

PONGAKAWA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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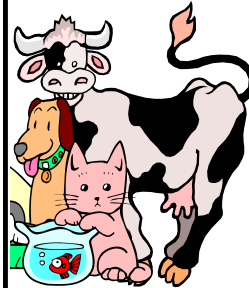
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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to 2015! I hope you have had a great break and an enjoyable summer so far. To our new families a huge welcome to you, I know you will make new friends very quickly and enjoy being part of your new second home.

This year we have two new teachers beginning with us. Jazmin Reid will work in the senior area and is in room 9 and our other new teacher Sherree Clarke will be working in room 2 as part of the Jiddles team. I know they are both really excited about being part of the Pongakawa team and we look forward to their contribution over the coming year. David James is enjoying a year's leave and is currently teaching in England where the weather is cold and life very different to the relaxed Pongakawa style.

All staff have been back at school for some time now with teachers, support and administration staff preparing for the school year. As teaching staff we have spent time exploring the possibilities the new lake, wetland and bush offer us as it is an area most schools would need to travel to enjoy. Having it on our doorstep gives us another opportunity to integrate real life learning into our student's day.

In week 5 of this term we will be visited by the Education Review Office. This is the first time the team have been at Pongakawa for five years as we have been part of a programme offered only to those schools the office feels are performing at a sustained high level. I will provide further information in the newsletter over the coming weeks including opportunities you will have to chat to the review officers.

You will no doubt have seen in the media over the past few weeks about the growing cost of education and from a parents point of view I have found this to be true. Many schools now have an expectation that parents will provide a computer or iPad etc for their child as they get older and this can place a huge financial burden on many parents. I am happy to say we have been able to alleviate this struggle completely at Pongakawa and all year 7 and 8 students will be presented with an HP Chrome book in the next few weeks for use during the school day. It will be theirs alone to use and offers a number of exciting new learning possibilities for the future. Parents will be given the option to purchase the chrome book through a one off or time payment method if they would like to take the chrome book home for use after school hours. On leaving Pongakawa for High School the chrome book will be that child's to take with them. There is no expectation on the school's part that parents should do this, rather it is offered as an option should families wish to pick it up. The school will of course provide the chrome book at the same price we paid for it which I believe is important.

Special congratulations to our Office Manager Tracey who married on Saturday and has so loyally come to school today to complete first day tasks. While she will still answer to Mrs Tracey Bristow she is now Mrs Tracey Reid.

Lastly just a reminder or two. Your child should bring their togs every day as they will swim rain or shine in our heated pool. The very sad drowning statistics over the summer show us all how important it is for our children to be confident around water and daily focussed lessons enable this to happen. Also if your child is travelling by bus please chat to them at home about the need to behave in a safe and quiet manner while travelling and should they not be using the service on a particular day please do let the office know ahead of time.

Yours in teaching
Craig Haggio
Principal

School Donation & Annual Fees

DONATION \$55 one child \$85 for two and \$110 three or more

Yr 7 & 8 TECH FEES \$40 per year

PHOTOCOPYING FEES \$12 a year

NB: Both tech fees for Yr 7 & 8 and photocopying for all students are a compulsory fee please.

These can be paid direct into our bank account below or via eftpos or cash at the school office, thanks.

