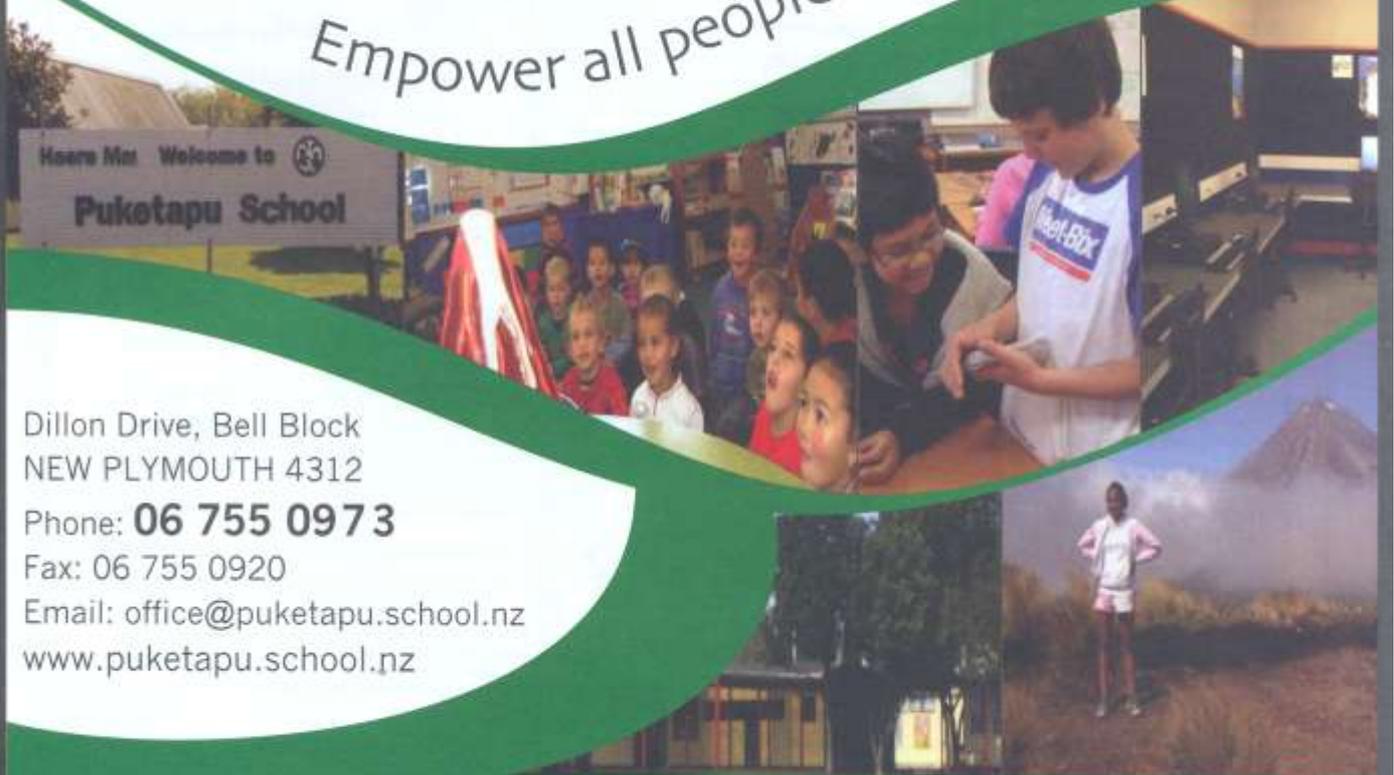




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# NEWSLETTER

Kia ora koutou. Nga mihi nui ki te whanau nui o te kura Puketapu.

**Spring has sprung. Let's hope we get a good length of fine weather.**

It is time to refocus on home and school routines. Getting to the right place, at the right time, with the right gear to do the right thing. Schools are about learning. Learning how to think and be productive and to contribute in as many ways as you can. Learning how to get alongside others and have some fun doing it.

Biking, scooting and walking should be the norm now. We should never have traffic congestion at the front gate.

The article on the next page may be of interest to you!!

Mike Johnson  
Principal



**If you've lost** something, ask at the office - we have had several things handed in.

## SPORTS RESULTS

### Hockey Final: Year 7 and 8.

Nil all draw against Oakura. Great game, great excitement but neither team able to break into each other's goals.

### Interschool; Year 7 and 8

Puketapu v Bell Block. A win to Puketapu in the netball 22 - 18. Rugby 48 - 21 to Bell Block.

Thanks to our supporters. It was just such a beautifully fine morning to play the games and to have some good competitive stuff with the neighbours.

Next interschool is against Stratford Friday 13 September. Games start 12:30pm - all welcome.

Kayleigh Martin, Campbell Martin and Cameron Joffe attended the Taranaki gymnsport competition on Wednesday at the TSB stadium.



Campbell Martin: 1st overall for novice men's artistic y 2-6  
Cameron Joffe: 2nd overall for novice men's artistic y 2-6  
Kayleigh Martin: no placing this time, but a great effort.

## Cross Country Sponsorship

**Every student should now have a sponsorship form for the Puketapu Cross Country on Wednesday 18 September.**

**The more sponsors each student gets, the more chances they have to win prizes...**

**Puketapu School Garage Sale**  
Saturday Sept 14th @ 7am  
All donations can be dropped to the school office on Dillon Drive or call Kim on 755 1871 to be collected

## AMNESTY FOR READERS

If you have any readers at home, please bring them back... no questions asked.

