



# Pigeon Mountain School News

**September 2017**

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**Dear Parents,**

At last September has arrived and we say goodbye to Winter and Kia ora to Spring! However, this Winter brought many highlights and events we can look back on with fondness. Events in which all our students participate such as cross Country, swimming and speeches help us reinforce two of our school values - excellence and resilience. These annual experiences help encourage children to step outside their comfort zones, and build confidence. They also enable the students to set goals they can work towards. Cross country, swimming and speeches may not be all students' favourite activities, but we are grateful for the support and encouragement provided by parents and teachers who have inspired, challenged, and even coaxed our pupils to try their best, and give things a go - you may not notice it yet, but you have equipped your child with an inner-strength they never knew they had!

**Kia waimarie to our Kapa haka group who perform at the Kōanga Festival this weekend!**

*Ian Dickinson*



*From the Principal's Desk*

For latest information and school news;

[www.pigeon-mountain.school.nz](http://www.pigeon-mountain.school.nz)

[Pigeon-Mountain-Primary-School](https://www.facebook.com/Pigeon-Mountain-Primary-School)

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**Today our roll is 587. New students - we wish you much success with your learning at Pigeon Mountain School. Welcome to: Louis Julien, Leo Zhong, Eric Guo, Yichen Liang, Jacob Chai, Annie Hu, Joshua Hong, Rita Yang, Chloe Zhang, Ariel Hu, Evelyn Thorpe and Hautak Yang**

## **B**OT NEWS:

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on Thursday, 21st September at 7pm in the staffroom.

## **P**TA NEWS:

**The next PTA Meeting will be on Wednesday, 6th September at 7.30pm.**

**Our CYSTIC FIBROSIS mufti raised \$720.00**

**BAKE SALE**—Fri 22nd September—Manuka Team (Rooms 5,6,7 and 8).

**DISCO - 8th September in the school hall.**

Junior School (Yr 1-3) - 6.15pm to 7.30pm

Senior School (Yr 4-6) - 7.45pm to 9pm

Refreshments & glow sticks, lolly bags, chocolates and drinks will be on sale.

**Entrance is \$2 per person—pay at the door.**

**All children must be collected from inside the school hall promptly at the end of their Disco session.**



## **T**HANK YOU

Thank you to parents who have been so helpful in avoiding the staff car park at the start and end of the day. We have noticed a significant reduction in traffic movements from parents dropping and collecting children directly at school- this is helping us keep the driveway carpark free for pedestrians and improving safety on our site. **THANK YOU!**

## **A**FTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION:

We have noticed an increase in the number of students remaining on-site at the end of the day. For the safety of your child, please contact the school office if you are running late so we can inform your child and bring them to a safe location to wait for you. Unless attending an after-school class being held in one of our classrooms, children are not allowed to remain onsite without a parent or guardian. **Safety and supervision of children is of paramount importance to us and we thank you in advance for your cooperation.**



**ABSENTEES:** If your child is absent from school, please report their absence to the school before 9am, by leaving a message on the absentee line; via Skoolbag or the new website, or by emailing to [absences@pigeon-mountain.school.nz](mailto:absences@pigeon-mountain.school.nz) Please give a reason for their absence.

**缺课:** 如果你的孩子不能来学校上课, 请在早上9点前告知学校。方法如下: 打电话留言; 使用Skoolbag 或新的网站; 或发邮件[absences@pigeon-mountain.school.nz](mailto:absences@pigeon-mountain.school.nz)。请说清楚缺课原因。

## CHINA TRIP:



Four students and two teachers are excitedly preparing for their trip to China later this month. This is the second time Pigeon Mountain Primary School have visited our sister school in Yuyao, Ningbo, Zhejiang Province. We asked them about how they are feeling, only weeks out from their trip.

**Andrew** is "Feeling excited as this is my first time out of the country without my parents."

**Brody** is "Most looking forward to getting bargains in the markets."

**Charlotte** is "Excited about visiting our sister school and seeing all the different things they do, like their learning, sports, art and more."

**Lucy** is "Excited about sharing some of our incredible Māori culture with our hosts!"

**Mrs Banks** is "Feeling privileged to represent Pigeon Mountain School and to have 4 amazing students doing the same alongside me, and I know they will make us very proud."

**Mrs Leader** is "Excited about travelling to a country I've never been to before!"



## SCHOOL UNIFORM:

We have noticed that some children are not wearing the **correct** school uniform. As part of our continuing efforts to improve and maintain our uniform standards, we ask parents to help us maintain a tidy and correct uniform.

- Running shoes are not part of our school uniform.** Students must wear **plain black school shoes, lace up or Velcro**, to and from school. Running shoes can be worn at school, but must be brought in a plastic bag and changed into at school.
- Long navy socks** are to be worn by boys, and **short navy ankle socks** or navy tights, by girls. Boys' socks must be pulled up, and if necessary, garters can be worn.
- Coloured T-Shirts or singlets must **NOT** be seen under the polo shirts.
- All items of clothing MUST be labelled clearly.**

## MEDICINE AT SCHOOL:

Please remember, **NO MEDICINE** is allowed to be kept in students' bags. This includes Ventolin inhalers. If your child requires an inhaler at school, it must be handed in at the office, a Medicine Consent Form filled in, and then it will be kept in the school's locked medicine cupboard in the sick bay. At the moment there is a high need for Ventolin as children are training for cross country.

## COMMUNITY NEWS:

**GUITAR LESSONS** — with Ben Lee.

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

**CRICKET REGISTRATIONS** are now open at

Howick Pakuranga Cricket Club

Register today at [www.hpcc.org.nz](http://www.hpcc.org.nz) or come to our Muster Day on Saturday 2 September at Lloyd Elsmore Park between 10am and 2pm.



## ELM PARK SCHOOL 50TH JUBILEE

**Saturday, 28th October 2017.**

Past & present pupils, board members, PTA, families and staff are invited to celebrate the 50th Jubilee. Information and registration forms are available at [goo.gl/cbnS32](http://goo.gl/cbnS32), our Facebook page or [jubilee@elpark.school.nz](mailto:jubilee@elpark.school.nz)

## DAFFODIL DAY:

Daffodil Mufti Day raised

\$628.20 for the Cancer Society



## DATES TO NOTE:

Sat 2nd Sep	1.55pm Koanga Festival at Somerville Intermediate
Wed 6th Sep	PTA Meeting 7.30pm
Fri 8th Sep	Nominations close in BOT Election at noon.
Fri 8th Sep	PTA Disco
Mon 11th Sep	Māori Language Week
Tues 12th Sep	Zone Cross Country
Thurs 14th Sep	Zone Cross Country saving day
Fri 15th Sep	Manuka Assembly
Mon 18th Sep	Keeping Ourselves Safe week 1
Mon 25th Sep	Keeping Ourselves Safe week 2
Tues 26th Sep	E-learning Expo at 6.30pm
Fri 22nd Sep	Manuka Bake Sale
Fri 29th Sep	Term 3 ends at 3pm
Mon 16th Oct	Term 4 commences
Wed 13th Dec	Yrs 4,5 & 6 Final Assembly

## TERM DATES:

**Term 3 - Mon 24th July - Fri 29th Sept**

**Term 4 - Mon 16th Oct - Fri 15th Dec(Noon)**

*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 \_\_\_\_\_