

PONGAKAWA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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TERM DATES FOR 2025

TERM 1: 03/02/25 - 11/04/25
TERM 3: 14/07/25 - 19/09/25

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Week 10 Term 1

7th April 2025

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Schoolwide attendance week nine: 92%

Dear Parents and Caregivers

The last week of school already! The term has flown by and it seems like the year has only just started. I hope you enjoyed the extra hour of sleep although for some it will have been business as usual I am sure.

Tonight and tomorrow we have our first round of parent/caregiver interviews and as I have mentioned this represents a great opportunity to see how your child has started the year and to plan together the next few months. It is really important to be on time for your interview as these nights are pretty busy. If for any reason you are late then the interview will be shorter because of the timetable. If you miss your interview then teachers will make a new time to meet with you outside of the interview schedule unless there are gaps. Senior leadership will be on site so if you have anything you feel you need to chat with us about then just drop in.

Student absences have really lessened in the last term which is important as students being at school presents them with the greatest chance for learning success. You may have read about the government's focus on attendance and in making parents more accountable for ongoing absences. Based on our school attendance I think we could safely say we only have a handful of children where we have concerns regarding time away from school. Lastly, around this topic just remember we do understand if you have a serious family situation etc where your child needs to be away and record this accordingly. There are times when family needs must come first and we get that.

You may be wondering about the road outside the school. Our part as I have mentioned is pretty much completed apart from Line marking. However, the piece above the wetland on the corner is failing its various tests for stability. This would mean if it were sealed traffic would cause it to move and break up. The contractors are waiting to be told what the solution for this will be as it is their job to build the road but other specialists design it. If you have concerns about this then feel free to contact the WBOP District Council as this is work they are paying for on your behalf.

I hope to see you at the end of term assembly but if not please have a great break (if you get one) and w wonderful Easter.

Yours in teaching
Craig Haggo
Principal

**Community Notice: Te Puke Maintenance Works
Cameron Road & Te Puke Area**

Starting April 14, maintenance works will be taking place on Cameron Road and throughout the Te Puke area. The work is expected to last around 20 working days, which may include Saturdays, and will cover a total of 11,500 m² (approximately 20 m² per day) of rehabilitation.

Key Details: Start Date: April 14, 2025

Work Hours: 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM daily

Duration: Approximately 20 working days (weather dependent)

Traffic Interruptions: Significant disruptions are expected. There will be road closures in place, with message boards to guide drivers. Soft closures will be implemented, allowing residents to access their homes.

School Holidays: The work will start at the beginning of the school holidays, and we aim to complete it as quickly as possible.

Buses: We are looking into options to allow buses to continue traveling through the work areas.

Please be patient as we work to improve the roads in your community. We will do our best to minimise the disruption and keep the work moving swiftly.

For all questions and queries on these works, please email:

Transportation@westernbay.govt.nz or call 07 571 8008. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Tickets on Sale 7/4/25

RayWhite
PUKEHINA

PONGAKAWA SCHOOLS
ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT

Once upon a Legend...

18+

7 JUNE 2025

TECT PONGAKAWA: THE ACTION CENTRE
DOORS OPEN: 5.30PM
EVENING STARTS: 7PM

**AUCTIONS | LIVE BAND | BAR
SPOT PRIZES | BEST DRESSED**

FOR FURTHER DETAILS
CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE!

- ONLY TABLE PURCHASES AVAILABLE (TABLE OF 8)
- MEAL & LIGHT SNACK WILL BE PROVIDED
- \$520 PER TABLE - AVAILABLE TO BUY FROM
- EVENT FINDA FROM MID APRIL
- SOBER VEHICLE AVAILABLE - PLEASE SELECT AT CHECKOUT.

**Pongakawa school's PTA - Ray White Pukehina Quiz Night
'Once upon a Legend'**

We require your help in our quiz night preparations, in particular we need volunteers for our sponsorship team. We require at least two more parents to join our team. You know the saying 'The more the merrier', so if you are keen to work alongside a great group of parents to collate, contact and chase up our sponsors for auction items and the like we would love to have you aboard.

We would also love to have a helper or two to assist with the treasurer's role, a few days before the event and or on the night. For more information and to make our fundraiser a night to remember contact:

Donations of newspaper for our decorating team would also be greatly appreciated.

We attached a flyer for donations for Auction Items for Quiz Night.

Jess Siemelink

Quiz Night Co-Ordinator Ph 0274243907

Lost Property

Let's Reunite the Children with their clothing!

If you look in your children's drawers and find there is less than there was before, come and check here at school, our lost property is accruing again in the Action Centre foyer.

IT ALL BELONGS TO SOMEONE.

It came to school on a back or feet. To get it to do the return trip would be really neat. If you are at school for any reason this week, please check out the lost property in the Action Centre foyer.

Our school bank account details for any payments are: Pongakawa School Board ASB 12-3407-0007320-00

**Sports Activities
Water Polo**

The Pongakawa water polo teams played their last games on Tuesday night. The Pongakawa Bandits team played against Otumoetai Intermediate Green in the Tauranga C Grade Competition. In a great last game the team drew 3 all. The Pongakawa Aces team played Aquinas College Green. The team went down 9 - 1 but they have battled hard all season in the tough Tauranga B Grade Competition. Thank you to Wayne Henderson for coaching the team on Tuesday nights and Mel Dwane for managing the team. Thanks to all parents for making the season such a success.

