



Pukekohe North School Newsletter

"Setting our akonga on the path of lifelong learning"

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TUMUAKI TALKS

Kia Ora whaanau,

Welcome back to our 2023 Academic School Year.

We welcome in particular new aakonga and their whaanau to Pukekohe North School.

We are looking forward to a progressive year where we see progress in the aakonga overall achievement.

PROPERTY DEVELOPMENTS

Our congratulations and thanks are extended to Sarah Cole and Lenny Paewhenua for their skill and talents in transforming our Administration Area into such a stimulating, pleasant, and welcoming environment. We can't wait for you to see the space. You will love it!

Lenny and Sarah also designed the interiors of room 3-4-5-6 which are all now complete. They are so colourful and are a beautiful environment for our aakonga/students.



STAFFING 2023

Our staffing is as follows for this year

Senior Management

Principal/Tumuaki

Jim Stafford-Bush

Assistant Principal

Nicky Twiss

Auraki/Mainstream

Room 12 Sally Beavis Year 1-2

Room 11 Shannon Pihama Year 1-2

Room 14 Hayley Kahui Year 3-4

Room 6 Lynda Healy Year 3-4

Room 5 Lovey Hemopo Year 5-6

Room 4 Stephanie Service Year 5-6

Room 3 Rebecca Bent Year 5,6 & 7

Room 1 Sally White Year 7-8

Rumaki

Room 15 Sophie Bristow Year 1-2

Room 8 Hemoata Flavell Year 3-4

Room 9 Pikiteora Mura-Hita Year 7-8

Room 10 Atarangi Cook Year 5-6

Teacher Aide/Kaiawhina

Aroha Punga Albert Shiree Proctor

Rita Matthews Toni Marino-Mcquade

Keely Kingi

Specialist Teachers

Resource Teacher of Literacy Mandie Hildreth

Takaro Hauora Surinder Edwards

Ancillary Staff

Executive Officer Nganeko Oti

Receptionist Sarah Cole

Caretaker/Groundsman Anthony De Thierry

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to our two new staff members to our Pukekohe North School whaanau. Whaea Sally Beavis who will teach in Room 11, and Whaea Shannon Pihama who will teach in Room 11.



KIWICAN

Our KiwiCan team has been finalised for 2023 and thus we welcome back Whaea Breeze and introduce our new Leader Whaea Michelle Emery to Pukekohe North School.

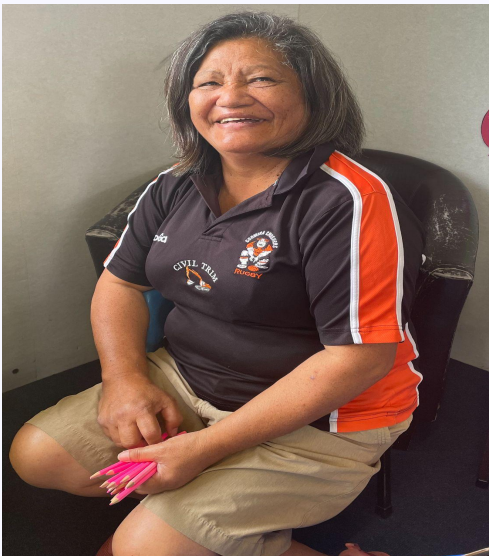
Breeze and Michelle will be stationed in Room 17 and commence their programme on Tuesday 7 February.

HAERE RA FAREWELL

We farewell Parekawhia Albert as she has applied and been accepted into the Te Wananga o Takiura Teacher Training Programme in Te Reo Maori.

Parekawhia will enter into a Bachelor of Education training programme in Mt Albert and qualify as kaiako in 3 years.

We wish Parekawhia every success in her next journey.



2023-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN

I am excited about our plans to improve and progress our kura! the improvements we are aiming to make include:

1. Raising our achievement rates to:
Tuhituhi = 72% Achieving At or Above the expectation
Writing = 55% Achieving At or Above the expectation
Panui = 85% Achieving At or Above the expectation
Reading = 60% Achieving At or Above the expectation
Pangarau = 57% Achieving At or Above the expectation
Mathematics = 56% Achieving At or Above the expectation
2. Establish our new Student Management System HERO to track aakonga progress in 6 monthly sign-posted steps
3. Our kaiako to write our Aotearoa/ New Zealand Histories, Health / Physical Education, and visual Art 2-year Cycle Curriculums
4. Continue our staff professional development programmes in Developing Mathematics Inquiry Communities (DMIC) and Accelerating Progress in Mathematics (ALiM)
5. Elimination of bullying, discrimination, racism, but, being inclusive.

