



# Pigeon Mountain School News

**SEPTEMBER 2018**

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*Dear Parents,*

*The last few weeks have been extremely busy and there is no prospect of things easing up as we head into the last few weeks of term.*

*We are very proud of all the students who have represented school recently in a range of sporting and cultural activities. Our athletes excelled at the HPPA cross country and gymnastics events, achieving some outstanding placings. Our performers showed off their creative talents at the Dance Festival and Music Festival. Finally, our Year 6 students made their Kapa Haka debuts at last week's Kōanga event, held at Farm Cove Intermediate.*

*School is as much about making the best of the diverse opportunities on offer as it is the academic learning. Extra-curricular opportunities are wonderful ways for children to experience and practice our school values of Respect, Responsibilities, Excellence and Resilience, and are often at the top of children's treasured memories when they leave us for intermediate school. As a school, we feel an immense amount of pride and satisfaction in seeing the students representing school so positively, and would like to take this opportunity to thank our teachers and parents who give so generously of their time to make these extra opportunities happen.*

*Ian Dickinson*



*From the Principal's Desk*

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**Today our roll is 585. New students - We wish you much success with your learning at Pigeon Mountain School.**

**Welcome to:** *Duaney Sonnekus, Olivia Kao, Yashraj Jangra, Oliver Qu, Willow and Skylah Hinson, Harper Burridge, Vincent Lim, Alicia Kao, Yena Lee, Ridhwan Khanduja, Jiayi Li*

## **B**.O.T. NEWS:

The next BOT Meeting will be on the **Thursday, 20th September 2018 at 7pm.**

Parents are always welcome to attend.

## **P**.T.A. NEWS:

The next PTA Meeting is on **Wednesday, 19th September 2018 at 7.30pm.** Please consider joining our happy and enthusiastic team.

The amount raised from the Disco was \$781.80, the Cystic Fibrosis Mufti Day raised \$622 plus sales of chocolate fish \$428.

**BAKE SALES:** \$671 was raised yesterday.

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

## **3**-WAY CONFERENCES:

These will be on **Wednesday 19th September (3.15—5.45pm)** and **Thursday 20th September (1.30pm—7.45pm).** A letter will be sent home next Monday giving details on how to book a 15-minute conference with your child's classroom teacher.

**School will be CLOSING early on Thursday 20th September at 12.45pm** and those children who are not able to leave early on that

Thursday, will be supervised at school until 3pm. **Please complete the "early finish" letter** that will be sent home next Monday and return the tear-off slip to the classroom teacher as soon as possible.

## **S**CHOOL DOCS:

We are currently reviewing our policies on **Complaints**, and **Behaviour Management** and would welcome your feedback on both of them. Reviewing and adding your feedback is simple to do.

If parents/caregivers are involved in this review, send them the following instructions:

1. Visit the website <http://pigeon-mountain.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (pigeon-mountain) and password (pmps1439).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.

If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

## TEACHER ONLY DAY:

Just a reminder that Monday 24th September is a "teacher only day" at Pigeon Mountain School. School will be closed that day.

## KOANGA FESTIVAL:

Year 6 students travelled to Farm Cove Intermediate last Friday to perform at the 2018 Koanga Festival. This traditional Kapa Haka celebration is held by the Howick Primary Principals' Association annually to mark the arrival of Spring. The children will perform at the upcoming Art Exhibition in November, and at the Year 4—6 Prizegiving in December.

The 100 students performed two specially chosen waiata for the occasion, opening with Tihore Mai, a traditional children's song asking for the weather to clear and improve, and closing with Ka Pioioie, a song generally sung as a welcome—particularly appropriate as our group had the honour of opening the festival.

## MUSIC FESTIVAL:

Last Tuesday and Wednesday nights, our school choir performed at our local Music Festival at Bucklands Beach Intermediate School. The schools involved were - Pigeon Mountain, Bucklands Beach Primary, Mellons Bay, Macleans Primary and Bucklands Beach Intermediate School. Our choir, of approximately 25 children, have been rehearsing weekly since Term 2 with the very talented Mr Murray and Ms Tsang. Our school item was "A Whole New World" from the Disney movie Aladdin. They looked and sounded stunning! We are very proud of them and it was lovely to see their musical talent shine - definitely exhibiting one of our school values— EXCELLENCE. A huge thank you goes to both Mr Murray and Ms Tsang.