## Whakamanatia Awards

Lucas Hasler	Corban Read
Orlando Hita-Duval	Taydon Puru
Michael Swanepoel	Shylin Awa
Troy Perry x 2	Kayleigh Martin
Ethan Grocock x 2	Jacksyn Hill
Rhemus Robertson	Bella Stainthorpe
Angelique Maindonald	Lukas Mullin
Jayalin Pohoiwi-Horne	Zac Lowry
Kayden Burnard	Lajayshea Hori

## Duffy Awards

Dahria West	achievement
Karla Taylor	achievement
Sifia Fonoti	citizenship
Caleb Pattison	achievement
Bella Stainthorpe	achievement
Jayalin Pohoiwi-Horne	achievement
Corinna Atkinson	citizenship
Orlando Hita-Duval	achievement
Ashleigh Hawkes	achievement
Leandre Eksteen	citizenship

Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young. Henry Ford

## COMING EVENTS



- 6 September  
Whanau hui, 7pm
- 9-13 September  
Mobile Dental Clinic on site
- 13 September  
Y7 & Y8 Inter-School vs Stratford (at Puketapu)
- 14 September  
Garage Sale
- 16 September  
Keep NZ Beautiful Whanau Cleanup
- 18 September  
Puketapu Cross Country
- 20 September  
Y7 & Y8 Inter-School vs Inglewood (at Inglewood)
- 24 September  
Board of Trustees Mtg
- 25 September  
Taranaki Cross Country
- Calendar orders due
- 27 September  
Last day of term 3

*Coming events on school website and on the PSG Face book page*

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**MEDIA MULTITASKING WHILE LEARNING**

Do your children multitask while doing homework? Researchers tell us that students are on task only about 65% of the time when they have access to technology. Many of them cannot last even a few minutes without engaging their device.

The bad news about this is that under most conditions, the brain simply cannot do two complex tasks at the same time. When two tasks are very **simple and don't compete with each other for the same mental resources** – for example, folding laundry and listening to a radio weather report – most people can multitask efficiently. But with academic work, this is not the case.

**WHAT HAPPENS WHEN STUDENTS MULTI-TASK?**

Assignments take longer to complete because of the time taken up with distractions and the time it takes to refocus after an interruption.

**There's more mental fatigue from repeatedly dropping and picking up mental threads**, which leads to more mistakes. Task-switching is especially tiring when students move between formal, precise language tasks and informal, colloquial banter.

Learning is patchier and shallower.

Students remember less well. The moment of encoding is what matters most for retention and dozens of laboratory studies have demonstrated that when our attention is divided during encoding, we remember that piece of information less well – or not at all.

Students have greater difficulty understanding information and transferring learning to new contexts.

**Multitasking isn't a problem if a child wants to tweet while watching television, or listen to music while playing a video game.** But when students are doing serious work with their minds, they have to have focus. Texting, e-mailing, and posting on social media are mentally complex, drawing on the same brain resources (like using language and discerning meaning) as schoolwork.

**Much of young people's technology use is often really about quelling anxiety – FOMO or the Fear Of Missing Out. They don't want to be the last person to hear some news, or 'like' someone's post.**

Constant texting, however, qualifies as compulsive behaviour that must be managed if kids are to learn and perform at their best.

**The biggest problem is that students don't believe this is a problem.** Many young people think they can perform two challenging tasks at once, but this is not so.

**What can parents do? Accept young people's use of technology, but draw a firm line on using it while doing schoolwork, emphasising that this is a time when you concentrate on just one thing.**

*Doubt grows with knowledge.*

*Goethe*

**Nearly 5?**

If you have a pre-schooler who will be starting school between now and the end of 2014, please let us know:



**Child's name:** .....

**Date of Birth** .....

What pre-school/kindergarten/ECE are they with now?

.....

**Parent/caregiver name:** .....

**Meet the Board:**

**Jo Goldsmith,  
Trustee**



Jo has lived in Bell Block her whole Taranaki life (20 odd years) after moving here from Gisborne. She has three girls: Dahria (12), Maddy (8), and Millah (6) who all attend Puketapu School.

This is Jo's second term on the Puketapu School Board.

Jo is very active within the school: coaching netball for many years, supporting Kapa Haka, supporting other parents who take on roles and who coach other sports, and as a member of the Whanau and PSG groups.

Jo has worked within the Early Childhood Education sector since 1993, holds a Diploma and Degree in Teaching and Learning ECE and has been a fully registered teacher since 2009.

**Fried-Bread Friday...**

**Next Friday's hot dish is Roast Beef Rolls (\$3)** Order from the office by Wednesday. Fried Bread can be ordered up until Friday morning.

**WAIWAKA TENNIS CLUB** Chilman St, Lower Merrilands  
**JUNIOR OPEN DAY** Sunday 8 September 11-2pm for registration / information for Club days / Hotshots (Grasshopper) Tennis / Coaching. Bring a racquet (some will be available to use) for fun and activities for all ages (5+ years old) , spot prizes, sausage sizzle. Meet the new Aussie coach. Any queries contact Yvonne ph 7574232 / 021 1736760

**Bell Block Junior Rugby**  
All Junior Rugby Trophies from last year to be returned to the club ASAP for our upcoming prize giving or phone Debbie 7552685 to arrange pick up.

**2014 Calendars**

PSG Fundraising

Costs will be the same as last year:

- Calendars \$10.00
- Cards: \$12.00
- Diaries: \$15.00



Last day for orders will be Wednesday 25 September (last Wednesday of term 3) Order forms are out now.

**Rugby Jersey Raffle**

Taranaki Rugby Football Union have generously donated two Taranaki Rugby jerseys for us to raffle as a fundraiser:

- 1 x Child Size 8
- 1 x Child Size 12



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- FRIDAY 6:30AM-7:30AM
- SATURDAY & SUNDAY 6:30AM-7:30AM

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