Basketball Years 1-8 Term 2

Year 1/2 Little league term 2 begins Monday 12th to 23rd June (6 weeks)
Year 3/4 begins Tuesday 6th May to 19th August (13 weeks)
Year 5/6 begins Friday 9th May to 15th August 25 (11 weeks)
Year 7/8 begins Monday 12th May to 18th August (12 weeks)
 No games Monday 2nd June due to King's birthday or during school holidays

Netball Year 1-6 Term 2

Commences week 3 Thursday 15th May 25 Thursday afternoon at the Te Puke Netball Courts.

Year 1/2 \$40.00 per child runs until Thursday 31st July 25
Year 3/6 \$80.00 per child runs until Thursday 14th August 25

Netball Year 7/8 Term 2

Commences Saturday 10th May 25 with grading date then games begin Sat 23rd August 25 until 23rd August 25.
 No games on 21st June and 5th & 12th July 25

Hockey Term 2

Year 1/2 Funsticks begins Monday 12th May until 22nd Aug 25
Year 3/4 Ministicks Sat 10th May 25 to Sat 23rd August 25
Year 5/6 Kiwi Sticks Sat 10th May to Sat 23rd August 25
 No games sat 31st May, 21st June, 5th & 12th July 25

Year 7/8 Intermediate Friday 2nd May to Friday 22nd Aug 25
 No games fro 20th June and 4th & 11th July 2025

Upcoming Events Calendar

07/04/25 & 08/04/25 Parent / Teacher Interviews from 3pm
 08/04/25 WBOP Swimming Champs Year 7/8
 09/04/25 WBOP Swimming Champs Year 5/6
 11/04/25 End of term assembly 1.30pm all welcome
 25/04/25 Anzac Day
 28/04/25 First day of term 2
 12/05/25 BOT Meeting [Please contact Craig Haggo by email for more information Email: craigh@pongakawa.school.nz](mailto:craigh@pongakawa.school.nz)
 27/05/25 School Cross Country Yrs 0-8
 03/05/25 Te Puke Cluster Cross Country Yr 4-8
 04/06/25 Boostrix Immunisation Year 7
 07/06/25 Quiz Night 2025 — Theme is "Once Upon A Legend"
 10/06/25 WBOP Cross Country Yr 4-8
 11/06/25 Fresh Moves
 17/06/25 to 20/06/25 Hong Kong Students here at Pongakawa



SHINE BRIGHT SPEECH AND DRAMA CLASSES

Classes with Sjaan Fahey, Year 4-8 , starting week 2 Term 2 onwards.
 For more info see website shinebright.kiwi or email sjaanfahey@gmail.com Instagram @shinebright.kiwi

**Parent / Caregiver - Teacher Interviews
Monday 7th & 8th April 2025**

From 3.00 pm to 6.15 pm
 Please remember to be on time for your interview and if you cannot make your allotted time please let us know.

Costume Hire with 'Costume Call'

Needing a costume for an event? Quiz night or party?
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Community Notices

Pukehina Surf Club Movie Night Friday 11th April 25
 \$10 per ticket. Two sessions: 6pm - Harold & The Purple Crayon
 8pm - Cool Runnings. Ticket includes Popcorn. Hot Dogs and drinks available to purchase on the night. Bring your own bean bag or low chair or cushion. Tickets available via surf club website www.pukehinasurfrescue.co.nz
Fairhaven School Holiday Programme from Monday 14th April until Thursday 24th April 2025. For full details and to book go to: www.play-time.co.nz/playtimefairhaven.
 OSCAR subsidies available to eligible families.
Tauranga Roller Skating Club Introduction to learn to skate classes 2025. Young and adult recreational, precision and speed, figure, dance and freestyle. For all enquiries email taurangarollerskating@gmail.com or taurangarollerskating.co.nz
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Tauranga City Basketball presents "Girl's Got Game" Holiday Programme which is a great opportunity to practice fundamentals in fun drills and games. Wednesday 16th April 25 9am to 12pm Mercury Bay Park \$25.00 fee or FREE with a voucher from the school office. All questions to the Admin Team, dev.admin@tauranga.basketball, 022 461 5443 / 07 572 1272
 To register: <https://taurangacitybasketball.co.nz/holiday-programmes/holiday-programmes>

PONGAKAWA QUIZ NIGHT

DONATIONS NEEDED!

LIVE AUCTION ITEMS

- We need 4 more high value items to complete our live auction list.
- Do you have a bach you could let for a weekend?
- High value items (over \$500)
- A Service or experience you could donate
- All new ideas are welcome.

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

- Do you have or know someone who as a product or service they would donate to our quiz night

HELP

WOULD YOUR BUSINESS LIKE TO SPONSOR:

- **ROUND OF QUESTIONS**
- **TABLE**
- **FLOOR STAFF**

HOW TO GET INVOLVED:



Contact **JULIE**
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