



# Pukekohe North School

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## Newsletter # 1 – Thursday 13 February 2020

Kia Ora Tatou,

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2020 and the start to our academic year.

Our school office has enrolled over 40 new students and we send a warm welcome to all whanau who are joining our kura this year.

We have started the year with a roll of 280 students so we would expect to hit 300 students as 2020 rolls on.

You will receive a newsletter every Thursday fortnight throughout 2020.

We would also like to inform whanau that our newsletter is posted on our website and available through our School App as well as sending out a hard copy.

### School App:

You can download our School App through The Apple Store or Play Store depending on your cell phone brand.

Search for Skool Loop.

Search for New Zealand

Search alphabetically for Pukekohe North School

Download the free App.

This is an excellent App to have as the school office can keep whanau informed of school events, changes and day to day happenings immediately as they occur.

### Staffing for 2020:

Staffing:	Room & Level	Teacher	Teacher Aides
1	Room 1 – Year 7-8	Sally White	Georgina Tonga
2	Room 3 – Year 6	Lynda Healey	Linda Mudrovich / Donna Rophia
3	Room 4 – Year 5	Kiah Saunders	Chantelle Kaihau / Lucy Pene
4	Room 5 –Year 4	Hayley Kahui	
5	Room 6 – Year 2-3	Lovey Hemopo	Keriana Marshall- Jamieson
6	Room 8 – Year 2-3-	Nagere Kanuta	Nikita
7	Room 9 – Year 6-7-8	Piki Mura-Heta	Amihera Kakano
8	Room 10 Year -4-5	Atatrangi Cook	Shiree Proctor
9	Room 11 – Year 1-2	Annette Iqbal	Wendy Rathjen
10	Room 12 – New Entrant	Nicky Twiss / Jan Ahern (From March)	Melissa Situa
11	Room 14 – Year 2	Diane Fawcitt	Tammy Mateo
12	Room 16 – New Entrant – Year 1	Mae Mura	Parekawhia Albert

### Staffing for Term 1 2020:

We heard from Matua Henare King just after New Year that he had a month stay in Waikato Hospital and has requested Leave of Absence from the Board of Trustees through Term 1 as he recuperates. He is healing well and we do expect to see him on site if on restricted hours as the term wears on.

We wish Henare the speediest of recoveries and a return to full health soon.

Annette Iqbal has tendered her resignation as of the end of March 2020 as she takes on a new role as an Early Childhood Teacher locally.

Annette had an eventful 2019 where she had to deal with two ailing family members.

Her time is taken up with providing her care for her whanau.

We have begun advertising for a replacement teacher for Room 11.

As a strategic action, The Board of Trustees agreed to release Nicky Twiss from fulltime class teaching in 2020.

Nicky will focus upon developing a new oral language programme that Pukekohe North School began trialling in late 2019, liaising with Early Childhood Centres such as Best Start –Dublin Street and Kids Count.

Nicky will also work with our Learning Support students and assist the staff to develop their Literacy Programmes.

During the holidays we advertised for, interviewed and appointed Jan Ahern, an experienced Junior School teacher who has recently worked for Drury School.

Jan will commence with us in March and take over Room 12 from 30 March.

In the meantime Annette and Nicky are working Room 11- 12 together as low class numbers allow at present.

### Curriculum Focus:

Pukekohe North School staff are working with Mentors from Massey University on the Developing Mathematical Inquiry Communities. (DMIC)

This follows the celebrated work of Dr Roberta Hunter who worked closely with Maori / Pasifika Communities to lift the achievement of their students.

Dr ‘Bobbie’ has appeared on TV numerous times to talk about her mathematical approach that requests students to attempt problem solving situations within multi-levelled collaborative groups and attack problems ABOVE the students’ classroom achievement levels.

Our staff are underway with this already in their classrooms and will continue to work with our mentors throughout 2020.

### Focus upon Attendance- Uniforms and Homework:

Pukekohe North School has joined with Pukekohe Intermediate School, Puni, Hill School and Pukekohe High School in seeking a 90% Attendance rate for all of our students.

