



# Pukekohe North School

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## Newsletter # 5 –Thursday 11 April 2019:

Kia Ora Tatou,

Here we are a day away from our April Holidays!

It has been a great term with student behaviour improving markedly from 2018.

We are still working daily to remind our students to Be Respectful, Responsible, Safe and Confident. To reward the students for their improved behaviour we are working with Counties Manukau Sport tomorrow who will run a 'Have a go Day.'

In teams, the children will work in 90 minute blocks to play sports such as Football, Hockey, Basketball & Rugby League.

You are welcome to join us during the day.

The Year 1-2's will have their sessions from 9.30-11.00.a.m.

The Year 6-7-8's will have their session from 11.20.a.m. – 12.50.p.m.

The Year 3-4-5's will have their session from 1.20 -2.40.p.m.

**The students can wear mufti tomorrow, Friday 12 April and they will receive an ice block after their sports session with Counties Manukau Sport.**

### New Deputy Principal:

As mentioned in Newsletter # 4, Sarah Poutai has resigned her position as Deputy Principal of Pukekohe Intermediate School to care for her whanau at present.

We have begun advertising for a new Deputy Principal and hope to have this position filled and ready to commence in Term 3 2019. In education, we must give 8 weeks' notice when leaving a teaching position and before taking up a new role.

The Board of Trustees aims to have appointed the new person to the position by mid-May and then the new Deputy Principal can provide the 2 months' notice that they intend on leaving and taking up their new position with us.

Room 4 will be taught by Kiah Saunders for Term 2 until our new Deputy Principal and Teacher of Room 4 can commence.

In the meantime, Hayley Kahui and Nicky Twiss will act as relieving Deputy Principals.

### Duffy Books in Schools:

Our school has been lucky to have had two Duffy Shows last week that the tamariki loved.



First we had a Role Model Assembly where Michel Mulipola a Samoan Artist and Wrestler came to talk to the children about his life and love of books.

The students were also entertained by the Duffy Theatre who modelled good behaviour on devices and how reading was a great thing to do as well as gaming.

As you would have seen, the students also brought home x2 books that they chose from the catalogue to keep. We will hold another Duffy Assembly next Term and send home x 2 more books of the children's choice to keep.

### [BMX Holiday Programme run by Counties Manukau Sport:](#)

Would you like your tamariki to be involved in a BMX Holiday Programme?

There are 2 sessions per day from 10.00.a.m. – 12.00.p.m. and then again at 1.00-3.00.p.m. on:

>Tuesday 23 April

>Wednesday 24 April

>Friday 26 April

At the Sunset Coast BMX Club at 80 Attwell Road in Puni.

For more information call Sharm on 021-907-223

Email = [sharm1@cmsport.co.nz](mailto:sharm1@cmsport.co.nz)

### [Open Evening:](#)

Pukekohe High School is encouraging all families of current Year 8 students to come and view the school, speak with teachers within their learning areas and to enrol during an Open Evening. There will also be the opportunity for prospective parents to attend the Principal's address during the evening.

They are also happy for families of students in Years 5-7 to make the most of this opportunity, and begin the thinking about future transition into our local secondary school.



**OPEN EVENING**  
Thursday 16 May 2019 - 3:30-7:30pm

We welcome you to:

- tour the school and see some of the activities on offer
- talk to teachers and current students
- attend the Principal's address at 4:30pm or 6:00pm

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### [Board of Trustee Elections: \(Reminder\)](#)

Our Kura is looking for x 5 parent representatives for our 2019 – 2022 Board of Trustees.

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.

See Sarah Cole in the school office for a nomination form

We welcome anyone interested to join us for all or part of our next Board Meeting in the staffroom on Wednesday 1 May from 4.00-6.00.p.m. to find out more about how a Board of Trustees operates.

### [Scooters, Skateboards and Bicycles: \( Final Reminder\)](#)

As a staff, and keeping with our School Expectation: Be Safe; we are going to enforce the rule that ALL students who use a skateboard, scooter or bicycle to come to school must as of Monday 29 April 2019. – Day 1 of Term 2, MUST wear a helmet.

