

Pigeon Mountain School News

JULY 2018

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Dear Parents,

We are quickly heading towards the half-way point of 2018 and in a few days will have completed our first 2 terms of the year. We are very proud of the students who have been preparing for their Cross Country run this Tuesday (or Thursday if the weather caused us to postpone). Running may not be everyone's favourite pastime, but 'giving it a go' is an important part of school just as we encourage reluctant readers to keep giving their best, or writers to take risks with their learning, RESILIENCE is a value which stands us in good stead for later in life! We hope everyone enjoys the upcoming break, and we have fingers crossed that the weather takes a turn for the better! Remember – school closes at the normal time of 3pm on Friday 6th July, and reopens for Term 3 at 8.50am on Monday 23rd July. Ian Dickinson, Principal

P.S. <u>DON'T FORGET</u> - the Cultural shared lunch on Wednesday 4th July to celebrate all the different cultures that make up the Pigeon Mountain School community.



From the Principal's Desk For latest information and school news;

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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 - Daniela Antonio, Demetra Burlacu, Lupe Miranda Corte-Real Vantacich, Kindness Saumani, Liam Browne, Lucas Wildener von Fruhauf, Daniel Gao, James Chan, Anderson He and Davy Chien.

.0.T. NEWS:

The next BOT Meeting will be on the 26th July 2018 at 7pm. Parents are always welcome to attend.

.T.A. NEWS:

The next PTA Meeting is on the 25th July 2018 at 7.30pm. Please consider joining our happy and enthusiastic team.

SCHOOL DISCO - 17th AUGUST

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

CALENDAR ART -Calendar Art paper is being sent home today, together with a newsletter on how to create pictures for calendar art. If you have any queries or require more art paper, please call Shorelle on 02108794743. Please read the instructions carefully as there are some dos and don'ts, and return the art work to school by Wednesday, 25th July.

Please note - our playground is 'Off Limits' before and after school for safety reasons. Our supervision of playground equipment only takes place at morning tea and lunchtime, and we do not allow children to play before and after school in order to avoid accidents that might occur.

NROLMENTS:

If you have (or someone you know has) a 4 year old who will be turning 5 this year, we'd like to remind you of the importance of completing enrolment documentation as early as possible. This enables us to plan for the arrival of your child-remember that our FREE 'Off to a Good Start' programme gives pre-school children a fantastic start to their time at Pigeon Mountain.

AREWELL:

We are sorry to say farewell to 2 teachers who are leaving us at the end of this term. Mrs Angela Carter has been at our school for 6 years, and is moving to Willowbank School. Angela lives close to Willowbank, and is taking the opportunity to reduce her daily journey time. We are grateful for the impact Angela has had with her Year 1 and New Entrant students, as well as her leadership in the area of eLearning and Digital Citizenship. Angela will be replaced by Esther Kim, who is joining us from Kingsford School from the start of Term 3. Elly MacDonald is leaving education altogether to take up a role with her family's interiors business. We have had the pleasure of Elly's presence at school for one year. She is being replaced initially by Tracee McKenzie for 4 weeks, until our permanent replacement Annamarie Webber joins us from her role as Team Leader at Robertson Road School.

VACUATION - FRIDAY 29th JUNE:

Anyone collecting children on Friday afternoon last week, would have noticed that we had an activation of our fire alarms at precisely 3pm! This was caused by a defective sensor in the hall, which was later relieved of its duties and replaced. We would like to thank our community for their patience and calmness in evacuating the buildings, and gathering at the evacuation point at the field end of the Tigerturf.

ILK IN SCHOOLS: We will shortly be ceasing the Milk in Schools programme owing to lack of interest. The number of students drinking milk each day has now dropped below 20%, and the programme is no longer viable.

PORT:
RUGBY— The rugby boys had their first win playing Point View Primary School. After being level at half time (15 all), they scored 3 times in the second half to make the final score 30-15. Max McAuley was named player of the day with 3 tries.

HOCKEY: - Our Year 5 and 6 hockey teams participated in the Hockey Field day held at Lloyd Elsmore Park. They drew their first game and won the other three. Well done to the Year Five team.

In the second part of the day, the Year Six played some great hockey. They worked incredibly hard and won two games, drew one game and lost one. Well done Year Six.

AMING AND YOUR CHILD:

As outlined in the press and media recently, we have noted the impact of excessive gaming on our students. Irritated, tired students caused by long hours playing online games are becoming more frequent in our school. As a parent, ask yourself;
-Do you REALLY know how long your child is spending on games?
-Is your child REALLY off their digital device at night-time? How can you be sure?

NETSAFE offers helpful guidance for parents to support children with sensible gaming- check out https://www.netsafe.org.nz/gaming/

IFE EDUCATION TRUST:

For the first 2 weeks of Term 3, we welcome Life Education to our school. Life Education is a mobile classroom that will be on site for 2 weeks, delivering lessons to our students that educate and empower them to make good choices so they can live full and healthy lives. Children today face a lot of



challenges, including mental health, well-being and bullying.

The decisions we make as children can dramatically affect how we live our lives in the future—and this is why Life Education exists. Pamela Ens, is the Life Education teacher and we look forward to working with her again in Term 3.

Year 1-4 classes will receive 2 x 45 minute lessons and Year 5-6 classes will receive 2 x 60 minute lessons in the mobile classroom. Life Education is a wonderful resource and the children love it because it is so engaging, fun and interactive.

SOUTHERN STARS CHARITABLE TRUST presents PINOCCHIO

We have **FREE** tickets for 1 adult & 2 children (Value \$105.00) to see this Pantomime on **Saturday**, **7th July at 10am** at the Logan Campbell Centre, Greenlane. If you would like to go into the draw for a free ticket, please fill out this coupon and send it back to school by 9am on Friday 6th July.

Student's Name	 Rm

Parent's Signature

Parent's Name:

KELLY SPORTS EAST AUCKLAND Holiday

Programme at Howick Pakuranga Netball Centre. \$38 a day (8.30am-3.30pm), \$48 (7.30am-6pm) MSD Approved—subsidies available. Text or phone 021 746 637 for more info or find on Facebook.

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

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.)

LEARN TO PLAY THE GUITAR with Ben Lee. Lessons are during school time on a Thursday. Phone Ben on 021 529 531

ZUMBA— New Zumba fitness in Pigeon Mountain school Hall—every Thursday 2nd August 7pm—8pm.Call Alex Yau (Licensed Zumba Instructor. For further information call Alex on 021 263 0748.

STEAM - Term 3 after school STEAM classes now open. For more information phone Ted on 021 0844 2516.

DATES TO NOTE:

Tues 3rd July

Wed 4th July

Thurs 5th July

Fri 6th July

Mon 23rd July

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Wed 25th July

School Cross country

Cultural Shared Lunch Day

Cross country saving day

Term 2 ends 3pm

Term 3 begins

Life Education caravan in school

PTA Meeting 7.30pm

Thurs 26th July BOT Meeting 7.30pm
Thurs 2nd Aug Class Photos
Mon 5th/Tues 6th Dance Festival at Elim School

7th/8th Aug Choir Festival at BBI

Wed 5th Sep BBI closing date for enrolments (in zone & out of zone)

Wed 21st Nov

BBI Meeting of new parents 7pm
Fri 23 Nov

Y6 to BBI orientation 11-12pm

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.

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