



Pigeon Mountain School News

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DECEMBER 2018

Dear Parents, we are almost at the point where we say goodbye to one school year, but we are already heavily involved with planning for the upcoming one. The annual Pigeon Mountain School planning cycle started some time ago, and we have begun identifying our major priorities for 2019 and ensuring that our strategic goals are still moving us in the right direction. These goals, for the 2019-2021 period, have been reviewed and revised;

Strategic Goal 1 - To know and meet the learning needs of each student, ensuring equity and excellence for all our students.

Strategic Goal 2 - For students graduating from our school to reflect our school values and learning principles.

Strategic Goal 3 - That learning outcomes are enhanced through a strong culture of partnership and collaboration.

Strategic Goal 4 - To recruit, induct, grow and retain the best professionals who embody the school values.

As well as these strategic goals, we have a number of significant focus areas. As with 2018, PB4L will continue to form a large part of our work as a school. In addition, we are working on a Ministry of Education Professional Learning and Development contract growing our students' ability to be self directed learners. Lastly, we will be continuing work to implement the new Digital Technology curriculum area.

We are immensely grateful to all our parents for supporting our students in their learning. We are very lucky to have such a proactive, engaged community behind us, and on behalf of our staff, I would like to thank everyone for all you do. Enjoy a restful holiday - we look forward to seeing everyone back in February for the start of another year.

Ian Dickinson



From the Principal's Desk

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Today our roll is 602. New students - We wish you much success with your learning at Pigeon Mountain School.

Welcome to: Harper Qin, Marcus Lin, Zaylee & Taylin Herbst and Abigail Cheung.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS:

The next BOT Meeting will be on the Thursday, 12th December at 7pm.

Parents are always welcome to attend.

The board of trustees would like to thank the school community for their continued support this year and wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas.

OFFICE HOURS IN THE NEW YEAR:

The school office will be open from Tuesday, 29th January 2019. Second-hand uniform sales will be available from the office from 10am until 2pm on the **30th and 31st January**. School commences on **Monday 4th February 2019**.



CHRISTMAS CAROL EVENING:

Thursday, 6th December 2018 at 6.30pm in our School Hall.

Come along and celebrate the festive season and be entertained by the All-Comers Choir. You are welcome to stay for a cup of tea/coffee after the show, courtesy of the PTA.

HELPERS MORNING TEA:

Invitations were sent home with your child last week. If, for some reason, you didn't receive an invitation and you have helped out at the school this year in any capacity, please accept this as your invitation to attend the morning tea on **Wednesday 5th December at 10.30am in the school hall**. For catering purposes, please notify the school office if you are able to attend or email on general@pmps.school.nz

PRIZEGIVINGS:

Our two end of year assemblies will be held on the following dates:

Years 1—3 Prizegiving will be on **Friday 7th December at 9.30am in Pigeon Mountain School Hall**.

Years 4—6 Prizegiving will be on **Friday 14th December at 1pm in the BBI school hall**.

This is a great opportunity to celebrate the students and their achievements over the year so please make sure you book in these very important dates.

EARLY LEAVERS:

If you intend taking your children out of school before the end of the school year (19th December), could you please ensure that you let the office know by letter or email as soon as possible, that your child will be leaving early.

SCHOOL DONATION:

The Board Of Trustees have set the school donation for 2019 school year at \$230.00 per student. Donation tax credits are also available from the Inland Revenue.

There are several options to pay:

- Direct credit a/c 02 0168 0210765 00 (please use your child's name as a reference).
- At the school office by cheque, eftpos or cash.
- Online when purchasing school stationery from OfficeMax
- On-line through Kindo

SCHOOL STATIONERY FOR 2019:

Stationery packs are available from the school's supplier, OfficeMax. These can be ordered online now at www.myschool.co.nz for delivery to your home. **Please leave student I.D. field blank.**

Packs can be purchased from the OfficeMax Store at 5 Ronwood Ave, Manukau from the **6th December 2018.**

SCHOOL'S ON LINE SHOP:

After a successful trial period, Kindo will be fully introduced into the school next year. Your families Kindo account can be used to book, pay and provide permissions. No cash, no paper, no hassle.

Setting up an account is very quick! Visit www.mykindo.co.nz and click 'create account'. Use caregiver or parent details for the **Account Holder** and student details for **Member**. Links are also available on the school website.

To pay through Kindo, you can pay –as-you-go, or add funds to your account in advance. Bank transfer (via internet banking or POLi) are free and there is a small charge for credit/debit card. Kindo supports American Express, Mastercard, Visa and Union Pay.

If you have any problem with registration or using *myKindo*, please phone the helpdesk on freephone (09)869-5200, visit support.mykindo.co.nz or email hello@mykindo.co.nz.

FINAL DAY FOR 2018:

The final school day for 2018 will be

WEDNESDAY 19th DECEMBER AT 12 NOON. This is **NOT** a mufti day and normal uniform is required. We finish the year with a special assembly at approximately 11.30am, when we have a number of Walking School Bus prizes to hand out as well as announcing the winner of the House Trophy.

School officially ends on this day at midday, and children should be collected from the assembly on the turf/canopy area at the front of the school.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

"Santa Claus is Coming to Town" Come and get your photo taken with Santa Claus for only \$10. Saturday 8th December from 11am to 2pm— Cnr Wellington and Waterloo St, Howick. For more information phone 535 0847. East City Salvation Army Christmas Appeal Fundraiser.



PTA NEWS:

The PTA would like to thank all parents and children who have supported them this year in their fundraising efforts and fun activities that have been arranged. If you would like to join the PTA in 2019, please email shorelleadams@gmail.com.

ICEBLOCKS are still available for sale after school on a Friday with the 7th December being the last day.

MUFTI DAY 12th December and it is **free**.

YEAR 6 DISCO - is on Monday, 10th December At 6pm.

Wishing you and yours a very merry Christmas and a happy new year for 2019.

DATES TO NOTE:

Wed 5th Dec	Parent Helpers' morning tea
Thurs 6th Dec	Christmas Carol Evening
Fri 7th Dec	Years 1—3 Prizegiving Assembly In PMPS Hall at 9.30am
Mon 10 Dec	Year 6 Disco at 6pm
Wed 12th Dec	PTA Mufti Day
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



TERM DATES 2019:

Term 1 2019	- Monday 4th February - 12th April
Term 2 2019	- 29th April - 5th July
Term 3 2019	- 22nd July - 27th September
Term 4 2019	- 14th October—18th 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	