



# Te Pahu School Times

## Wednesday 22nd July 2020

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Kia ora koutou Whānau,

Welcome back! I certainly hope you have managed to have a break with your beautiful children, taken some time to relax, have some 'down time', visit a special place or a place further a field within our beautiful countries borders. I definitely think we are lucky to be living in New Zealand right now. It was definitely a welcome break for me, a little time to recharge the energy levels, read a book or two, get out on the water for an early morning fishing experience, spend time with family and friends and throw a little shopping into the mix.



Thank you to all who attended our 'Matariki Breakfast' on the last day of school. It was fantastic to see so many turnout on such a chilly morning. We enjoyed bacon and egg buns, spaghetti, porridge and milo! Perfect on a cold morning. It was special to end the term by coming together as a community, sharing blessings and kai, remembering those no longer with us and preparing for the future. It was also special to end the term together.



I am definitely looking forward to the term ahead! This term begins with 'Hui-a-Whānau/ Family Conferences' in week 2. If you have not booked your spot please contact the school office this week to get a time slot. Please bring the 'Mid Year Report' you received at the end of term 2.

School cross country will be held in week 4. We will be holding this on Thursday 13th August. Our learners will be working on developing their speech writing skills to present these to their peers with the finalists presenting their speeches to the whole school. Our top speech finalists will then go on to compete in the Lower Waipa Speech Competition at Ohaupo School on Thursday 3rd September. Presenting is an learning objective of the New Zealand Curriculum. Learners from 5 years old are expected to present a poem or speech to their peers. This is always an exciting time for our learners and their teachers. Our overall focus for learning this term is 'Healthy Communities' and knowing 'Our Stories'. Our learners will be learning and exploring local myths and legends and learning more on the history of our local area, using this knowledge to understand how our community thrives today. Our learners will be showcasing their learning towards the end of the term to the community. This will be done in a way that we have not used before at Te Pahu School. More information later in the term.

This term there will be a number of activities outside of the classroom . These activities will be to develop skills and knowledge in physical activity, bush and bike skills. Please watch notices for request to support us in these activities as we can not achieve education outside the classroom without your support. Ruma Kokako are off to Ruapehu in week 3 for a fun filled day on the mountain and the following day out and about in the Hinterland. Fingers crossed for fine weather!

Term 3 always appears to be a long term with wet days, fog, frosts and winter illnesses. Please, if your child is sick keep them at home. We will continue to send students home who display symptoms of illness. Look after each other!

Ngā mihi nui  
Meegan Dunn

Please note: This will be the last time the Te Pahu Times will be printed, in a fortnight's time it will be emailed, and available on skool loop and the school website. The Community newsletter will still be printed on the alternate weeks.

Pirongia Squash Training - Years 5 - 8, Tuesday afternoons at Pirongia Squash Club. This programme is aimed at children wanting to give squash a go (never played) and those that have played and want to learn new skills. Please text/ph Amanda Wright on 0274 80 90 38 to register or for more information - (\$2 per session)

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**  
21st July: PTA Meeting, 7.30  
29-30th July: Hui-a-whānau/Family conferences  
6th Aug: Ruma Kokako Ski Trip  
10th Aug: Photolife photos  
13th Aug: School Cross Country



# PTA NEWS



Thanks to those who sent in recipes for our **cookbook fundraiser**. We have extended closure date, if you have any more favourite recipes - please email to [tepahupta@gmail.com](mailto:tepahupta@gmail.com) by the end of this week.



## Playground update

New playground fundraising- the PTA would like some assistance with grant applications and funding, if you think you would be able to be a part of this committee and may have some ideas please contact the PTA.

Current funds are \$12,000 of our \$150,000 goal for our new proposed playground. We were fortunate to get a kind donation from Mt Pirongia Lions recently so wish to thank them kindly.

**Bingo** for 2020 has been cancelled due to Covid-19. We would like to thank the following businesses who donated their table payment to the Playground - JD Ahlers Builder, Hamilton Panelworks, Ray White - Noldy Rust & Goodwright Contracting Ltd.

Thank you also to those families who donated their hot-x bun orders to the PTA playground.

## EZ Lunches

Last term we were advised those who used POLi would now be charged a small service fee, however they have since revoked this due to the challenging times and unnecessary burden. Therefore there will be no charge for using the POLi service.

We are still requiring parent volunteers to pick up the lunches on Wednesday's. Pick up is at Ferguson Rd corner to Te Pahu Rd 12-12:15pm, if you were able to add yourself to our roster we would be hugely appreciative- then it would mean maybe only 1 or 2 turns a term to suit. Please let us know if you can help, if we don't get enough volunteers, we won't be able to continue offering the lunch service Remember- by ordering through ezlunch, you also benefit the school with a rebate in return.

## Message from EZlunch:

ezlunch orders are made online through your myKindo account. You can order lunch by simply going to [www.mykindo.co.nz](http://www.mykindo.co.nz)

Order anytime before cut-off (9am Wednesday) or schedule in advance. Lunch will be delivered to school at lunchtime. Help? Visit [support.mykindo.co.nz](http://support.mykindo.co.nz) or tel. 09-869 5200 Mon-Fri 8 am to 4 pm.

## Soup Day Friday- For the month of August



"Soup Days are coming! Friday's in August the PTA will be selling soup for lunch from the den. If you are able to donate soup or your time to help, the PTA will be very appreciative. More details to come.

**\*\*Next PTA meeting: Tuesday 21st July 7:30pm at the staff room. All parents/caregivers are welcome\*\***

