



Pukekohe North School

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Newsletter # 12 –Thursday 15 August 2019:

Kia Ora Tatou,

It has been a busy first month back into Term 3 at Pukekohe North School.

Builders and painters should complete their works on Rooms 8-9-10 next week and our Kura Rumaki Classes can move back into their classes and finally put 'down roots' and build classroom environments with their tamariki.

Whaea Parekawhia will have her Year 0-2 students in Room 10. This keeps our young 5-6 year old students in the kura and mainstream in the same area of our school.

Koka Naere will teach in Room 9 and Whaea Mae will have her Year 5-8 students in Room 8.

Growing Student Roll:

Term 3 has seen a continual stream of enrolments at our school and we are expecting our roll to finish in December just short of 270 students.

This is an increase of nearly 100 students in the past 2 years.

We know we will need another classroom in the Kura Rumaki for 2020 and so staff are discussing the reclaiming of Room 7 as a classroom BUT where do we place our teaching resources collected in this classroom in a central place for our teachers?

Education Review Office visit:

Last week Neil Harray and Darcy Te Hau from ERO visited the school for a day and spent time with our Board, Senior Managers, Students and staff.

They walked through classrooms after being greeted with a wonderful whakatau to commence their day.

They reported the students were settled, smiling and engaged in their classrooms.

The school culture had changed and the students now had a bright future awaiting them in their learning and growing as citizens of Aotearoa.

They congratulated the Board and Staff on the improvements made since their last review of the school in 2017.

Senior Managers at the school have requested that ERO return to Pukekohe North School in Term 4 to conduct an in depth review of our school.

It is expected that after this visit, our school will be placed on the usual 3 year review cycle.

Health Promoting School:

Staff are noticing that we need to have a focus on finger nail care and maintenance. Several children have long nails that need cutting and any dirt trapped beneath the nails removed.

I take rugby on the field at lunchtimes and many boys complain to me they are being scratched in tackles.

Could whanau please check their children's nails and act accordingly.

Recorders for all of our Students

Sorry whanau in advance!

Our staff wish to develop our students musical ability and Matua Henare has arranged with a local supplier to purchase recorders for our tamariki.

Lessons are now underway and our students will develop their talents and ability to read music over the next term and following years.

I am aware that the squeak of a recorder might drive whanau mad as the children come to grips with the recorder.

Our ukulele groups have commenced this term and are making great progress already.

Our Board has a desire that our student's achievement levels increase BUT that we also develop natural talents in sports and the Visual and Performing Arts.

In Week 2 of the Term, we entered just under 10 teams in the Year 3-8 Pukekohe Schools Netball Competitions. Our students showed great skills placing in all Year Levels and also demonstrating super sportsmanship.

Homework:

As I said in Newsletter # 11, our students have homework to do every day; learning spelling words, learning basic facts and reading.

Another reminder:

Year 0-2 students should practice their reader with an adult each night – **(Monday to Thursday)**

Year 3-4 students should be reading for at least 10-15 minutes each night.

Year 5-6 students should read for 20 minutes each night

Year 7-8 students should be reading for 30+ minutes per night.

Imagine what great reader they would be if they spent as much time reading as they spent watching TV or playing on devices.

How to Develop Keen Readers:

Help tamariki become keen readers by:

>Read to and with the tamariki regularly

>Asking them questions about their reading (What was your favourite part? Which character did you like most? Would you change the ending of the story?)

>If you have younger children, write books with them on pieces of paper and include the children as characters in the made up story.

- >Discuss the important or tricky words of the story with the tamariki
- >Visit the library at least once a fortnight
- >Have a quiet reading time at home each day. / You can model reading by flicking through the local paper, something on your cell phone

Upcoming Events:

On Wednesday 20 August (1.40-2.40.p.m.) our students will experience live theatre with a production of The Tortoise and the Hare.

This is an important learning time for our students to learn about bringing a story to life on a stage.

Our students will share their learning for Term 3 – Sustainability, Reuse, Reduce, Recycle, Reinvent using their Performing Arts skills.

Whanau are welcome to join us for the show in our hall next Wednesday,

Our Showcase / Production is set for Thursday 26 September from 5.30.p.m.

Happy Birthdays are extended to:

19/08 Monday

Elusion Room 04 = 10.00 yrs

Kirilyn Room 03 = 10.00 yrs

20/08 Tuesday

Jahryus Room 09 = 7.00 yrs

21/08 Wednesday

Layzell Room 08 = 6.00 yrs

23/08 Friday

Sonnybill Room 06 = 9.00 yrs

Roimata Room 10 = 11.00 yrs

25/08 Sunday

Eliza-Leigh Room 11 = 6.00 yrs

26/08 Monday

Ahumairangi Room 08 = 6.00 yrs

27/08 Tuesday

Roimata Room 01 = 12.00 yrs

29/08 Thursday

Raukura Room 05 = 9.00 yrs

Fuesia Room 12 = 6.00 yrs

Celebrating Student Success

Senior School

All plastic bags should be banned

I believe plastic bags should be banned for three good reasons. Not because they spread and litter around our environment but because they are harming our innocent sea animals and our children. "How?" you ask. Let me tell you.

(Kazmyn Rm 1)

Say NO to plastic bags. Did you know that our marine life is dying because of plastic bags? I believe all plastic bags should be banned. Plastic bags are not easy to recycle. Plastic bags are polluting our environment. Banning plastic bags will help humans have a healthier life. (Funaki Rm 1)

I am writing to declare that all plastic bags should be banned. Did you know that it takes 100 to 1000 years for plastic bags to decompose? Banning plastic bags will reduce land, water and air pollution. Banning plastic bags will help the marine life get healthier because their environment will be clean. Banning plastic bags will help us save money. (Akram Rm1)

Upcoming Pukekohe North School Events:

Friday 16 August – Room 10 Assembly – 9.00-9.30.a.m

Tuesday 20 August –Tortoise and the Hare Production

Thursday 22 August – In School Soccer Training

Thursday 22 August - Hip Hop Training continues

Wednesday 29 August - BOT Meeting 4.30-6.30.p.m.

Thursday 29 August - Next Newsletter due today

Thursday 29 August – In School Soccer Training

Thursday 29 August – Hip Hop Training

Friday 30 August – Room 1 Assembly -9.00-9.30.a.m.

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