Students to achieve academically should have no more than 4-5 days away from school per term.

The above schools have partnered with The Solomon Group and The New Zealand Police to work with whanau to ensure students who should be at school are attending at the 90% mark.

We have had a wonderful start to 2020 and students are looking great in their uniforms.

We want our students to be proud of their school and to wear their uniform with pride.

Please ensure students are attending daily in the proper Pukekohe North School uniform.

I have asked our teachers to provide students with regular homework.

EVERY day the students MUST be reading at home, and practising their Basic Facts (4 + 7, 5 + 9, 2 x 8, 9 x 9 etc) as well as their spelling lists daily.

### [Coronavirus Update from the Ministry of Health:](#)

#### *How do I protect myself and my family?*

Everyone should protect themselves from the virus, as you would for the 'flu -

- ☒ Washing your hands regularly, or using hand sanitiser, is the best way to avoid this illness.
- ☒ As with other illnesses, do not go to work or school, or see visitors if you are sick.
- ☒ Cover coughs and sneezes with tissues or clothing, and wash hands afterwards
- ☒ Avoid being near to people who are sick
- ☒ Washing your hands often and covering coughs and sneezes will do more to protect you from the virus than a mask.
- ☒ If you are sharing food, use utensils to serve the food and keep your personal spoon, fork, or chopsticks separate to avoid transmission through saliva.

#### *What should I do if I think I could have coronavirus?*

- ☒ If you start to experience mild symptoms, then stay at home and call Healthline for advice: 0800 611 116. Interpreters are available on request.
- ☒ If you start to experience **more severe symptoms** arrange to see a doctor urgently. Call ahead and mention your travel history. Difficulty breathing requires immediate medical attention and can be a sign of pneumonia.

#### *Where can I find more information?*

Information is updated regularly on the [Ministry of Health website](#)

### [Pukekohe North School PTA \(Parent Teacher Association\)](#)

This year Pukekohe North School will be establishing a Parent Teacher Association more commonly known as PTA. For those who are interested in joining or would like to learn more about our PTA there will be a meeting next Wednesday 19th February 2020 5.30pm in our School staffroom.

All Welcome

## Middle Syndicate



Road Patroller-Princes Street

If you are travelling along Princes Street in the morning or afternoon, you will now see two lovely road patrollers who are helping to keep their fellow students safe. They will be accompanied by a member or staff. The orange flags are used by students as they cross the road so that they are seen by motorists. So if you're out and about please don't hesitate to give them a friendly wave or smile.

## Term 1 2020 Important Dates:

Friday 14 February – School Assembly in the hall = 9.00-9.30.a.m. Rooms 1 -3 to host  
Tuesday 18 February - Year 8 Gardisil / Bosstrix Talk  
Wednesday 26 February – BOT Meeting in staffroom -4.30-6.30.p.m.  
Thursday 27 February – Next newsletter due  
Friday 28 February – School Assembly in hall – 9.00-9.30.a.m. – Rooms 8 & 16 to host.

## Happy Birthdays are extended to:

<u>07/02 Friday</u> Henare Room 05 = 8.00 yrs Junior Room 14 = 7.00 yrs	<u>20/02 Thursday</u> Tukotahi Room 06 = 7.00 yrs
<u>11/02 Tuesday</u> Delylah Room 11 = 6.00 yrs Hawaiiki Room 16 = 7.00 yrs	<u>21/02 Friday</u> Billie-Te Room 01 = 11.00 yrs
<u>16/02 Sunday</u> Saimone Room 04 = 9.00 yrs Cesan Room 16 = 6.00 yrs Tokomauri Room 08 = 7.00 yrs	<u>25/02 Tuesday</u> Justin Room 05 = 8.00 yrs
<u>17/02 Monday</u> Marley Room 14 = 6.00 yrs	<u>26/02 Wednesday</u> Matamaria Room 03 = 10.00 yrs
	<u>27/02 Thursday</u> Abel Room 14 = 6.00 yrs

Matua Jim  
Tumuaki  
13.2.2020