



Pukekohe North School

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Newsletter # 4 –Wednesday 27 March 2019:

Kia Ora Tatou,

There are just over two weeks of school left for Term 1 2019!

We close for the April holidays on Friday 12 and reopen for Term 2 on Monday 29 April.

I am so pleased with the start to the year and praise the staff for their hard work in developing great teaching and learning programmes for our students.

The school roll continues to grow and are presently sitting at 236 students and we well aware that we will top the 250 student mark this year.

Our students' behaviour has improved greatly over the past 12 months.

I still maintain my line; if a child physically assaults someone or swears at a teacher and the student will be stood down! (Cannot attend school for 1-2 days.)

Next, Staff are now focusing upon students who are not using language appropriate for school.

Students who swear will have consequences and consistent use of bad language will lead to a stand down also.

The staff and I are lifting the expectation bar again as we focus upon our Pukekohe North Vision of being the school of choice for this area and the school of choice for Maori Medium Education in Franklin.

Deputy Principal

Due to intense family circumstances, our Deputy Principal has had to resign from her position and take an extended break from all teaching duties.

She feels that she has let the Middle Team down and the students and whanau of Room 4.

She really enjoyed teaching her class and wanted to continue meeting their teaching and learning needs. Unfortunately, she needs to be with whanau in the meantime.

We have a relief teacher, Kiah Saunders who will teach Room 4 during Term 2 2019.

We will commence advertising for our new Deputy Principal immediately.

We wish Sarah every success over the next months.

IMoko:

IMoko Nurses have been treating students at Pukekohe North School for several years now.

Their overall aim is to ensure all children have the best start in life.

We thank the volunteers and nurses who operate our IMoko Room.

Positive Behaviour for Learning: (PB4L)

To reward our students for their improved behaviours and attitudes towards teaching and learning, staff are planning an afternoon of sports and fun activities on Friday 5 April.

To secure this reward, our students MUST:

1. Get back to class quickly after each interval
2. Stand in line outside of their classrooms; keeping their limbs and comments to themselves
3. Be ready to learn.

Board of Trustee Elections:

We are underway with our 2019 – 2022 Board of Trustee Elections. We are seeking x 5 parent representatives to stand for the Board.

These people do not need any special skills BUT they must be passionate about Pukekohe North School and have a desire to see our students achieve highly and meet their personal potentials.

If you know someone who has these attributes you can nominate them for the Board.

Candidates do not need to be a whanau member or caregiver of a student at our kura.

Nominations must be received by **Friday 10th May 2019** (See Sarah for a nomination form)

Sarah is our Election Officer and is putting together our Pukekohe North School Voting Roll at present.

If you are a parent or caregiver of a child attending this school, you have a right to cast a vote in the election.

Whanau should be advised that we will ONLY need to hold an election if we receive MORE than the x5 Trustee nominations. (that is a 6th, 7th or more nominations)

If we receive the require x 5 nominations, these whanau will form our new Board of Trustees.

Do you want to know more about the Board and what it does?

Speak to our current Board members:

Denise Proctor – Chairperson

Raemon Mete – BOT Secretary

Selina Brown – Elected Trustee

Wendy Rathjen – Staff Trustee

Scooters, Skateboards and Bicycles:



Constable Dan from the NZ Police spoke to the tamariki at last Friday's assembly about the importance of wearing a helmet when using a bike, scooter or skateboard, to reduce, in particular, head injuries in the case of an accident.

As a staff, and keeping with our School Expectation: Be Safe; we are going to enforce this rule from Monday 29 April 2019. – Day 1 of Term 2.

Simply, no helmet, no riding a scooter, bicycle or skateboard to school!

Students MUST also walk their skateboard, scooters or bicycles across pedestrian crossings and when inside the school.



School App: (FINAL Reminder)

Have you downloaded our new School App to your cell phone?

Go to the Apple Apps Store / Play Store and find **Skool Loop NZ**.

Next, look for Pukekohe North School to download the App to your cell phone.

Whanau will be able to notify us of Absentees, look at our newsletter, major school calendar events and any notices we have published.

The App will be so important to quickly inform whanau of last minute happenings and reminders.

