



Week 1 Term 2

2018

## Nga mihi nui Pukeokahu Families and Community *from Jan, Carol, Jenna and Paparangi*

### Welcome to Term 2

**ANZAC Ceremony:** Thank you, Bayden, Lochy and Courtney for being at the Taihape Dawn Service. Well done, Bayden for placing the School wreath on the cenotaph.

### A Message from Brian Megaw

Hi everybody, I thought I would get the ball rolling.

One of our local streams, the Matawhero starts in the lease block and before it drops over a waterfall in to the Rangitikei River upstream of Brian and Robin Sage's house, it flows through the following properties - Kaiangaroa, John & Carol Gilbert, Bruce and Roger Gilbert, Pukeokahu Station and River Valley. As such it probably flows through more properties than any other stream in our immediate district. (I am not including the Otuareiaawa).

Much of the stream is already at least partially fenced off, with some planned tree planting having been carried out, while in other stretches there are exotics or natural regeneration.

What do the landowners involved, plus anybody else that was interested, think about developing a plan to retire a riparian buffer for the full length of the Matawhero where this is practical?

With this in mind, I have asked Libby Owen, an Environmental Management Officer from Horizons, if she could come up and talk to those people interested about how the Regional Council could assist in a project like this. She may also be able to give an indication of where legislation is heading in the area of compulsory fencing of waterways that flow through farmland. This may be of interest to all landholders in the district.

The reason I thought I would put this out there now, is that it seems to me there is little doubt that moves to improve fresh water quality will sooner or later impact on all landowners. I tend to think that a community approach to this would be easier, possibly cheaper, more supportive and maybe more rewarding than having to do your bit in isolation. There may even be a community model for other streams that will require riparian strips at some stage in the future.

The date we are looking at is the **23rd May at 10.30am at River Valley Lodge.**

Please get in touch with Brian or Janey if you have any questions, or can attend.

Thanks. Hope to see you there. 06 3881444 [brian@rivervalley.co.nz](mailto:brian@rivervalley.co.nz)

**School Uniforms:** Please let Jan know if any part of the uniform needs replacing

### Upcoming Events:

**Huntermville school Production**  
Thursday 10 May

**Sports Whanganui**  
**Monday 7 May (Catch-up day for cricket) and Friday 11 May for basketball**

**Mātauranga Māori:**  
Monday 28 May at REAP

**BOT Meeting**  
Tuesday 29 May at 7pm

**Zero Waste**  
Wednesday 13 June

**Term 2 Dates:**  
Monday 30 April to Friday 6 July  
Queen's Birthday holiday on  
Monday 4 June  
Science Fair- 25/26 June

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