## SPORT:

**INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY—16th August** — Pigeon Mountain sent a strong team of 48 runners to the Lloyd Elsmore Park. It was very muddy with many of the children tip toeing to the start line but sinking to their knees! However, we had some outstanding results on the day. Individual honours went to:

- 1st - Year 5 Boys - Oscar McConnell
- 1st - Year 6 Girls - Isla Robinson
- 2nd - Year 6 Boys - Khairul Fariz

**GYMNASTICS - Thursday, 23rd August** - at the Howick Gymnastics Club. All the children competed with EXCELLENCE and great sportsmanship. Here are the results.

Year 4 Individual boys	2nd	Lachlan Steele
Year 5 Individual boys	5th	Christian Cousins
	8th	Max McAuley
Year 6 Individual boys	2nd	Blake McKinnon
	4th	Matteo Fleming
	8th	Joel MacGillivray
Year 5 Team - 3rd Place	Christian Cousins, Cameron Aldworth, Abhuyuday Tulsian and Oscar McConnell.	
Year 6 Team- 1st Place	Matteo Fleming, Blake McKinnon, Joel MacGillivray and Sam Bray.	

A special thank you to Mrs Cox, Mrs Trotter, Mrs Wai Poi, Mr Cox and Mr Jacobs for coaching the teams.

Good luck to those children competing in the Primary Schools' Champion of Champions Gymnastic Competition on Thursday, 13th September.

**HCYT HOLIDAY PROGRAMME** - 5 days of art, craft and drama activities around the theme of THE CIRCUS. Monday 8th Oct to Friday 12th Oct. 9am—3pm (or drop off at 8am with no extra cost). To make a booking, email on hcyt@xtra.co.nz or phone 537 4943.

**THE SNOW QUEEN** - at the Harlequin Theatre. 563 Pakuranga Road, Howick (behind the Community Centre). 4th, 5th & 6th October, 1.30pm & 4pm. Tickets \$8 per head. To make a booking email hcyt@xtra.co.nz or phone 537 4943.

**RUDD SCHOOL OF ROCK** - Bass, Drums, Keyboard, Singing & Ukulele. From beginners to advanced. Phone 479 1081. www.ruddschoolofrock.co.nz

## DATES TO NOTE:

Friday 7th Sep	Years 4, 5 & 6 Speech Finals
Thurs 13th Sep	Champ of Champs Gymnastics
Fri 14th Sep	Titoki Team assembly
Wed 19th Sep	PTA Meeting 7.30pm
Wed/Thurs 19 & 20th Sep	3 way conference
Thurs 20th Sep	School closes early at 12.45pm
Thurs 20th Sep	BOT Board Meeting 7pm
Fri 21st Sep	Cans for Kids Mufti Day
Fri 21st Sep	Last day for Athon monies
Mon 24th Sep	Teacher only day
Fri 28th Sep	Last day Term 3pm
Mon 15th Oct	First day Term 4
Wed 21st Nov	BBI Meeting of new parents 7pm
Fri 23 Nov	Y6 to BBI orientation 11-12pm
Fri 7th Dec	Years 1—3 Prizegiving Assembly at PMPS Hall at 9.30am
Fri 14th Dec	Years 4-6 Prizegiving at 1pm BBI
Wed 19th Dec	Last day term 4 at 12pm
Mon 4th Feb 2019	First day term 1 2019



## CHINA TRIP:

We wish our group of Year 6 students well as they head to China later this month to visit our sister school in Yuyao, Zhejiang Province. The 4 students will be the third group of Pigeon Mountain students to make the trip, and we know they will prove wonderful ambassadors for our school and country. The students will be travelling with other children from Wakaaranga, Te Hihi and Hingaia Peninsula schools. Our October newsletter will carry news of their exciting adventures.

*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.*

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**HOUSE POINTS:** (Please circle house)

- TUI (Red)
- KIWI (Yellow)
- PUKEKO (Blue)
- KERERU (Green)

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