



# Pigeon Mountain School News

**JUNE 2018**

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## Welcome to Winter!

This week, we hosted an event on behalf of The Parenting Place. Anyone who attended will no doubt agree what a wonderful event it was, and how it reminded us of the incredibly difficult job we have as parents. I read something on Facebook this week which, as a parent of 3 children, made me think.

"Don't become preoccupied with your child's academic ability, but instead 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."

Reflecting on the interactions I enjoy every day with the wonderful students of Pigeon Mountain, and how they demonstrate the school values of Respect, Resilience, Excellence and Responsibility, I think we're all doing a pretty good job of getting the balance just about right! Give yourselves a pat on the back and keep up the good work!

*Ian Dickinson, Principal*



*From the Principal's Desk*

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**Today our roll is 557. New students - We wish you much success with your learning at Pigeon Mountain School. Welcome to - Emma Song, Howard Shang, Ava Yardley, Japs Kaur, Gemma Chaplin, Flynn Foulds, Kerry Chen and Ismail Jatoi.**

## B.O.T. NEWS:

The next BOT Meeting will be on the **21st June 2018 at 7pm**. Parents are welcome to attend all board meetings.

## P.T.A. NEWS:

The next PTA Meeting is on the **13th June 2018 at 7.30pm**. Please consider joining our happy and enthusiastic team.

**MUFTI DAY** - Raised \$496.40

**BAKE SALE** - Raised \$593.70

The next bake sales are **Wednesday, 6th June (Kauri team) and Wednesday, 20th June (Titoki team)**. If you are able to lend a hand with a bake sale from 8.30am until approximately 11.30am, please come to the staffroom on the day. Help for the whole time, or just a while.

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS** - The 2018/19 Entertainment Book is available from the office at a cost of \$70.

## MOVIE NIGHTS -

Friday 8th June - Junior Movie Night

Friday 22nd June - Senior Movie Night

## QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY:

Did you know that people in the UK do not have a day off to celebrate the Queen's Birthday?

Did you know that the Queen was actually born in April?

**WE ARE CLOSED to celebrate the Queen's 92nd birthday on MONDAY 4th JUNE.** We hope everyone has an enjoyable long weekend. We'll see you back on Tuesday 5th June!

## PAID UNION MEETINGS:

Last term, the majority of teachers at our school attended meetings to discuss the nation-wide crisis facing schools. Later this term there are more meetings. One of the main focuses for these meetings is the teacher shortage that is starting to disrupt children's learning. The facts and figures about teacher supply are simple and disturbing:

- Over the past 6 years, there has been a 40% drop-off in those training to teach.
- 40% of new teachers leave the profession in the first 5 years of teaching.
- Meanwhile, 35% of NZ's experienced teachers will be eligible to retire during the next 10 years, and many are leaving early.

At our school, we are lucky to have a full complement of teaching staff, however we are unlikely to remain unaffected if this crisis continues.

Our children deserve the best. However, this can only happen when there is a supply of committed, talented teachers and principals.

**Most of our teachers will be attending the next NZEI meeting on the afternoon of Wednesday 27th June. To minimise disruption to the community, we will remain open on this day, but we are offering parents the chance to collect their children at 12.45pm.** Otherwise, children will be collected at the normal time of 3pm. A separate letter will be sent home next week for parents to complete.

**SICKNESS:**

Unfortunately, at this time of the year there is a lot of sickness in the school. PLEASE, if your child is sick, keep them at home. Call the absentee line, send an email to [absences@pmps.school.nz](mailto:absences@pmps.school.nz), use Skoolbag or the webpage to report your child's absence.

**BARBARIANS RUGBY DAY:**

A collection of resilient Pigeon Mountain players represented our school in the 29th Annual Barbarians Rugby Fun Day on the last Sunday in May. It was great to see such hard working and skilful children taking such enjoyment and pleasure in wearing the blue and green jersey on a wet and breezy Takanini morning. Thank you to the parents who helped and supported, and to Mr Cox and Mr Whatman who organised this terrific opportunity.