TERM 4 2014 CUP WINNERS

Room 9 Macky Trophy:	Adelaide Reid
Merit:	Nathan Shaw
Merit:	Faybian Saunders
Room 10 Whitmore Cup:	Anita Ngawhika
Merit:	Louise Cullen
Merit:	Tamatea Smith
Room 8 Bristow Trophy:	Ella Orton
Merit:	Makino Te Whata
Merit:	Kiara Simmons
Room 5 Boyle Cup:	Hayley Jo Reid
Merit:	Janaya Ramsay
Merit:	Alyssa McDowell
Room 6 Craig Rogers Cup:	Rianzae Cracknell
Merit:	Zander McCloy
Merit:	Ruby Neverman
Room 7 Johnson Cup:	Penelope Reid
Merit:	Kate Menefy
Merit:	Kiana Loughlin
Room 1 Morrow Cup:	Meg Crawford
Merit:	Kerrie-Leigh Matthews
Merit:	Amber Cooper
Room 2 Whitmore Cup:	Natalia Milsom
Merit:	Amanda Harvey
Merit:	Zaya Bennison
Room 3 Beverly Hurst Cup	Ruby Mae Burt
Merit:	Mathew Kahotea
Merit:	Chelsea Skerritt
Room 15: Bristow Family Cup	Mollie Wilton
Merit:	Jamie Hart
Merit:	Madeleine McCarthy
Room 16 Lucy Cawte Cup	Ollie Purdie
Merit:	Rosie Morgan
Merit:	Joshua Thompson
Room 17 Sophie Walter Cup	Levi Cook
Merit:	Havana Dunham
Merit:	Devon Jones
Room 18 Whitmore Cup:	Bella Ngawhika
Merit:	Paewai Tapsell
Merit:	Jackson Anderson
Jennifer Stewart Arts Trophy:	Ripene Smith

WEEKLY NOTICES

We try to get most notices each week out with the Monday newsletter, but from time to time, sports/events notices need to be sent later in the week. Please make sure you regularly ask your child if they have notices during the week or check their bag.

Absences

Thank you to the many parents who inform us via phone/txt message or email of your child/ren being absent. The Ministry of Education requires that a reason always be given for absences ie. Sickness, Drs/dentist/hospital appointments, etc. If no reason is given then we in the office are required to mark the child as explained but unjustified and if we cannot contact you then they are marked as truant. Please when you leave a message can you also leave the reason why your child is unable to attend, thanks.

SUNHATS are compulsory in line with our School Policy. Please make sure your child has one everyday.



SPORTS NOTICES/RESULTS

Waterpolo, Saturday Cricket, Gymnastics, Squash:

Notices have been given to interested children and are to be returned a.s.a.p. to the school office. More available at the office if needed.

Cricket

Women's International Cricket comes to town with the White Ferns playing 3 games against England at the Bay Oval, Mount Maunganui - Wed 11th Feb, Fri 13th Feb and Sun 15th Feb 2015.

As part of this exciting event, Pongakawa School will be visited by some of the White Ferns team next Monday 9:30 – 10:30. You are most welcome to attend.

Pool Keys Pool keys cost \$100 per key with a \$5 refund upon return of the key at the end of the season.

Pool Bookings to date

Pukehina Surf Club: Wednesday 5.30 - 7pm & Sat 9.30 - 11am

Te Puke Swim Club: Fridays from 5 - 6.30pm

Private booking 24 & 26/11/14 and 8 & 10/12/14 from 4 - 5.00pm.



ACTION CENTRE Activities - Term 1

Please pay all fees promptly

SQUASH COACHING: for students in years 5,6,7,8 only.

Graeme Randolph, a nationally accredited professional squash coach, is continuing the coaching programme we have at school. He coaches groups of students, catering for all abilities during school time. Group sizes are limited to 6 students and the programme will run on Thursdays for 8 weeks **commencing next week**. Cost \$70.

Fill in the newsletter from the office to be booked into this activity.

All payments to be made promptly to

G R Squash \$70 into bank account; 030626 0619905 000.

SOCIAL VOLLEYBALL FOR ADULTS

Fridays – beginning 20th Feb – 27th Mar

Enter your grade – **social** or **serious social** at Pongakawa School Office

Adults – 6:00 – 8:00. Cost - \$120 30 min games

Refs provided

4 players on a court (but a good team number is 6 players)

****Student Volleyball after school on Fridays also – from 3:30**

for years 3 /4, 5/6, 7/8. Newsletters given to interested children with details, please return the volleyball notice to the school office.

