



Pukekohe North School

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Newsletter # 17 –Thursday 8 November 2018:

Teacher Strike- Monday 12 November 2018:

I remind our community that Auckland Teachers are Striking on Monday 12 November and Pukekohe North School will therefore be CLOSED; reopening on Tuesday 13 November 2018.

Our strike is set to bring to the attention of the Government a dire need to change our conditions of work.

On Sunday, the Prime Minister announced that 600 Learning Support co-ordinators will be established by 2020. This will assist children who are especially needy and require additional support who in the past have been poorly funded.

You would have heard over the last weeks that the Minister of Education admitted New Zealand Schools require at least another 600-700 teachers and are therefore trying to recruit teachers from overseas and attract Ex Teachers back to classrooms with offers of Refresher Courses.

Although these are positive steps to assist our students to learn, these new recruits will take 12-18 months to be classroom ready.

I am aware our strike action is working as nothing above was offered by the Government when we went on strike the first time on 25 August.

Teachers are still demanding changes to our workloads, class sizes and career development Programmes.

We apologise for the inconvenience these strikes bring to our community but Teachers are nationwide determined to improve conditions in the classrooms to maximise the learning and progress of our students.

Playground Equipment:

Our Board of Trustees have been keen to provide more activities and opportunities for our students at interval times. Through our wonderful relationship with Grant and Shelley Buchanan, we have been able to provide our students with stilts, ropes and elastics recently.

We were also provided with extra balls and playground equipment through a grant.

As mentioned in our last newsletter, The Board have also employed Michelle Kingi to instruct our students in Physical Education and Sport in class time and at recess.



Nganeko Oti applied for a grant to build a new senior playground last month and she was successful in securing a further \$20,000 to build extensions to our Adventure Playground.

Term 4 Inquiry – Transportation:

This term our students are learning about Transportation.

Each term we aim to give our students new experiences.

In the next few weeks our Kura Rumaki students are heading to the Waikato Museum in Hamilton to learn about migration from Hawaiki whilst the Senior Syndicate is venturing to Ardmore Airport and our Middle team to The Museum of Transport of Technology. (MoTaT).

Please help the students develop their vocabulary by discussing the following ideas.

Bicycles = spokes, wheel, rim, tyre, handle bard, chain, sprocket

Car = dashboard, indicator, brake pedal, rear vision mirror

Motorbike – clutch, gear pedal, throttle, petrol tank, gauges

Skateboard, deck, rail, trucks, grip tape

School Athletics Day: Years 4-8:

We held our Senior School Athletics Day this week well done to all our akonga that participated.

Results will follow in our next newsletter.



[2019- Organisation: \(Year 6-7-8\) \(Reminder\)](#)

We will commence making our Class Lists in the coming weeks and therefore can I please ask whanau of Year 6-7-8 students inform us through the attached form if they will be returning to Pukekohe North School in 2019 or heading to the Intermediate / Other Schools.

[How are we going? \(Reminder\)](#)

I have been at Pukekohe North School for one year now and I am keen to receive your feedback about our journey to date.

On the form provided can I ask you to respond on 3 simple questions?

1. What improvements have you noticed about our school over the past 12 months?
2. What do we need to improve further?
3. Do you have any further comments to make?

[Christmas @ the Marae: \(Reminder\)](#)

Pukekohe North School is proudly performing at this year's Christmas at the Marae that will take place on Friday 30 November from 4.00-7.00.p.m.

The students will sing x3 songs together. We will let whanau know what time we are scheduled to perform in the next newsletter.

[Whaea Lynda on Leave:](#)

Room 3 whanau are informed that Whaea Lynda and her family are travelling to Hawaii from Thursday 15 until 30 November 2018 inclusive. Sarah Hamersley will teach the class in her absence.

[School Photos:](#)

We will be holding our School Photos on Tuesday 20 November.

Please make sure that the children are wearing their complete school uniform on that day.

[Celebrating Student Success](#)

[Middle School](#)

Orienteering sessions with Val Robinson

Recently our students enjoyed professional lessons in Orienteering. Val Robinson - whom has had many years of experience in local and national competitions, took time out of her very busy schedule to teach our students the benefits of such an awesome sporting event.

Here is some student voice from Room 5:

- I really enjoyed learning how to read maps and helped others to figure out where the next clues were found on the map. *(Sonya)*
- I liked leading my team, because I found it easy to read the maps once I understood which direction to keep my map facing. *(Tayah-Marie)*
- I didn't enjoy the running part, but I did enjoy the competition of beating class mates back to Whaea Val. *(Rawhiti)*
- I wanted to continue on racing, but our time ran out and Whaea Val had to teach the next class. Orienteering is very cool. *(Corneliuz)*



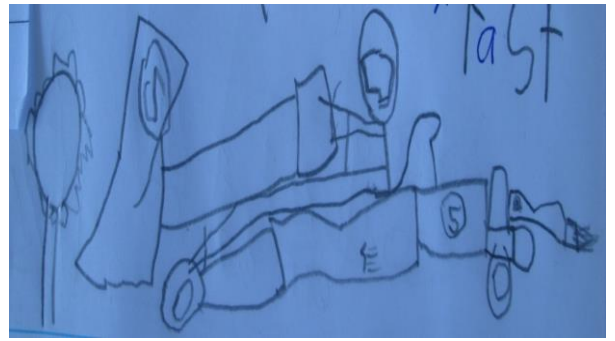
Junior School

Room 12 Writing

Go-karts are fast and see the winner. It is number 5. *By Charlotte*

The go-kart is racing in a circle. It is blue. It is the winner.
By Chorus

The go-kart goes fast on the race track. The tyres squeal when it turns. *By Gloria*



Message from our Public Health Nurse –Sara White



Now that daylight savings has kicked in, our evenings are lighter for longer. Lots of kids (mine included), think that this means they should be able to stay up later. Unfortunately for them, their need for sleep stays the same. Children need 10-12 hours of sleep every night. Bed time should be 10-12 hours before they need to be up to get to school on time. In our house, that's 8.30pm. Sleep is crucial for our bodies to "rest and repair", and for our brains to be re-charged. Adults can get pretty cranky when they haven't had enough sleep, and it's worse for children, coping with being tired. Routine can really help, so their bodies are ready to sleep at the same time each night (even if their brains aren't). After tea is a good time to have a shower or bath to get ready for bed. Thick curtains help too. Well-rested bodies cope much better with challenges to physical, mental and emotional health. Sleep well, stay well. I'm at school Tuesdays and Thursdays, my cell is 021 229 7886.

Upcoming Pukekohe North School Events:

Wednesday 21 November BOT Meeting in the staffroom 4.00-6.00.p.m.

Wednesday 21 November Franklin Athletics Sports Day

Thursday 22 November - Next Newsletter

Jim Stafford-Bush
Tumuaki