**NETBALL:**

The HPPA Interschool netball competition started this term and we have a record 3 teams involved this year. The Year 6 teams both had very close games against Shelly Park, Elm Park and Mission Heights, recording a draw and two losses.

The Year 5 team coached by Miss Lee and Miss Kirkham have been training hard on Friday mornings before school and have had one loss against Ormiston Primary.

**COMMUNITY NEWS:****ADVENTURE OUTDOORS—SCHOOL HOLIDAY**

**CAMPS** - These July school holidays we are running 2 awesome camps. Tramping, rock climbing, team building challenges, hot pools and much more  
Adventure Outdoors Camp, Mt Pirongia, July 9-13th  
Adventure Winter Camp, Aongatete lodge, July 16-20th— 8-14 yr olds - OSCAR available - Pick up/drop off Auckland, Bay of Plenty, Waikato. Book at [www.edventure.co.nz](http://www.edventure.co.nz) or email [mark@edventure.co.nz](mailto:mark@edventure.co.nz)

**MATARIKI at the MARITIME MUSEUM:**

from 9th July to 20th July 10am—2pm weekdays. Waka Warriors, Matariki Print, set some new intentions for the year ahead and sailing. For bookings call 3730807 or email [bookings@maritimemuseum.co.nz](mailto:bookings@maritimemuseum.co.nz)

**MARTIAL ARTS** beginners for kids—every Tuesday 6.30—7.30pm in Pigeon Mountain School hall. First lesson is free. No experience required. For more information—Lucy 021 550 041 (see advertisement on back of this newsletter.)

**DATES TO NOTE:**

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| <b>Mon 4th June</b> | Queen's birthday holiday     |
| Tues 5th June       | Netball Field Day            |
| Wed 6th June        | Bake Sale - Kauri Team       |
| Thurs 7th June      | Netball Field Day saving day |
| Fri 8th June        | Junior Movie Night           |
| Mon 11th June       | Reports go home Y4-6         |
| Wed 13th June       | Rms 6 & 7 to Maritime Museum |
| Wed 13th June       | ICAS Spelling                |
| Wed 13th June       | PTA Meeting 7.30pm           |
| Thurs 14th June     | ICAS Writing                 |
| Thurs 14th June     | Rms 8 & 9 to Maritime Museum |
| Wed 20th June       | Bake Sale - Titoki           |
| Thurs 21st June     | BOT Meeting 7pm              |
| Fri 22nd June       | Senior Movie Night           |
| Tues 26th June      | Hockey Field Day             |
| Wed 27th June       | PUM Meeting—teachers         |
| Thurs 28th June     | Hockey Field Day saving day  |

**SAFETY ISSUES:**

**SCHOOL CARPARK**—Parents are reminded that the school car park is for **STAFF ONLY** unless parents are collecting sick children from the sick bay. Children must NOT be dropped off or picked up before and after school in the car park.

**SCHOOL CROSSING ON LOLOMA DRIVE—**

Stopping on the yellow lines in Loloma Drive by the crossing to drop off or pick up students is an offence. This may result in the police being notified and tickets being issued for repeat 'offenders'. On Thursday, we had an offender do a 'U' turn right by the crossing! Please have consideration for the road patrol monitors - they do an excellent job. Please wait patiently and do not cross Loloma Drive unless you are using the pedestrian crossing! Running across the crossing is incredibly dangerous. **PLEASE BE GOOD ROLE MODELS FOR YOUR CHILDREN BY USING THE ROAD PATROL CORRECTLY AND RESPONSIBLY - THANK YOU!!!!**

**TERM DATES:**

Term 2 - 30th April - 6th July  
Term 3 - 23rd July - 29th September  
Term 4 - 15th October - 19th December

By returning this portion of the newsletter, your child is in the draw for the ice-cream and each slip earns house points. Please write name & room number.

Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Room \_\_\_\_\_  
**HOUSE POINTS:** (Please circle house)  
**TUI (Red)** **KIWI (Yellow)**  
**PUKEKO (Blue)** **KERERU (Green)**  
Parent \_\_\_\_\_