child's learning please don't hesitate to get in touch with their kaitiaki teacher. We're always happy to help in any way we can.

Kind regards,

Melissa Ward, Montessa Bosman, Mel Koppier and Helen Chalmers

### **Upcoming Events:**

21st May - Pink Shirt Day

24th-28th May - Life Education

28th May - Gumboot Backyard Cricket Fundraiser for "I Am Hope"

7th June - Queen's Birthday (no school)

8th June - Teacher Only Day (no school)

Thursday 6th, 13th and 20th May - M3 sessions for each hub

Every Friday - Year 3/4 Kapa Haka

## **What teaching and learning will be going on in the Pukeko Team this term?**

**Turangawaewae/Local History:** Our inquiry learning this term will be taking us down the route of identifying, exploring and highlighting our turangawaewae (the place children feel connected to). This will include children interviewing family members about the place where they were born, where they call home, where they feel a connection to and where their ancestors came from. Following our inquiry into 'Turangawaewae' we will be learning about the place we as a school community stand on, Wattle Downs. This will include learning about local history from different perspectives and forms part of our new New Zealand Histories curriculum.

**Visual Art:** We have a major focus on Visual Art this term and will be exploring the printing medium. For each hub this may include screen printing, foam printing, linocut printing, texture and pattern printing and more! Parents and family members can look forward to viewing lots of different art pieces created by their children in our Term 4 school-wide art exhibition (more info on that to come later in the year!).

**Physical Education:** As always, Pukeko children will continue to have fitness opportunities each day and Physical Education lessons twice a week. Our focus this term is on 'small ball skills' and children will be participating in a range of sporting codes including t-ball, hockey, cricket and four-square.

**Math Strand:** Alongside number and algebra learning in their Math groups, all Pukeko children will also be learning about Geometry this term. To align with our visual art printing lessons, children will be learning about line, symmetry and tessellating patterns.

**ASB Get Wise:** All Pukeko kaitiaki classes will have one session this term with the crew from ASB Get Wise. This session will aim to teach children good money habits from identifying needs and wants and learning to save, right through to budgeting.

**Life Education:** As part of our "Be Respectful" learning this term, children will be exploring how to form and maintain positive friendships, conflict resolution skills and how to behave appropriately when engaging with others online. Our learning will be further extended with our Life Education visits (remember Harold the Giraffe?) which will focus on the big questions "How do the choices I make online affect me and others?" and "How can I be an upstander?"

**M3:** Last term each Pukeko hub had their first two M3 sessions with instructor Maddie. These sessions will continue for the first three Thursdays this term. As previously shared through school communication channels, M3 is about wellbeing for children and encompasses mindfulness, movement and Maori stories.