

New entrant enrolments have been steady this year and the Pohutukawa roll continues to grow, to support this growth, Miss Samantha Egan, has joined the staff and is teaching in Pohutakawa with Lisa Wheeler. Welcome Samantha, we know you will love working with our enthusiastic early learners.

Last term, you were an extremely supportive parent body during the NZEI "Kuatae te wa - It's time" campaign, collecting children early so that all teachers could attend the Paid Union meeting. You may have heard in the media that on Wednesday 15th August there will now be a Nationwide strike action for all Teachers and Principals.

The key issues are:

- Increasing staffing to support teachers who are working with students with additional learning needs
- Fixing the teacher shortage crisis. We need to attract and retain great teachers by addressing pay rates

The Board of Trustees will make a decision about whether the school will be closed, as all of our teachers are union members and will not be at school.

I will let you know thte Baords decision as soon as possible. Keep an eye out for a yellow notice over the next few days.

Celebrating Success

One of our students, Parish Allan, competed in the Karate NZ National Championship. Parish made the final for his age group, coming 2nd in a 1 - 0 game. In the team final, Parish had a re-match against the same opponent and won this match 1 - 0. Well done Parish.

Matu Heta has returned from a trip to Hungary where he competed in the World Club Crew Champs in Dragon boating. His team won 9 medals; 4 gold, 2 silver and 3 bronze. Well done Matua, we are glad to have you back.

Dates - 2018

Day	Date	What
Friday	3 August	Assembly Rm 5
Monday	13 August	Board Meeting
Wednesday	15 August	Nation wide strike
Friday	17 August	Tuakana & Teina Cross Country
Wednesday	22 August	Cross Country ppd
Tuesday	28 August	Cluster Cross Country - Tuakana
Wednesday	29 August	Gymnastics Festival
Mon - Fri	10-14 Sept	Maori Language Week
Tuesday	18 Sept	Tuakana Winter Sports Tournament
Friday	28 Sept	Term 2 ends

Sports Draw

Inline Hockey Wednesday 1 Aug
Bankwood Bobcats 5.10pm
Bankwood Blades 7.30pm

Field Hockey

Bankwood Rebels
Sat 4 August 10am fld 1D

Scholastic Book Club

Last day for orders
Thursday 2 August

Regards
Kay Cleaver
Principal

Writing in Teina Iwa

In the cold swamp, there was a green eyed monster. It was humungous! The green eyed monster caught something. It could bite hard like a hammer. Something climbed into the monsters' mouth and 'crunch!'
By Aerial

At the swamp I could see tall, dead trees. Some had fallen into the swamp. My animal has sharp teeth and a long tail, green eyes and scales. The swamp is lime green, sometimes the animal passes through the swamp. Sometimes the swamp is foggy in the morning.
By Sieanna



As I escaped into the cold swamp I heard a big thump and splash. The monster crept down, down, down. The swamp was like a hot pool. It is dirty, deep, weedy, smelly and rotten.
By Reegan

The wind was blowing the trees side to side, braking branches to the ground. Suddenly a pair of big starring eyes popped up above the water. Next a big golden-brownish spikey shell appeared. Big round feet came out, arrh. It was a fearsome turtle. It was Scary! The giant turtle lived in a green dirty swamp surrounded by broken and fallen tree branches. It was a dark and scary place.
By Sadie

