



Pukekohe North School

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Newsletter # 2 – Thursday 18 February 2021:

Kia Ora Whanau,

I started our last newsletter with a hope that COVID-19 would not upset our School Year and 8 days in the virus struck!

It is wonderful that after 72 hours we have emerged out the other side and ready for our students to get back into our Teaching and Learning Programmes.

Staffing Changes:

Mae Mura, based on medical advice has decided to step down in her Leadership of the Kura Rumaki and Teaching role in Rm 15 as of Friday 25 February 2021. She will take a year's Leave of Absence to work with her medical team and rebuild her strength and wellbeing.

Mae is so caring and devoted to the tamariki that she will continue to provide her knowledge and skills to the kura by taking on a release and relief role at Pukekohe North School effective immediately.

The Board of Trustees wishes to thank Mae for her dedication and commitment to the kura and tamariki and look forward to continuing their relationship with her for the remainder of 2021 and beyond.

Room 15 will be taught by Tianarangi Robinson as of Monday 1 March. Tiana joins us from Te Kura Kaupapa Maori a Rohe o Mangaere where she attended as a child and graduated to return as a kaiako.

Next week we welcome Henare King back to Pukekohe North School.

Henare King returns to his Deputy Principal position after recuperating from major surgery on Monday 22 February.

Henare will resume his leadership of the Kura Rumaki and utilise his extensive skills across the school, initially for 3 days per week and building up to full time employment as the term / year progresses.

School Uniform:

We are delighted to see over 95% of our students wearing the school uniform and those who are not are awaiting the arrival of the correct size for their tamariki.

Last year we had a large pile of Lost Property left at school in December.

Can you please help us return clothing to the rightful owner by naming ALL of your child(ren)'s clothing and footwear?

We are encouraging our students to wear a hat when outside as well.

This can be ANY hat but we would prefer a hat that covers the face, ears and neck if possible.

Stationery / School Trips

This is to remind whanau that Pukekohe North School signed up to the Government's Donation Scheme in 2020.

This means all of our student's stationery, and educational trips (Zoo, MOTAT, The beach, Kelly Tarlton's etc) are paid for by the Government.

Whanau are just responsible for uniform costs.

Lost Property:

Any property that we cannot reunite with its owner will be stored in the foyer of Rooms 11-12.

Whaea Robyn has organised x 4 new Lost Property Boxes and we urge whanau to visit these boxes if your child's clothing has gone missing.

Whaea Robyn has organised the Lost Property Boxes by size Small, Medium and Large as well as a box for hats and shoes.



Attendance:

As I have written before, for students to progress in their learning, they must attend at a 90% rate.

This means unless unwell, students should have no more than 5 days per term away from school.

If your tamariki are sick and will be away from school; please inform the class teacher / office so that we can record this on our student management system.

Any non-attendance in 2021 will be followed up with a referral to the Franklin Attendance Services (FAS)

Please work with us to keep your children safe and attending school.

Annual Whanau Information Sheet:

Congratulations to Rooms 8,9,10 who returned all of their Whanau Information Sheets by the end of last week.

These classrooms will all receive a pizza lunch on Wednesday 24 February as a congratulations and thank you for getting the forms in so quickly.

Any remaining sheets are now due across our school.

Breakfast Club:

Breakfast Club is now open for business daily from 8.00-8.30.a.m. in the Pukekohe North School Hall.

Come and enjoy free toast, milo, porridge and weetbix with your friends.

Happy Birthdays are extended to the following Pukekohe North School Students:

<u>16/02 Tuesday</u> Tokomauri - Room -08 = 8.0yrs Cesan Room 15 = 7.0yrs	<u>26/02 Friday</u> Cohdy-Jaymz Room 03 = 11.00 yrs
<u>17/02 Wednesday</u> Marley Room 06 = 7.00 yrs	<u>27/02 Saturday</u> Khyden-Jax Room 16 = 6.00 yrs
<u>18/02 Thursday</u> Caydie Room 03 = 10.00 yrs	<u>01/03 Monday</u> Peri Room 10 = 9.00 yrs Te Kirika Room 08 = 8.00 yrs
<u>20/02 Saturday</u> Tukotahi Room 05 = 8.00 yrs	<u>02/03 Tuesday</u> Dinykah Room 01 = 13.00 yrs Puaikura Room 16 = 6.00 yrs
<u>21/02 Sunday</u> Billie-Te Room 01 = 12.00 yrs	<u>04/03 Thursday</u> Manawa Room 03 =10.00 yrs Karakia Room 03 =10.00 yrs
<u>23/02 Tuesday</u> Rose Room 14 = 6.00 yrs	

Upcoming Events:

Week 4

Tuesday 23 February = *Educational Magic show "Be bright eat right" 1.30.p.m. in the hall*

Tuesday 23 February = *BOT Meeting in the staffroom 4.30-6.30.p.m.*

Wednesday 24 February = *Year 7-8 Technology Classes 12.40-2.45.p.m. at Pukekohe*

Intermediate

Wednesday 24 February = *Kapa haka Practice – 3.00-5.00.p.m.*

Friday 26 February = *School Assembly –Rms 9-10 as hosts- Naming of our 2021 School Leaders*

Week 5

Wednesday 3 March = *Kapa haka Practice – 3.00-5.00.p.m.*

Thursday 4 March – *Next Newsletter due*

Matua Jim 18.2.2021