The 2023 Strategic Plan is available in full on our website.

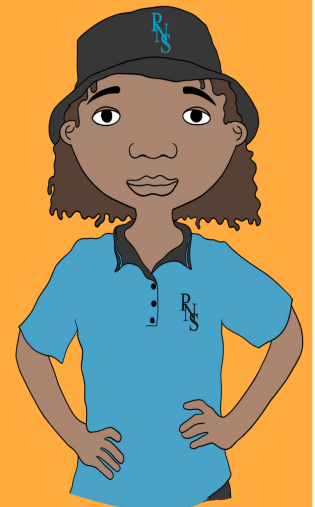
BEING SUNSMART AT PNS

Here at Pukekohe North School we encourage all our students/aakonga and kaimahi/staff to be sunsmart to protect ourselves against the harsh UV rays in Aotearoa. As part of our school's uniform and sunsmart policy all students/aakonga are required to wear a sunhat in terms 1 & 4.

How we promote being sunsmart at PNS

- All aakonga/students are to wear sun hats whilst outside, during sports and PE lessons
- Encourage our aakonga/students to wear sunblock
- Encourage our aakonga/students to play or sit in shaded areas as much as possible during the day

Please encourage and remind your child to wear their sun hats to school



WHAANAU MEET & GREET

We look forward to meeting whaanau/family on Wednesday 15 February from 5.00-6.30.p.m.

The aim of the evening is to introduce you to your child's teachers and discuss our 2023 Strategic Plan Objectives and how our classrooms operate.

We will work to the following timetable:

5.00-5.30p.m. Rooms 11, 12, 14 & 6- Meet in Rm 11

5.30p.m. Kura Rumaki Rooms 8-9-10-15 to meet in Room 10

5.30p.m. Senior Schools Rooms 5, 4, 3,1 Meet in Room 1

6.00p.m Free Kai under Te Whare Tapa Wha

We look forward to seeing you there.

IMPORTANT TERM DATES

Week 3:

Monday 13 February = Fruit in schools programme commences

Wednesday 15 February - Rooms 1 and 9 commence Technology Programme at the Intermediate

Thursday 16 February = Next newsletter due

Friday 17 February- Kapa haka practice commences 11.30.a.m.-12.50.p.m.

BOARD ELECTIONS

I have been meeting with our new Commissioner James Thomas during the summer break.

James and I are working with Wayne Jamieson from CES to organise the Board Election process and timeline.

This process should commence next week and our new Board will take office in the first two weeks of Term 2 2023.

James and I will communicate with whaanau next week and call for nominations.

BREAKFAST PROGRAMME

Our Breakfast Club will commence on Tuesday 7 February.

We are always happy to have community members join the teams to operate our programme.

If you have some free time to assist, please ring Sarah on 0800 785 366.



BIRTHDAY WISHES

The following students will celebrate their birthdays over the next two weeks.

Enjoy your special day everyone

30/01 Monday Lerissa = 11.0yrs
01/02 Wednesday Ayva = 6.00 yrs Malia = 6.00 yrs
02/02 Thursday Maddison = 8.00 yrs
07/02 Tuesday Junior = 10.00 yrs
11/02 Saturday Delylah = 9.00 yrs Hawaiiiki = 10.00 yrs
14/02 Tuesday Valentino = 7.00 yrs
16/02 Thursday Tokomauri = 10.00 yrs



STAFF SPOTLIGHT



This fortnight we have a korero with Whaea Sally.

Where were you born?

Nauru - (3 hour plane ride from Fiji)

If you could have any superpower what would it be?

Invincibility

What is your favourite food?

Salmon Sushi

What is your favourite place in Aotearoa?

The Hokianga

What is your favourite colour?

Orange

LEARNING SUPPORT COORDINATOR

Kirsty Lovell is our new Learning Support Coordinator. Kirsty will work in our school as well as Paerata school.

Kirsty will be at our school on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and the afternoons of Tuesday and Thursdays. She will be working from the SENCO office.

REPORTING STUDENTS ABSENCES

If your child is going to be away from school please contact the school office to let us know. We have a free phone line number for whanau to report student absences 0800-785-366

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

All students who attend Pukekohe North School are required to wear the correct school uniform to school everyday.

Our school uniform can be purchased from the The Uniform Shoppe which is located on 7A Glasgow Road, Pukekohe. WINZ quotes available.

www.theuniformshoppe.co.nz

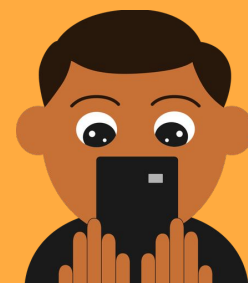


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