



# Pigeon Mountain School News

**APRIL 2018**

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**Tau Hou hari 新年快乐,** Last month, Mrs Leader, Mrs Lowden and I were very fortunate to attend a conference on the theme of 'Future Schools'. Our goal was to participate in learning with other educators from New Zealand and Australia, about trends, research and developments in schooling.

A number of key messages were communicated during the conference.

- How effective education systems are moving away from a production-line, one-size-fits all standardised approach to learning, towards a culture which recognises individuality and promotes creativity.
- The importance of focusing on learner wellbeing and students' sense of belonging at school during their primary years, and its connection to ensuring good mental health as an adult.

We are currently in a time of major global reform in education, and we are likely to see a number of major changes in how schools operate, and meet the needs of our local, national and global societies. A number of the speakers who presented at the conference are well-known experts in the field of educational change, with Sir Ken Robinson likely to be one you may have heard of. If you get the opportunity, take some time to find a 2018 video on YouTube in which he is speaking about "Reimagine Learning that Can Change the World".

*Ian Dickinson*



*From the Principal's Desk*

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**Today our roll is New students - We wish you much success with your learning at Pigeon Mountain School. Welcome to;** Bella Chen, Tilly Patten, Nathan More, Lele Chen, Brendon Li, Angela Yao, Eric Xu, Zehna Assadullah, Emma Sun and Judy & Jumana Fouda.

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

The next BOT Meeting will be on the **12th April 2018 at 7pm**. Parents are welcome to attend all board meetings.

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

The next PTA Meeting is on the **11th April at 7.30pm**. At last month's AGM, the following appointments were made:

- Chairman - Shorelle Adams
- Secretary - Rose McRae
- Treasurer - Quan Trinh

**FROZEN FRIDAYS.** The last Frozen Friday will be on the 12th April. Iceblocks are \$1 and \$2.

**BATTERY FUNDRAISER:** 19th March to 6th April. **All monies and part boxes MUST BE RETURNED BY FRIDAY 6th APRIL.** Thank you to all who participated in this fundraiser.

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS:** Early Bird bonus offers. Order a digital membership or a book before the 12th April to receive early bird bonus offers. Books will be available to purchase from Term 2 at school.

## **T**EACHER ONLY DAY—FRIDAY 13th APRIL:

Just a reminder that Friday 13th April is a "teacher only day" at Pigeon Mountain School. Term 1 will end at 3pm on the 12th April 2018.

## **C**ULTURAL DAY:

On **Thursday, 12th April**, the school is holding a **Cultural Day** to celebrate the diversity of our students at Pigeon Mountain School. We would like all students to come to school **dressed in clothes that represents their culture.**



**T**HANK YOU: I would like to thank a group of parents who have been acting as supporters outside of school in helping keep our students safe. I note that a number of parents have requested that drivers of cars parking dangerously, move their vehicles. I was also grateful to the people who reported one particularly dangerous driver who intimidated one of our student crossing groups. The parents and children who operate our crossing in both morning and afternoon are extremely important to our school community, and I am very proud of how they were protected from the actions of one careless driver. **Thank you to those who intervened.**

**PB4L:**

PB4L is Positive Behaviour for Learning. This year PMPS is fortunate to take on board the PB4L initiative. This will help continue to build upon the PMPS culture through modelling, teaching and rewarding positive behaviours; where we provide a quality environment where the school community is focused on developing Education with a Heart. We have a team to help initiate this at PMPS. Our team is: Samantha Jonson, Alicia Doughty, Megan Holt, Leah Wilson, Balvinder Kaur, Marie Wai-Poi and Ian Dickinson.

We are attending multiple professional development sessions to help greater our understanding and knowledge of the PB4L framework. We are all very excited to start PB4L at PMPS and we know our school will benefit from implementing this.

**PB4L Competition**

- Design a poster encouraging the use of our 4 school values. The winning design will be made into signs which will be placed around the school.

**EXCELLENCE RESILIENCE RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY**

- The winning design will be clear and easy to read. It will need to show the Pigeon Mountain Logo, and be personalised to our school.
- A4 size paper, or digital entries to: Mr Dickinson, or [iand@pigeon-mountain.school.nz](mailto:iand@pigeon-mountain.school.nz)

**Closing date 30th April 2018**

**PARENTING TOOL BOX:**

A positive parenting course starting on the 8th May until the 12th June in the Pigeon Mountain staffroom. There are 6 sessions in the course run by a trained facilitator. Topics include the importance of love and connection, different parenting styles, understanding your child and their big feelings, discipline and boundaries, play and lots more! Cost is \$75.00 per single or \$110.00 per couple. Book on line at the [parentingplace.nz](http://parentingplace.nz)

For further information contact Ming Ming on 022 040 7177.

**READING WORKSHOP:**

Mrs Lowden will be running a Reading Workshop on the 11th April at 2pm in the school staffroom. The workshop will cover:

- The components of a reading lesson
- Reading book levels and expectations at each level
- How you can help your child at home with reading

If you would like to attend this session, please text Mrs Lowden on 021 145 1990. Mrs Lowden will be holding another workshop next term if you can't make this date.

**COMMUNITY NEWS:**

**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](mailto:cargusgp@hotmail.com)

**GUITAR LESSONS** — with Ben Lee.

Phone 021 529 531 Lessons are held at Pigeon Mountain School.

**PIANO/KEYBOARD—Theory Lesson** - Private Lessons at Pigeon Mountain School.

1 lesson per week during school hours.

Phone 0800 696 874.

**RECYCLE OLD OR DAMAGED CAR SEATS:**

You can now recycle your expired or damaged child car seat. Around 90% of the materials are recyclable. SeatSmart accepts any brand of capsule, booster or reversible car seat (no polystyrene boosters) for a small fee of \$10 (RRP). For collection site details visit [www.seatmart.co.nz](http://www.seatmart.co.nz). You can also like us on Facebook (SeatSmartNZ).

**DABBA-DO** Craft Classes for children. April school holidays 9am—3pm \$50 per day.

After School classes. Taking bookings for term now. 3.30pm—5.30pm \$17.50 per day or \$150 for the term. Phone Sonja on 021 051 3890.

**DATES TO NOTE:**

Fri 6th Apr	Titoki Team Assembly at 1.45pm
Wed 11th Apr	PTA Meeting 7.30pm
Wed 11th Apr	Reading Workshop 2pm
Thurs 12th Apr	Cultural Day
Thurs 12th Apr	BOT Meeting 7pm
Thurs 12th Apr	<b>Term 1 ends at 3pm</b>
<b>Fri 13th Apr</b>	<b>Teacher only day—no school</b>
<b>Mon 30th Apr</b>	<b>First day Term 2</b>
Tue 8th May	First Parenting Tool Box session
Tue 29th May	Hot Tips with Pio Terei. School Hall 7-9pm. More to follow...

**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 _____
<b>HOUSE POINTS:</b> (Please circle house)	
<b>TUI (Red)</b>	<b>KIWI (Yellow)</b>
<b>PUKEKO (Blue)</b>	<b>KERERU (Green)</b>
_____ Parent _____	