Term 1 Inquiry EXPO:

On Thursday 11 April from 1.30 – 2.30.p.m we will be opening up our classrooms to display the akonga's learning about Mini Beasts this term.



Whanau are so welcome to walk through the classes and see the work on display.

Each class from Room 1-Room 10 will rotate around the school to view each- others' inquiry work into worms, beetles, butterflies, moths, caterpillars etc.

Please feel free to join your children on their journey.

Duffy Books Assembly:

Yesterday Lynda Healey organised for **Michel Mulipola** a Samoan Comic / Cartoon Artist to talk to the students about his job and especially about his love of books.

Our students each received a book that they had chosen from the catalogue to keep.

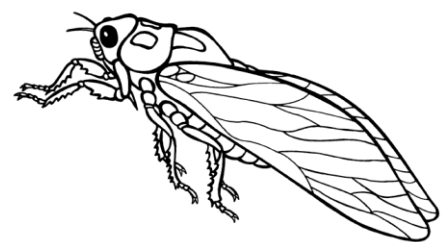
The students will receive free books each term now that Pukekohe North is a Duffy Books School.

Celebrating Student Success

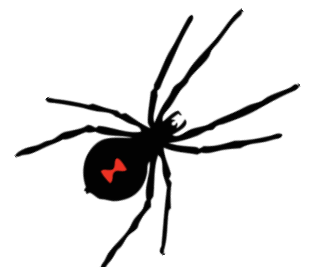
Senior Syndicate

6 sentence story

Once upon a time there was a hungry and skilful black widow spider. She lived in the lost, dark and abandoned jungle with other black widow spiders and other disgusting creatures. She could spin her web from tree to tree and over reflective swamps by using her mighty springy legs. Everyday the black widow would hunt for scrumptious prey but could not seem to catch anything. She was always grumpy and hungry. One day while leaping around the gigantic jungle, an enormous beetle accidentally jumped onto her web and black widow quickly bit into its fat juicy stomach. **Author: Iriapa Rm1**



Once upon a time there was a very lonely cicada. She lived in Tane Mahuta's beautiful forest. She loved singing in her beautiful voice. She was lonely because no-one was visiting the forest. She felt sad and gloomy because there was no-one to listen to her. One day a bus of tourists arrived at the forest and the cicada sang her best song and it echoed all around the forest. **Author: Kupid Rm 1**



Wonderings

- I wonder what snails look like without their shell? **Kazmyn Rm 1**
- I wonder why cicadas make such loud noise? **Dazsharo Rm 1**
- I wonder how worms breathe? **Teria Rm 1**
- I wonder why bees die when they sting people? **Haturangi Rm 1**
- I wonder how bugs balance our nature? **Kaylah Rm 1**

Middle Syndicate

Praying Mantis and Lady Bird

The praying mantis is green and camouflaged against the leaf. It has two eyes and two front legs that look like arms. When it raises its front legs it looks like it is praying but it is waiting for a bug to come near it so it can eat it. The praying mantis likes to eat ladybirds. The ladybird has black spots and a special covering over the top of their wings called Elytra to protect their wings.

Awhina Bradley – Rm 6

Junior School

The junior school are fundraising for their trip to Butterfly Creek later this term. Tomorrow they are having a cake stall at morning tea time in Room 11.



They are also running a raffle to win a Vodafone Warriors jersey- \$5 per ticket, 100 tickets. Please see our Junior Syndicate staff if you wish to purchase a ticket.

Community Events:

School Holidays in the Square

Activation McShane – Thursday 28th March 3.30-5pm McShane Street Park

Upcoming Pukekohe North School Events:

Friday 5 April – Rooms 4- 5 - 6 Trip to Butterfly Creek.

Friday 5 April – Chiropractic Edge at school 1.30-4.00.p.m.

Tuesday 9 April – World of Mathematics event for children in the hall. (Classes timetabled to visit)

Wednesday 10 April – Rooms 11 – 12 – 14 Trip to Butterfly Creek

Thursday 11 April – Inquiry EXPO 1.30-2.30.p.m. (Classrooms open for whanau to visit)

Thursday 11 April – Next newsletter sent home (and posted on the website and on our App.)

Friday 12 April – School closes for the April Holidays at 2.40.p.m.

**Jim Stafford-Bush
Tumuaki**