SOCIAL NETBALL FOR ADULTS

Call for team entries for social netball beginning MONDAY 16th February if sufficient teams enter, so please do this a.s.a.p. as we need a minimum of 6 teams to go ahead. Refs supplied and cost per team is \$150.

GYMNASTICS FOR STUDENTS

After school gym is again being offered on a Monday, 3:15 – 4:15.

Senior coach is Pam Walters also assisted by 2 parent coaches.

Programme focus is co-ordination, flexibility, strengthening and fun!

Suitable to all ages and abilities 4 years and up. Cost \$65.

Begins 9/2/15 and runs for 7 weeks.

Return the gym newsletter to the school office to book a place.

Gillian Moore School of DANCE

Tuesday 3.15 Junior Jazz 4.00 Senior Jazz. Neat fun classes with opportunity for medal test and participation in Gillian Moore's end of year production.

To register email gmooreschoolofdance@xtra.co.nz or phone Hannah 022 047 3317.

SQUASH CARD HOLDERS

As your card Annual Memberships are now coming up for renewal please note that these are all done through school (\$50 per year). Also this year we will be giving four free games per year to any TECT card holders - just bring your card or Trustpower account in to receive this free gift.

EVENTS COMING UP

6/2/15

9/2/15

2—6/3/15

4 - 11/3/15

5/3/15

11/3/15

15/3/15

18/3/15

20/3/15

23/3/15

24/3/15

25/3/15

26/3/15

27/3/15

30/3/15

Waitangi Day - public holiday

HPV Education for Year 8 girls

Education Review Office (ERO) visiting

Life Education van coming

Yr 5 - 8 Swimming Sports

Yr 3/4 Swimming Sports

Top School

SHOW - Jack Flash & the Jumping Beanstalk \$4.50

Yr 7/8 Future Champs

Duathlon Yrs 3 - 8

Triathlon Yrs 3 - 8

Juniors Triathlon 1.30

WBOP Swimming Yr 7/8

WBOP Swimming Yr 5/6

Hong Kong visitors arrive

Piano Lessons

Get in quick for this term! Fi's Keys offers fun, inspiring, weekly lessons. These operate Monday & Wednesday mornings. Contact fi@quist.ca or 021 051 1891 for more info. Few spaces.

Drum Lessons

There are spaces available this term call 0220378620 or 07 5441062 now to secure a place.

Costs between \$14-\$22 for group/paired/individual lessons.

see the website www.ignitemusic.co.nz for more information or call today!

Guitar/Ukelele Lessons

To register contact Joseph Tamihana via Mobile 022 372 9241 or email: joseph.tamihana@musiqhub.co.nz

Drama Lessons available

Look in next weeks newsletter for more details.

Contact Helen Dewhirst Tel - 5331-874 or 027-202-83-22
helen.dewhirst@xtra.co.nz email- helen.dewhirst@xtra.co.nz

Limited Stationery Packs available at school

Year 1 & 2 = \$15 Yr 3 = \$25 Yr 4 = \$26

Yr 5 & 6 = \$30 Yr 7 & 8 = \$32

Help Please

If you built a deck over the holidays, the Blokes Shed would really appreciate any off cuts.

We are making plaques for trees/plants in our reserve/wetland areas.

Wetland Project

The wetland area is soon to be continuing with the planting programme and is asking for any wool carpet to be used for weed control. This is by far the best method we have discovered. Please contact the school office if you have any.

Community/School Notices

Turkish Cooking Classes: Learn more about Turkish Cuisine and culture from a Turkish home-cook. You will see Turkish food is more than kebabs and baklava. Come and enjoy a day or an evening of cooking and a meal afterwards or host a Turkish cooking party. Classes will be held on 6th Dec (7 pm - 10 pm), 20th Dec (9.30 am - 12.30 pm), 7th Jan (9.30 am-12.30 pm), 17th Jan (7.30 pm - 9.30 pm). Gift vouchers are available. Call (5333536) or email (kartalp@gmail.com) Pinar for more info and future classes dates.