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Week 11 Term 1
8th April 2024

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Dear Parents and Caregivers
The last week of term. It seems like the weeks have flown by. The end of summer to me seems final once we turn the clocks back an hour but thank goodness the weather is still great.
The school has a number of extra students over the next couple of days as we welcome back our friends from Yuen Yuen Primary School in Hong Kong. This is the first time for some years we have been able to have them visit due to Covid restrictions. Students from both schools love the interaction and our visitors quickly became a part of their new second home. Many thanks to all those families who have been able to host the students or the teachers at their home. Feedback from them indicates what an awesome time they are having and the fantastic hospitality they are receiving. They are making lifetime memories for sure.

As you may be aware the government has begun a review into the Education Ministry Property Programme. As a part of this they are looking at a number of projects currently and we have been included in this review. It seems there is a struggle for funding at present and so Ministry employees have to provide information which is then evaluated and a ranking with the most needy projects at the top. I feel we are well placed to be included as there are still major weather tightness issues to be addressed in our school. I will give you more feedback when I know more. In areas outside of the review we have now been given the greenlight to pursue some of the areas which have been put on hold in case it is included in the weather tightness work.

Confused? I admit it took me a bit to get my head around but hopefully although money will be tight we can now move forward beginning to upgrade and modernise areas of the school. Lastly, Matua Tumanako is looking for the tubes that come inside a silage wrap roll. They are perfect for cutting into stick lengths for rakau music and not too noisy when they are dropped. If you can help please just send them along to school.

See you at end of term assembly this Friday at 1.30pm in the Action Centre. Everyone is welcome.

Yours in teaching
Craig Haggo
Principal

Pause For Thought

- Teach them to sit with those sitting alone.
- Teach them to be kind.
- Teach them to offer help.
- Teach them to be a friend to the lonely.
- Teach them to encourage others.
- Teach them to think about other people.
- Teach them to share.
- Teach them to look for the good.
- This is how they will change the world.



RayWhite
PUKEHINA
PONGAKAWA SCHOOL'S ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT

A NIGHT AT THE CARNIVAL

AUCTIONS | LIVE BAND | BAR
SPOT PRIZES | BEST DRESSED

22ND JUNE 2024
TECT PONGAKAWA: THE ACTION CENTRE
BAND: LEFT HAND BREAK
DOORS OPEN: 5.30PM
EVENING STARTS: 7PM

ONLY TABLE PURCHASES AVAILABLE (TABLE OF 8) | LIGHT MEAL & SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED
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Book your babysitters and start thinking about your costumes. We have an amazing number of creative and incredible businesses in our local community. Sponsoring a table or gifting items large or small for our quiz night live or silent auctions is a great way to promote and showcase your business across a broad range of our community who attend our quiz night each year.

School Community Swimming Pool Closure

Please be aware that the heating for the school pool will be turned off from tomorrow, Tuesday 9th April 2024 & access to the pool will be unavailable from Friday 12th April 2024.

Middles Camp Fundraising - Friday 12th April 2024

Middles students are fundraising for camp and will be offering a pizza, Doughnut and/or juicy for this Friday lunchtime.

Students will pre order with CASH only.

Please send the money and order to their classroom teachers

Pizza \$5.00 for 2 slices

gluten free pizza available

Doughnut (no gluten free option) \$2.00

Frozen Juicy \$2



Their orders will be delivered to their classroom at lunchtime on Friday 12th April 2024.

Thank you for supporting the Middles Students Camp Fundraiser

Lost Property piles are bigger than before. There are large amounts of clothing, shoes, hats, drink bottles etc all waiting on the rear deck of the library to be reunited with the children they came to school with.

Our school bank account details for any payments are: ASB 12-3407-0007320-00

Te Puke Netball interest - Year 1-6 2024

The netball season is approaching us and we are gathering interest for teams from Years 1-6, 2024.

This season commences Term 2, Week 3, Thursday 16th May.

We are looking forward to seeing our familiar faces and hopefully some new ones. Please read the information below.

NETBALL Years 1-6

Games are played on a Thursday afternoon at the Te Puke Netball Courts/Centre.

Fees for yr 1-2 are \$40 per child.

Fees for yr 3-6 are \$80 per child.

We will need coaches and managers for each team - you will be required to attend an essential training session. It will be up to you if you would like to take training/practice sessions in (morning tea/lunchtime) or outside of school times.

The year 1-2 players do not usually have a training session during the week as it is more about having fun, developing essential movement and ball skills, with the emphasis on equal participation.

Teams will not be able to go through/be registered if there is no help with coach/manager OR not enough interest in playing.

Years 1-2: playing format: 4 vs 4, game day: 30 minute skills, 15 minute games at 4:00 pm

Years 3-4: playing format: 5 vs 5, game day: 15 minute skills, 4x 8 minute game at 4:00 pm

Years 5-6: playing format: 6 vs 6, game day: 4x 8 minute games at 5:15 pm

YEAR 7-8 Netball 2023 - Tauranga Netball Centre INTEREST

This is the information that we are able to give at present.

