



# *Pukekohe North School*

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## [Newsletter # 11 –Thursday 26 July 2018:](#)

### [Well Done Pukekohe North School Students!:](#)

On the last day of Term 2, our students enjoyed a wonderful day at the Pukekohe Recreation Centre as a reward for meeting our School Expectations of Being Respectful, Being Responsible, Being Safe and Being Confident.

Our teachers reported the day was amazing and that the children were so well behaved and respectful.

This is superb and we look forward to what our School Leaders will organise for our Term 3 Reward.

Unfortunately, 12 students who did not meet the required Koru Points and had to miss out on the reward. I expect that this number will reduce drastically this term.

### [Whanau Interviews:](#)

I was pleased to review our Whanau Interview Data and see 54% of families met with their child's teacher to discuss the progress made in the first half of the year and their child's next steps in learning.

We really need to have ALL whanau meet with our kaiako and thus our staff are very happy to set appointments to meet with you this term.

Please ring Sarah or Nganeko to arrange a suitable time to meet with your child's teacher.

### [Progress after 6 months at school.](#)

I am also reviewing our Curriculum Achievement Data over the first two terms of 2018. I am seeing some amazing progress.

As an example, I am noting that our Reading Data provides a 20% increase in progress.

Already at our half way point in the school year 42% of our students are achieving the expected reading level for their year group.

62% of students are making strong progress.

### [Term 3 Focus:](#)

This term our akonga are studying about artists, including those from Maori and Pasifika Cultures.

By the end of the term, ALL students will have completed an Artwork for display around our school external environment.

The themes we are exploring are Pasifika and Maori Culture and the flora and fauna of Aotearoa.

These artworks will be on display at our Term 3 EXPO on Thursday 27 September.

We invite our community to join us to celebrate our changing school environment and the learning our students have inquired into the Creative Arts.

### Our Teaching Emphasis in Term 3:

This term our teachers are focusing upon building our student's confidence (Be Confident)

One of the key areas of focus for our kura; is building self-esteem within our akonga.

Verbally, they are generally shy and use a limited vocabulary.

The following are in place to address the needs of our pupils.

1. The Junior School is beginning an Oral Language / Social Skills Programme called Circle Time. This will build oracy and confidence in our young students as the term progresses.
2. Each class has a Buddy Class that they visit weekly to read stories together. This is based upon a 'Tuakana Teina Relationship' used effectively in the Kura Rumaki.
3. The whole school will commence a Tatari, Tautoko, Tauawhi Programme next term. This programme is used within each class and is based upon the Tuakana Teina Programme where more able students tutor those who need to improve their skill level. The focus for this programme is upon reading orally with confidence and building word attack and comprehension skills.
4. Teachers are employing a Mathematics programme called 'Talk Moves' where students are taught to discuss the mathematical strategies used and to listen to and question others about the strategies used to solve problems.
5. X 8 of our Year 5-6 Boys are involved in a Mini-Bridge Programme to assist these learners to achieve their potentials.
6. An After School Programme-Building Champions - operates each Tuesday Year 1-4 / Thursday Year 5-8 from 2.45- 3.45.p.m. This programme is run by Rosie Walker and our KiwiCan Facilitators KV and Mikayla.

Another new initiative we have been working upon is for our Year 7-8 Students in Technology.

From Thursday 26 July our students will take a laptop with them to their Technology session at Pukekohe High School.

Year 12-13 School Councillors will take the students to the Computer Suites for instruction on digital technologies including coding that could lead to making simple computer games for one another.

This is a great development and will certainly assist our Senior Students to transition to High School in 2019 / 2020.

Keep an eye on the newsletter as I soon hope to announce another great development at Pukekohe North School.

### Term Dates for Term 3:

Term 3 is a full 50 days and the only term without a Public Holiday.

The term concludes on Friday 28 September at 2.40.p.m.

Daylight Saving Commences on 30 September

We will have a Free Holiday Programme for our students Yr 1-6 (30) in Week 2 of the holidays-8-12 October 2018. More information to follow in September

### Celebrating Student Success

#### Junior Syndicate

The junior school children enjoyed having the middle and senior school to visit the classes to see the work they had done for the term 2 inquiry on Natural Disasters.



#### Kura Rumaki Syndicate

The tamariki of the Kura Rumaki enjoyed the end of term activities with a reward day at the Franklin Leisure Centre and visiting other classes in the school for expo day.



#### Senior Syndicate

##### **Black Stilt**

Prowling through swamps, ponds and edges of lakes

The Kaki

Vast black plumage, pale pink legs

Flightless carnivore

Screeching, glaring, hunting for prey

Helpless spider about to be attacked

Critically threatened water bird



By: Tyroshae Lloyd-Angell

Here we are sharing our learning with our buddy class – Room 5.



### **Upcoming Pukekohe North School Events:**

Tuesday 31 July – Yr 7-8 Netball Competition

Wednesday 1 August –BOT Meeting -4.00-6.00.p.m.

Friday 3 August –Aroha Assembly -9.00-9.30.a.m.

4 August 10.00-2.00.p.m. Pukekohe High School Open Day

Monday 6 August PHS Enrolment Evening 4.00-7.00.p.m.

Tuesday 7 August Yr 5-6 Netball Competition

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Thursday 9 August PHS Enrolment Evening 4.00-8.00.p.m.

Thursday 9 August –Next Pukekohe North School Newsletter

Friday 10 August Yr 3-4 Netball Competition

Tuesday 14 August School Cross Country Competition – 11.20.a.m.-12.50.p.m. (Saving Day – Wednesday 15 August)

Wednesday 15th August PNS Manu Korero Speech competitions-Rumaki Reo 11.30sm - 1.00pm

### **An Early Warning:-CLOSURE OF PUKEKOHE NORTH SCHOOL.**

**Unless there is a change, New Zealand Primary School Teachers will take strike action on Wednesday 15 August in a response to our Pay and Conditions Claim with the Government.**

**This appears at this stage to be a whole Day of Strike Action. I will keep you informed through our newsletter, our School Face Book Page and notes home when the actions become clearer.**

**Jim Stafford-Bush Tumuaki**