 **Pirinoa School ~*Vibrant and Successful learning***

***Te kakama, te momoho o te ako***

Newsletter ~ 28th July 2017 Week 1 Term 3

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Kia ora whanau

It has been a great first week back at Pirinoa School, after some wild winter weather over the holidays!

A big thanks to everyone who made it to the community consultation evening on Tuesday. It is vital that Pirinoa School links closely to the community and we have a shared vision moving forward. I, along with the staff and Board of Trustees will find trends in the ideas that were shared and put everything together to form the 2018 Strategic Plan. If you were unable to make it on Tuesday night, please feel free to come and have an informal chat (after school is best) or drop your ideas in on paper or email.

Another important issue to think about is Pirinoa School’s potential involvement with the Community of Learning (COL). A COL is a formal system where local schools work together for the benefit of all students in the COL. The government are promoting COLs and offering financial incentives to the schools that join. Great! But I need to make sure that Pirinoa School has a voice within the COL. Because we always want to remain unique and independent thinkers, not just part of the latest trend. Again, please let me know your thoughts on this through conversation or email.

This term we have a potential Science Fair with the local cluster, but dates are yet to be confirmed. We also have lots of sports coming up, so even if it’s a bit cold still, let’s keep it positive and get involved!

**Events coming up**

Miniball (Year 5-6) – Starting week 2 (next week), but it might be postponed until week 3 – we need someone to drive the school van to Kuranui around 4pm every Wednesday night. Kim Whiteman is coaching the team.

Football (Year 5-6 & Year 7-8) – Tournament in week 3

Science Fair (Everyone) – TBC.

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| **MONDAY** | **TUESDAY** | **WEDNESDAY** | **THURSDAY** | **FRIDAY** | **SATURDAY** | | **SUNDAY** |
| Term 3 begins 24 | Yr 5/6 RIPPA 25 | 26 | 27 | Newsletter 28 | 29 | | 30 |
| **AUGUST** | | | | | |  | |
| July 31  Vision & Hearing | 1 | 2 | Track&Trap 3  REAP | 4 | 5 | | 6 |
| Scholastic 7  orders due back | Yr 8 students 8  Kuranui Open Day | 9 | 10 | Newsletter 11 | 12 | | 13 |
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| **Did you know:**   * **SAUSAGE SIZZLE:** Thank you to Carolyn for cooking our sizzle today.   Friday 4th August: Chris/Renee;  Friday 11th August: Kim Macklin.   * **YR 7 & 8 TECH FEES are due now please.** You are able to pay by instalments, however, as Terms 1 and 2 have been completed we would appreciate that amount to start with, i.e. $28-75. * **SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ORDERS:** Orders, together with payment, are due back no later than Monday 7th August please.   **PIRINOA SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES DECLARATION OF STAFF ELECTION RESULT**  At the close of nominations, as there was only one valid nomination received, I hereby declare  Tara Woodhouse duly elected.  Lynette Batty  Returning Officer  **STUDENT ABSENCES**  If your child is absent from school, please leave us a message on the school answer phone prior to 9am, stating your name, child’s name, the day on which they will not be at school and reason for absence.  Please note: You need to ring the school each day your child is absent. Notification must be from the parent/caregiver, not a sibling. Thank you for your help.  **ROOM 1**  Welcome back to Term 3. I hope everybody had a great holiday. We have three new students in the classroom: Nikau, Matai and ZinZan Andersen. This term our inquiry focus is Science. In Room 1 we are going to be doing a variety of science experiments and learning why it happens. Parents/ Caregivers could you please keep up the great work with reading and spelling practice and ensure that your children remember to bring their book bags to school every day. Thank you.  **VISION & HEARING SCREENING.**  Regional Public Health Wairarapa provides free vision & hearing screening at your child’s school.   * Hearing & Distance Vision for 5 & 6yr old children who missed or did not complete their B4 school checks. * Children who have transferred schools, who have not yet completed routine vision & hearing screening. * Results will be sent home with your child if screened by this service. This service is not a full assessment.   **KEEP THE WINTER BUGS AT HOME**  Winter is now in full force, as we saw with the wild weather that occurred during the school holidays. The colder weather brings with it the usual rounds of winter colds and illnesses.  When it comes to winter sickness, sharing is definitely not caring. If your child is unwell, keep them home to avoid germs from spreading and let them get lots of rest. Be aware that a cold can last up to a week and coughs can linger for up to four weeks.  If you’re concerned about your child, contact your local medical centre. Remember that visits are usually free for children under 13. You can also call Healthline 0800 611 116 for free medical advice 24hrs a day or talk to your local pharmacist – they’re a good source of advice.  **ROOM 2**  Kingston – *By Alec McDowall.*  Kingston is a smart kid and good at rugby. He likes tackling his friends. He used to play on his x-box but he can’t now because his charger wire is broken inside.  Kingston wears a uniform. He is kind and he is my best friend. |

**SCHOOL NOTICEBOARD**

Check out our school noticeboard by Mr Jackett’s office for events coming up in the Wairarapa.

Keep collecting Yummy stickers and bring them to school – thank you.

**WEEK 1 LEARNING AWARDS**

**PRINCIPAL’S AWARD: ALEC MCDOWALL -**

For showing Maramatanga by taking pride in everything he has done this week.

**ROOM 2: JONO DIDSBURY -** For showing mannaki - caring for others. Looking after the juniors during lunchtime and welcoming our new students.

**ROOM 3: ZINZAN ANDERSEN –** For showing respect to others.

**ROOM1:** **MELESIA ENE –** For finishing working and then helping others.

**YEAR 8 PLAYGROUND AWARD: HUNTER KERRISON-JONES –** For sharing his obstacle course that he made.

**ROOM 2 NEWS**