



# Pukekohe North School

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## Newsletter # 17 –Thursday 31 October 2019:

Kia Ora Tatou,

The term is already flying away as we approach Week 4 of our school year and head towards our summer break.

As we are now in Day Light Saving Time, can we please have all of our students wearing a hat when outside to protect from the harsh rays of our sun?

Any hat will do, but we prefer a hat that covers the face, ears and neck of your child.

### Athletics Sports:

NEXT Thursday 7 November from 9.15.a.m. we are holding our annual Athletics Sports on our field.

We invite whanau to come and see the children competing in running, throwing and jumping events throughout the day.

Our focus for the day is being respectful and responsible and showing the BEST Sportsmanship towards one another.



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### Kura Rumaki Appointments:

Our school numbers continue to grow and we are approaching 270 students.

The Kura Rumaki numbers have grown rapidly to over 90 akonga and we expect their role to be over 100 in early 2020.

We have appointed x 2 new kaiako recently and look forward to welcoming and using the talents of Pikiteora Mura-Hita and Atarangi Cook.

The classes will be organised as follows.

Year 1-2 = Mae Mura

Year 3-4 = Koka Naere Kanuta

Year 5-6 = Atarangi Cook

Year 7-8 = Pikiteora Mura-Hita

### Koru Card Winners

Congratulations to the following students who received PB4L prizes after being picked out of our Koru boxes at last Fridays School Assembly:

*Indiana Tate & Danny Rakena - Room 10*

*Cali-Jade- Room 8*

*Lalomilo Uliefu & Siosaia Uesi –Room 6*

*Ayla Kameli – Room 12*

### Student Voice:

At the end of Term 3 annually, we ask our students about their feelings of school and about their learning.

Here is what they said:

Question	Percentage Responding Positively (Expect 70%)
Do you like coming to school?	83.4% of our students
Does your teacher like you?	82.9% of our students thought so
Do you feel safe in the playground?	68.1% felt safe. ( A problem area)
Are you improving with your basic facts	73.0% described improvements
Is your Mathematics getting better?	78.6% of students saw good progress
Are you getting better at spelling?	82.1% were positive about this.
Is your writing improving?	83.4% saw improvements
Are you progressing in your reading?	88.2% stated good progress in their reading

Whilst we are happy to see 70-75% OF OUR STUDENTS responding positively about school and their learning, it was wonderful to, in most cases see our students responding around or over the 80% mark.

Our real focus is our playground where recently we had a surge of fighting!

This has not been the case until the final weeks of Term 3 and beginning weeks of Term 4. We have restricted play in certain areas and spoken to the children again about expectations on them all of being Safe, Respectful, Responsible and Confident.

Things have begun to improve in playground behaviour.

We asked the tamariki what we could do to keep on improving our kura.  
Here are some of their replies.

Make a new senior playground More sports Swimming lessons Large games – e.g Snakes and Ladders Be nice and encourage others Listen to the teacher Have a skate park / beach Have bikes New toilets	More Tongan Language No Swearing Stop fighting – Stand them down More shade in the playground More choice at Technology Less bullies Nets for basketball, soccer More mathematics Get slushie machines / tuck shop
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### Whanau Voice:

How have we improved in the past 12 Months	How can we improve further?
More activities for the children Sports at lunchtimes Working Together / Respect Well organised library, food for ther kids,	More whanau engagement Reporting system / Whanau interviews Better communication Time for children to sit / eat / enjoy lunches

<p>beautiful music suite / Computer Lab Language Weeks School has improved so much in past 12 months</p>	<p>I am happy with the way our school is going I think our school has done well to prove the naysayers More displays of the school on social media For us as a group, we have to stand together in doing everything that we can to help maintain the high standard of the school and make some important goals, create powerful learning, experiences, environments, know the student, promote growth, leverage teacher talent, build community and the school having a common intellectual mission.</p>
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#### Term 4 2019 Important Dates:

*Friday 15 November – Assembly Room 1 and 3 -9.00-9.30.a.m. –School Hall*

*November 25-29 Kura Rumaki Science Cave – Music Suite*

*Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 November - Education Review Office visit to Pukekohe North School*

*Wednesday 27 October – BOT Meeting – 4.30-6.30.p.m.- Staffroom*

*Thursday 28 November – Next Newsletter due*

*Friday 29 November – Room 5-6 Assembly – 9.00-9.30.a.m. – School hall*

*December 2-6 –Kura Rumaki Trip to Kawhia*

*Thursday 5 December – CARE Day at Rainbow’s End for student volunteers (Patrollers, Lunch Monitors, Librarians, School Leaders) – 9.00.a.m. – 2.30.p.m.*

*Wednesday 11 December – BOT Meeting – 4.30-6.30.p.m. – Staffroom*

*Thursday 12 December – Volunteers Morning Tea – 11.00-11.30.a.m. – Staffroom*

*Friday 13 December – Assembly Rooms 8-9-10 – 9.00-9.30.a.m. –School Hall*

*Friday 13 December – Term 4 EXPO of Learning – 1.45-2.35.p.m.*

*Friday 13 December – Student Report Forms sent home*

*Monday 16 December –School Pool Party- Jubilee Pools 9.30-2.00.p.m.*

*Tuesday 17 December –School Prize-Giving – 11.00.a.m. – 1.00.p.m. – School Hall*

*Wednesday 18 December –Final Day of School for 2019. We close at 1.00.p.m.*

Happy Birthdays are extended to:

<u>01/11 Friday</u> Minora Room 09 = 7.00 yrs	<u>07/11 Thursday</u> Diavarne Room 10 = 12.00 yrs
<u>03/11 Sunday</u> Alex Room 01 = 12.00 yrs Anaru Room 05 = 9.00 yrs	<u>09/11 Saturday</u> Jessica Room 10 = 10.00 yrs Zalyjah Room 06 = 8.00 yrs
<u>05/11 Tuesday</u> Enviuz Room 03 = 11.00 yrs	<u>10/11 Sunday</u> Carlos Room 10 = 10.00 yrs

Thanks for your support

North School is well supported by our local, Pukekohe and Franklin Community. A special thank you is sent out to Kennards Hire Pukekohe who provide all manner of equipment and tools us on a regular basis. Huge thanks to Wyatt and the boys down on Manukau Road.



Thanks also to Donna Boden from Harcourts who has just supplied the school with a Road Safety Banner to remind motorists to drive carefully past our school. Donna recently donated umbrellas for visitors to our school.



Donna Boden  
The Irish Lady



Upcoming Pukekohe North School Events:

- Friday 1 November - Chiropractic Edge at School – 1.00-4.00.p.m. – Back of the library
- Thursday 7 November – School Athletics Competition – 9.00.a.m.- 2.00.p.m. ish – School fields
- Tuesday 12 November – Final Bible in Schools Programme 9.00-11.00.a.m.
- Thursday 14 November – Next Newsletter due

Jim Stafford-Bush Tumuaiki