

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON

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COMMUNITY NOTICES



Kia ora e te whānau

What an amazing time we had at the PJ Party on Friday! A huge thank you to the Whānau Fundraising Group for organising and running the event, and to the many whānau who attended.

Nights like this are not only lots of fun—they also make a huge difference to the events and activities we can provide for our tamariki. Thank you for your wonderful support.

Book Character Dress-Up Day

Just a reminder to get your thinking caps on and help your child create a costume for Book Character Dress-Up Day on Monday 24 August.

We are very fortunate to have a number of community members joining us on the day to read books to our students. It should be a really fun day!

School Closing Early — Monday 17 August

We are fortunate to be taking part in some wonderful professional learning with Anne Milne in Palmerston North on Monday 17 August.

To enable all staff to attend, the school will close early at 2.00 pm.

A limited number of staff will remain on site to supervise bus students and children who are unable to go home early.

Please let us know if your child will require supervision so that we can ensure safe staff-to-student ratios.

Staff-Only Day — Friday 21 August

Week 5 will be a busy week of professional learning for our staff. On Friday 21 August, all staff will be attending mathematics professional development at Huia Range School.

There will be no staff available at school to supervise students, as everyone will be off site learning more about the new mathematics curriculum. School will therefore be closed to students for the day.

Rural Day — Term 4

A quick heads-up that we will be holding our Rural Day/Pet Day in Term 4. If your child would like to bring a lamb or calf, you may want to begin raising it now.

Caroline

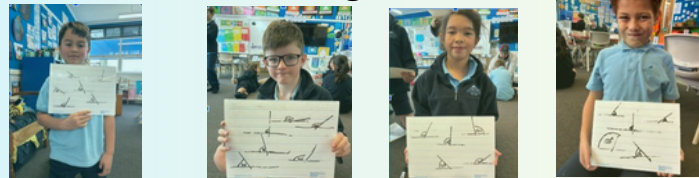
Term 3 Upcoming Events

 13 AUGUST WOOD IS GOOD	 21 AUGUST TEACHER ONLY DAY	 24–28 AUGUST BOOK WEEK	 27 AUGUST GRANDPARENTS' DAY	 27 AUGUST CHOIR FESTIVAL
 28 AUGUST DAFFODIL DAY	 3 SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE MUFTI WINNING GENDER	 4 SEPTEMBER POOL PARTY	 WEEK 9 MĀORI LANGUAGE WEEK	 14 SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE MUFTI WINNING HOUSE
 25 SEPTEMBER FREE MUFTI DAY	 THIS TERM EPRO8 YEARS 5-8	 THIS TERM INTER-HOUSE SPORTS	 25 SEPTEMBER END OF TERM	

Rewards

Te Tipu Takes a New Angle on Maths!

Te Tipu have been exploring, estimating and measuring angles over the last couple of weeks. Everyone has been learning to disbinguish between reflex, right, acute and obtuse angles. We have experimented with protractors to help us accurately measure angles after we have estimated the size of the angles. The Te Tipu teachers have seen such a growth in everyone's confidence when practicing these skills. Roll on the next challenge in maths!



Te Pūawai Face the Challenge

The Te Pūawai classes took part in EPro8. We were split into teams of four, but before we competed in our class challenge, we had to practise and learn how to use the equipment.

First, we built a box, added a flag and wheels, and tested how far it would go. Then we built a rowing machine. We started by making a stable structure and adding a seat for someone to sit on. Next, we made a frame for the pulley system. Once the frame was finished, we attached the pulleys and fed the rope through them.

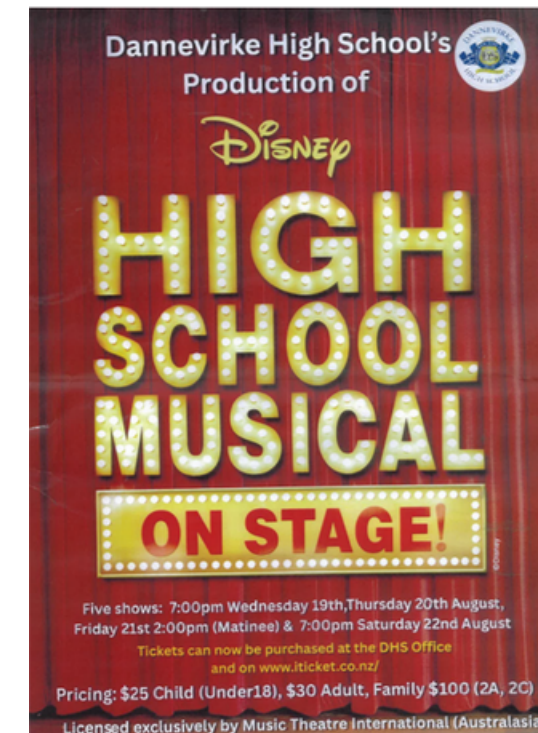
After that, we attached a 2 kg weight to the other end of the rope. We added another rope to the weight to halve the load. Finally, we used one rope and wrapped it around two pulleys and once around the handle.

To make the rowing machine, we needed aluminium rods, pulleys, rope, red and blue joiners, and a 2 kg weight. EPro8 is a lot of fun and incorporates reading, maths, science, technology, and a whole lot of teamwork and communication.



Reaching for the Stars with ImaginNZ in Te Kakāno!

What started as a giant, climbable rocket bound for the moon has launched a wave of incredible creativity! Inspired by our space adventures, the children dismantled the rocket to explore their own big ideas using the ImaginNZ building system. Their imaginations have truly taken off. We've seen clever trapdoors for secret huts, intricate locking systems, and impressive three-story structures strong enough to climb! Through hands-on problem solving and teamwork, our young engineers are designing, testing, and reinventing their own worlds—one block at a time. Keep an eye out for their next big masterpiece!



PŪKAHA
NATIONAL WILDLIFE CENTRE



Looking for a meaningful way to spend time as a family?

Join us at Pūkaha and help care for our beautiful native wildlife and forest. Come and make a difference together! 🌿

Volunteering is a fantastic opportunity for our young people and adults to connect with nature, learn new skills, and give back to one of Aotearoa's special conservation spaces. Whether you're planting, helping with maintenance, or supporting visitor experiences, every helping hand makes a real impact.

Bring the kids, enjoy the fresh air, and create memories while making a positive difference for future generations. It's such a special place that it will keep you coming back over lifetimes and generations!

♥ Families of all ages are welcome. Contact Christine by emailing volunteer@pukaha.org.nz or call the Centre on 06 3708004

Get involved and be part of something special. Together, we can help Pūkaha thrive.

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