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

Again to keep everyone safe, students MUST also walk their skateboard, scooters or bicycles across pedestrian crossings and when inside the school grounds.

### [Attendance for Term 1 2019:](#)

Our school attendance rate is sitting at 83.33% when our expectation is 90.0%

If the children are not at school regularly, learning will not be secured!

Next term, of course it will be wet.

We are making sure ALL children will have KiwiCan Rain jackets and shoes.

Please, send your tamariki to school EVERY day; unless of course... they are unwell.

### [New Roof for Rooms 7-8-9-10:](#)

During this week, Rooms 7-8-9-10 have had a new roof installed. The roof has been leaking over the years and the Board of Trustees has organised for this to be fixed.

Next, the ceilings in these rooms will be replaced and the foyers for these rooms refurbished.

We do not expect the Kura Rumaki classes to resume again in this block until Term 3 2019.

### [Easter Raffle:](#)

*The winners of our Easter Raffle were:*

*3<sup>rd</sup> = Red 45 – Lucas Scurry Rm 12*

*2<sup>nd</sup> =Red 47- Whaea Sarah Cole*

*1<sup>st</sup> = Blue 60 – Montaania Singh-Taufui Rm 11*

We raised \$120.00 for more school sports equipment.

Thank you Whaea Linda (Teacher aide) for organising and running the raffle.

### [Celebrating Student Success](#)

#### [Senior School](#)

Room 3 created our own unique minibeasts using old drink bottles. We painted our bottles and then we made cardboard wings, then we used the hot glue gun to glue eyes, legs and the wings on to our minibeasts.



### Kura Rumaki

#### Taku Purerehua

He Purerehua tēnei

He Purerehua ataahua

Ka piki, ka piki runga rawa e.

Nā Aaliyah Rose Tonga

E 5 ōku tau



Kei roto i te rākau,

he kiokio,

he mokomoko,

he weta,

he huha ,

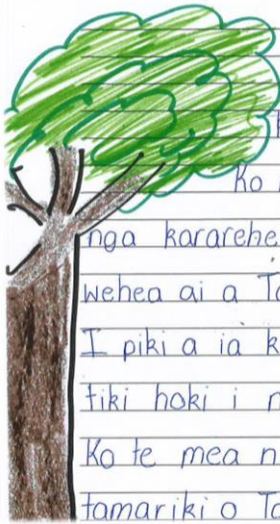
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I taemai te Ruru, ki te kai !

Na Corey Moana – Tonga



### ... Tane Mahuta ...



Ko Tane Mahuta te  
kaitiaki o te ngahere.  
Ko ngā ngangara me  
ngā kararehe ona tamariki. I  
wehea ai a Tane i ona mātua.  
I piki a ia ki Rangituhaha ki te  
fiki hoki i ngā kete o te wananga.  
Ko te mea nui kia tiakina ngā  
tamariki o Tane Mahuta

### Junior School



Yesterday the junior school travelled to Butterfly Creek to look at minibeasts. We saw a giant weta.

Did you know that weta are nocturnal which means they sleep in the day and are active at night?

### Middle School

Sara-Lee and her classmates have been learning about invertebrates as a part of our Mini-Beast Unit this term. She has found out interesting facts about Ladybugs and Pacific Geoduck. She is looking forward to visiting other classrooms to see what others have learnt.



### Upcoming Pukekohe North School Events:

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

**Monday 29 April** – Term 2 commences at 8.50.a.m.

**Wednesday 1 May** – Board of Trustees Meeting in the staffroom from 4.00 – 6.00.p.m.

**Friday 3 May** – Chiropractic Edge visits Pukekohe North School in the far end of the library.

**Thursday 9 May** – Next Newsletter due home

**Friday 10 May** – Room 9 Assembly – 9.00 – 9.30.a.m.

**Happy holidays everyone.**

Jim Stafford-Bush  
Tumuaki