Grading Date: Saturday 18th May 2024

Season Begins: Saturday 25th May 2024

Season Ends: Saturday 31st August 2024 (Expect time changes) semi-finals and finals

Time: Year 7 - 8:00am

Year 8 - 9: 00am

(This will depend on what grade we go into eg: if we have more year 8 players we will be in the year 8 grade)

Where: Tauranga Netball Centre - Mount Maunganui

Fees: Approx \$80.00 - depending on team numbers, this will change

Uniform: Girls will be provided with a Pongakawa School netball dress. They will need to have their hair tied up, nails cut short, no jewellery to be worn, correct footwear, and black or white thermals/ shorts/underwear underneath.

Training: To be confirmed

Basketball Term 2 2024

Year 1 & 2 - Little League Term 2 (Mondays) 13th May – 1st

July (6 weeks) **Approx fees: \$70**

Year 3 & 4 - (Tuesdays) 14th May – 27th August (14 Weeks)

Approx fees: \$130.00

Year 5 & 6 - (Fridays) 10th May – 23rd August (13 Weeks)

Approx fees: \$130.00

Uniform: School singlets will be provided. Black shorts. Correct footwear. Venue: Mercury Baypark, QEYC Court 1 & Court 2 and Memorial Hall

Year 7/8 League Dates: Monday 13th May – 26th August

2024 (12 weeks) No games 3rd or 24th June

Fees: Approximately \$100.00 - \$120.00

Uniform: School singlets will be provided. Black shorts.

Correct footwear. Venue: Mercury Baypark

Mouth Guards are compulsory for all age groups except Year 1-2 Little League players. The school does sell them from \$6.00 to \$8.00 subject to size. REGISTRATIONS CLOSE THIS WEEK. WE NEED THESE FORMS BACK ASAP PLEASE

Upcoming Events Calendar

10/04/24	Hong Kong Students Departure
09/04/24	Year 7/8 WBOP Swimming 7.55am departure
10/04/24	Year 5/6 WBOP Swimming
11/04/24	Ignite Walk 2.00pm
12/04/24	End of Term Assembly 1.30pm Action Centre
12/04/24	Community Pool Access Unavailable after today
25/04/24	Anzac Day Public Holiday
29/04/24	First day of school Term 2 2024
06/05/24 to 08/05/24	Middles Camp at Totara Springs
13/05/24	Keeping Ourselves Safe Parent Meeting 9.15am
30/05/24	School Cross Country
03/06/24	Kings Birthday Public Holiday
04/06/24	Cross Country Cluster Years 5-8 @ Pongakawa
22/06/24	Quiz Night—A Night at the Carnival

Cricket and Ripa Rugby Year 1-8 Term 1

The season has finished for Ripa and cricket, please hand back to the office all school rep shirts asap so that they can be cleaned ready for the next sporting code.

Community Notices

Homeopathy for beginners. Tuesday nights 6.30-7.45 pm starting 23 April at the Papamoa Community Centre. A gold coin donation. If interested text Amanda on 027 868 1321 **also:** I am running an afternoon course during the school holidays for kids who would like to make their own personal care products / roll on deodorant / skin cleanser and cream. Run over 2 hours. Parents are welcome to join in. Will need a minimum of 6 kids to go ahead so would like to see who is interested first. Text Amanda on 027 8681321 Amanda Macrae Homeopath, Herbalist, Chemist. Director Email: admin@manutkeherbs.co.nz www.manutkeherbs.co.nz

3/4 Bedroom house to rent required by Pongakawa School

family. A 3 or 4 bedroom house or farm cottage is required to rent for one of our school families. It would ideally be either close to Pongakawa School or on/near a school bus run. Phone Bob Tafan Ph 0274201569

Game On. Come along for some board or card game fun!

Wednesdays 3.30pm—4.30pm for term 2 starting 1st May 2024 in the children's area at the Te Puke Library. All Welcome.

Biosecurity Hunt

My name is Lisa and I am the Programme and Event Manager for TMBC (Tauranga Moana Biosecurity Capital). We have our annual biosecurity hunt taking place now and during the school holidays. Families have a free activity to do these holidays. There are heaps of cool prizes to be won and loads to learn about protecting what we love, our home. If your tamariki are doing great things in the biosecurity space, we would love to hear about it and showcase it across the region. Please feel free to share with us! Nga mihi Lisa. Visit: www.greathunt.co.nz to play online between 5th April & 5th May 2024. Have you got what it takes to hunt down the "Most Wanted" invasive pests, threats and diseases to protect the Bay of Plenty? Lisa Cowan Ph 022 175 8570 lisa@tmbiosecurity.co.nz



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