



Pigeon Mountain School News

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Tau Hou hari 新年快乐,

One of the major focus areas for our school this year is our involvement in the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) programme.

PB4L currently operates in over 700 New Zealand schools, and will help us strengthen our Pigeon Mountain culture where positive behaviour and learning is a way of life. The framework will be tailored to our school's own environment and cultural needs. We are excited that our involvement in the programme will enable us to work even more closely with students, teachers and families, to look at the environment, systems and practices we have in place to support positive behaviour choices.

The programme will work in a similar way as the CARE values you talk about at home- and, like with the CARE values, you'll be updated throughout the year with what our school focuses are.

Ian Dickinson - Principal



From the Principal's Desk
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Today our roll is 543 . New students - We wish you much success with your learning at Pigeon Mountain School. Welcome to; Yuruo Han, Emma Yu, Luca Yu, Zac Baird, Marisa Munekawa, Nathan Ho, Justin Qiu, Neo King, Daniel Yu and Lucas Zhang

B.O.T. NEWS:

The next BOT Meeting will be on the **22nd March 2018 at 7pm.** Parents are welcome to attend all board meetings.

P.T.A. NEWS:

The next PTA Meeting is on the **14th March, which is our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.** The Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary positions need to be filled. Please consider joining our friendly team. All new parents are welcome to attend.

Frozen Fridays will continue during this term. Ice blocks are \$2 and \$1.

ST PATRICK'S DAY MUFTI: - Friday 16th March. Bring along a gold coin and wear something green - hair, clothes, shoes....

SCHOOL DISCO: Friday 23rd March \$2 entry

BATTERY FUNDRAISER: 19th March to 9th April.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS: Early Bird bonus offers. Order a digital membership or a book before the 13th April to receive early bird bonus offers.

INCONSIDERATE DRIVING:

Unfortunately a number of drivers are putting the lives of our students at risk with inconsiderate behaviour. It is NEVER worth endangering someone's life because you are running a little late. We would rather your child arrive a minute or two after the bell than have an accident take place on Loloma Drive. We are obliged to report yellow line stopping and parking to our local constable, and our crossing patrol groups are on the look out each day for offenders.



Paid Union Meetings

A number of our teachers will be attending NZEI Paid Union Meetings in March. Our teachers have selected to attend local meetings in order to minimise disruption to the operation of school. The NZEI are working with the government around the development of the teachers' new collective agreement. There will be no disruption to the normal school day.

SCHOOL HOURS

Please remember the school day commences at 8.50am, until 3pm. Students should be at school no later than 8.30am to get ready for their learning. We have noticed students dropped off at school by 7.30am. Please be aware, Bizzy Bodz offer a Before School Care service from 7am until 8.30am. Students should also be **collected promptly at 3pm** or attend After School Care.

A **BSENTEES:**
If your child is absent from school on any given day, their absence must be reported to the school in the morning before 8.50am. There are various ways of doing this— by phone - leaving a message on the absentee line; by fax 534 9760; emailing the school at absences@pigeon-mountain.school.nz or via Skoolbag or the website. When informing the school of an absence, please state the reason for the absence. Children who are sick should not come to school.
If your child is late for school, a parent must sign their child in at the office. THE ROLL IS CALLED AT 08.50am

S **KOOLBAG:**
Skoolbag is a mobile app that communicates directly to parent smartphones. It provides access to key school information via one single communication centre for both parents and students. Pigeon Mountain has **Skoolbag** for Apple and Android devices. To download **Skoolbag** on your iPhone, simply search for your school name in the APP store on your phone, PC or Mac, and install. For Android users, search for the school name in the Google Play Store on your phone, PC or Mac, and install.

S **ECOND-HAND UNIFORMS:**
 Second hand uniforms are sold Monday—Friday from the school office between 8.30am and 8.50am. If you are wanting to sell second hand uniforms, please bring them to the office. Brand new hats are available from the office for \$10.00, but unfortunately we cannot sell second hand hats or second hand House T Shirts, but these are available from NZ Uniforms, Bishop Dunn Place, Botany South.

C **HINA TRIP:**
 We are busy planning and preparing for our 3rd trip to China which takes place this September. Expressions of interest in the visit are due by 29th March. Any year 6 students wishing to receive more information and/or expression of interest forms can collect these from Mr Dickinson.

T **IP TOP FUN DAY:**
 This is being held at Edgewater College on Sunday 25th March. A information flyer has been sent home with children who have expressed interest. If you would like to be part of this day, and haven't received the flyer, please see Mr Cox in Room 13.

R **EMINDER:**
 The \$20 discount period on your school donation ends on the 31st March 2018. The donation is \$220.00 or \$200 if paid by the end of March. Payments can be made via the school office (cash, cheque or eftpos), or direct debit to our bank account — 02 0168 0210765-00. (Please put your child's name as reference.) All school donations are tax-deductible and can be claimed from Inland Revenue after 1st April 2018. Please speak to your classroom teacher, or the office, if you wish to discuss other payment options.

COMMUNITY NEWS:
ENGLISH FOR KIWI LIFE: For People with English as a second language. Free for NZ residents and NZ citizens. Call 278 9099 to begin on 7th February. English for work & every day life. Email: aucklandsouth@englishlanguage.org.nz
SPANISH LESSONS FOR CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS by Latin American teacher with over 25 years of experience. Small groups or one to one sessions. Lessons for **adults** also available. For further info contact 5760371 Alternatively you can email me to cargusgp@hotmail.com
WINNIE THE POOH Howick Children's and Youth Theatre. \$8 per head March 3-4 at 11am and 1pm. For bookings phone 537 4943. Performs outdoors at Star of the Sea Park, 29 Granger Road, Howick.
HELEN O'GRADY DRAMA ACADEMY - Classes for students 5—17 years in this area. Phone Debbie Napier on 836 0233 or visit www.helenogrady.co.nz
NZ MARITIME MUSEUM - open for bookings for the April school holidays. Phone 09 373 0807). The Ted Ashby sailings have limited spaces.

DATES TO NOTE:

Wed 7th Mar	Cricket Field Day
Fri 9th Mar	Manuka Team Assembly
Tues 13th Mar	Y6 Camp (back Fri 16th March)
Wed 14th Mar	PTA AGM at 7.30pm
Fri 23rd Mar	Puriri Team Assembly
Sun 25th Mar	Tip Top Fun Day
Tues 27th Mar	EZ Softball Fun Day
Fri 30th Mar	Good Friday—no school
Mon 1st Apr	Easter Monday—no school
Tues 2nd Apr	Easter Tuesday—no school
Wed/Thurs 4/5 Apr	3-way conferences. School will close early on Wednesday 4th April.
Thurs 12th Apr	Term 1 ends at 3pm
Fri 13th Apr	Teacher only day—no school

TERM DATES:
 Term 1 - 1st February —12th April
 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 _____