



# *Pukekohe North School*

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## Newsletter # 10 Thursday 17 June 2021:

Kia Ora Whanau,

Recently seven of our Kura Rumaki students were present at Rob E. Bartholomew's presentation at the Pukekohe Library.

Rob is well known for his book 'No Maori's Allowed' and his second book 'We Don't Serve Maori's Here.'

These books track the racism that Maori endure in Pukekohe.

Rob was most impressed with our students and sang the praises of Whaea Piki in preparing our students for the future.

He is following this up by presenting our students with signed copies of his new book.

We congratulate the following students for representing our kura with such honour:

Arapeta Edwards Apiata, Tylah Nelson-Nikara, Azalea Aupouri, Diavarne Kani, Roimata Lyndon-Tonga, Te Atarau Martin. Madison Te Runa and Sage Boyd

What will be of interest to our community, is that Rob will be presenting the findings of his studies into racism in Pukekohe on Thursday 24 June at the Town Hall from 6.00.p.m.

Rob's presentation will be Separating Fact from Fiction & how we move forward from here.

Rob has invited our staff to attend and extend his invitation to the Pukekohe North Community to come and hear him speak.

### Student Report Forms:

Student report forms are due home on Friday 25 June describing student attainment, progress and next steps in learning for the second half of the year July to December.

Staff are looking forward to meeting with whanau to discuss how your child's learning is progressing.

We are closing school at 2.00.p.m. on Thursday 1 July to begin our parent / teacher interviews.

We would like the student to be present for the interviews so we have the whole whanau and staff on the same page of what teachers are trying to achieve with each child's learning over the next 6 months.

Attached to this newsletter is our Interview Timetable.

Please choose times to meet with your child(ren's) teacher and our office staff will coordinate all interview times and send out confirmations to you in the next two weeks.

Or let Nganeko or Sarah know how you can help and they will make the necessary connections.

### Breakfast Club:

Huge thanks are sent out to our PTA, New World and our wonderful long serving volunteers for providing Breakfast Club in 2021.



We had the exciting news that New World are stepping up even further on Wednesdays.

Owner Tim Wilson and Manager Roland Olago are not only providing supplies for cleaning up after each session and giving Pukekohe North School with discounted rates to buy our supplies BUT are now fully sponsoring the Wednesday Breakfast Club.

Their ideas are to make a cooked breakfast for students each Wednesday including bacon, eggs and hash browns.

How lucky are our tamariki?

### Special Person's Day:

On Wednesday 16 June, we held a Special Person's Day in our Junior Classrooms (Rooms 11-12-14-15-16)

We all know that every child needs a special person in our lives to praise our efforts and to encourage us to the next level.



We were blessed to have approximately 25 whanau attend.

Our guests were entertained with song and dances from the tamariki including songs from our Junior Kapa Haka sessions taken by Matua Henare.



Whanau then watched the children in their classrooms before our wonderful PTA provided morning tea in Room 11.

Thank you to all those that attended the day and to our teachers, teacher aides and PTA members that made the day so great.

We hope to run another Special Person's Day during Term 3.

### Health and Safety:

On Monday 14 June at 2.40.p.m, staff reported to me that they had feared for the pedestrians on Beatty Road due to the actions of some drivers.

We were aware that it was a wet afternoon and whanau were trying to collect children to save them from being drenched any further.



However, several whanau drove up over the kerb to collect their children putting others at risk of being knocked over.

We feared for our younger students who are still learning road sense and who might come honing out of school and collided with cars parked on the kerb.

Please act safely around our school especially from 8.20-8.40.a.m. and again at afternoon dismissal- 2.40-255.p.m.

Think Safe and be aware of students darting around as they try to exit school especially on rainy days.

### Staffing:

We have several staffing changes at present that we wish to inform our community about. First of all, Whaea Lynette Murray-Rountree is teaching in Room 5 until the end of term 2. Whaea Lynette and I trained as teachers together at The Auckland College of Education in the 1980s!

To assist further with raising student achievement, we have employed Whaea Stephanie Service to work with our Year 4 students.

Whaea Stephanie has whanau in our community and has ventured to Pukekohe to assist them.

As a trained teacher we are pleased to utilise and grow her skills.

Some will remember Whaea Stephanie from a practicum she spent in Room 1 with Whaea Sally last year.

We also have a new Learning Support Co-ordinator (LSC).

Her name is Tracy Littin and her role is to support Whaea Nicky with our Learning Support students.

Tracy will be working alongside Nicky as of today and she will be sharing her work week between Pukekohe Nortgh and Paerata Schools.

Tracy will work with our school on Thursdays and Fridays henceforth.

### Upcoming Events:

#### Week 8:

*Monday 21 June = Room 1 Science Field Trip – 10.15-11.45.a.m.*

*Monday 21 June = - Swimming for Years 3-4-5-6 at Rec Centre*

*Tuesday 22 June = Franklin Rugby Field Day*

*Tuesday 22 June = BOT Meeting in staffroom 4.30-6.30.p.m.*

*Wednesday 23 June = Year 7-8 Technology*

*Thursday 24 June = Rob Bartholomew's Presentation at the Town Hall from 6.00.p.m. The Racial Segregation in Pukekohe*

*Friday 25 June = Room 9 & 10 host our School Assembly in the hall from 9.00-9.30.a.*

#### Week 9

*Monday 28 June = Swimming Programme for Years 3-4-5-6 at Rec Centre*

*Monday 28 June = Duffy Theatre Performance for our students from 11.00.a.m. in the hall*

*Thursday 1 July = Parent Interviews 2.00-7.00.p.m. – School closes at 2.00.p.m.*

*Thursday 1 July = Next Newsletter due*

### **Happy Birthdays are extended to the following Pukekohe North School Students**

20/06 Sunday

Eserjay Room 04 = 9.00 yrs

Peronian Room 05 = 9.00 yrs

24/06 Thursday

Claudia Room 11 = 6.00 yrs

25/06 Friday

Alijah Room 15 = 7.00 yrs

26/06 Saturday

Trinity Room 14 = 7.00 yrs

Rylee Room 01 = 12.00 yrs

28/06 Monday

Syriah-May Room 04 = 10.00 yrs

29/06 Tuesday

Corey Room 10 = 10.00 yrs

30/06 Wednesday

Ata Miria Room 10 = 10.00 yrs

01/07 Thursday

Hone Room 11 = 6.00 yrs

04/07 Sunday

Jean Room 11 = 6.00 yrs

Ellsey Room 01 = 13.00 yrs

08/07 Thursday

Arapeta Room 09 = 13.00 yrs

Khyan-Zane Room 15 = 7.00 yrs



## Community Notices



Are you interested in trying out a yoga and stretch class?  
Are you interested in finding out more about Meditation and Mindfulness?

In Term 3, I will be offering donation based Yoga/Stretch classes which include an introduction to Mindfulness. This class is for adults.

Location: Pukekohe North School

When: Every Monday

Time: 12pm

Cost: Donation

Please contact Melissa on 0272052383 to register your interest or kindly let the office staff know you are interested.

### **Matua Jim 16.6.2021**

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#### *Pukekohe North School Parent –Teacher Interview Timetable.*

*Please choose a time slot that suits your whanau to attend:*

<i>Student</i>	<i>Classrooms</i>	<i>2.30- 3.30.p.m.</i>	<i>3.30- 4.30.p.m.</i>	<i>5.00- 6.00.p.m.</i>	<i>6.00- 7.00.p.m.</i>

*Signed* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date* \_\_\_\_\_