



Pukekohe North School Newsletter

"Setting our akonga on the path of lifelong learning"

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TUMUAKI TALKS

Kia Ora Whaanau,

What a jumbled start again to our school year!

The safety of our tamariki is our first priority and I thank whaanau for supporting us by keeping the aakonga home until Cyclone Gabrielle passed through Auckland.

The school luckily escaped any significant damage and we were able to get underway with teaching and learning programming yesterday.

NAVARAH ALMOND-MATAAFA

Ko te atua tō tātou piringa ka puta, ka ora.

He aituā

Nō nanahi rā i tau mai te rongō i hinga ohore nei te kurupounamu te tamāhine a Rebecca Almond. Nei rā te tuku i te aroha o te whānau o Te Raki o Pukekohe ki a koutou e mau nei i ngā kākahu taratara o Mate. Haere rā e hine ki te huinga o te kahurangi ki reira okioki ai ki ngā ringa o ngā mātua tūpuna. Haere rā, e oki.

Sadly, I announce the passing of one of our prized year 8 aakonga, Navarah earlier this week.

What an amazing young lady she was with potential plus.

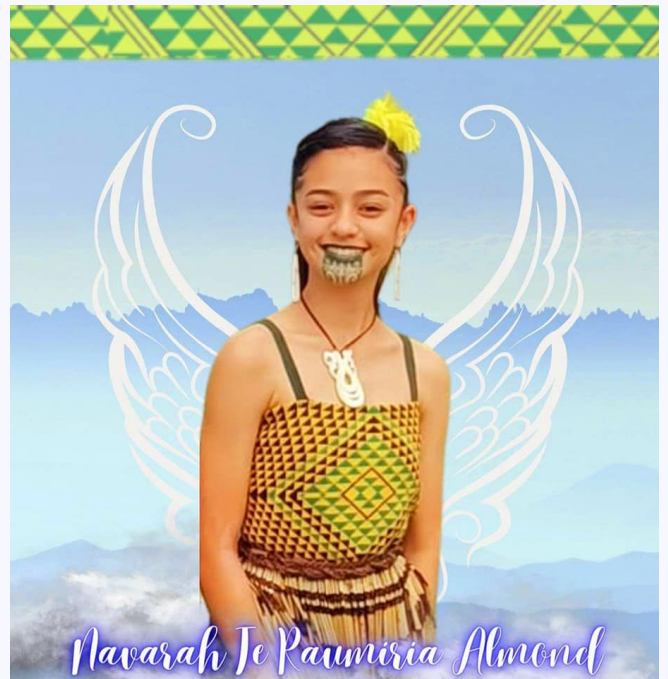
We will all remember her lovely smile, and calm demeanor.

Navarah will be sadly missed by her Room 9 classmates, our Kura Rumaki team, her school friends, and all of the staff and aakonga of Pukekohe North School.

Our deepest thoughts and aroha are extended to Rebecca, Damian, Kyani, Tiaera, Hone, Wiremu, and Amya.

Hoki atu ra ki nga ringa rarawhi o te Atua, e Navarah.

'Return to the hands of God Navarah.'



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Commissioner James Thomas and I have been working with CES in Christchurch to manage our Board Elections.

James in particular has worked hard to ensure whaanau has easy access to casting a vote by paper copy or as a digital vote via your cellphone.

We are seeking five (5) Parent Representatives.

If we receive up to five (5) nominations, these nominees will be declared the Board and will take office from Wednesday 10th May.

If six (6) or more nominations are received, we will head into a formal voting election process.

Here are the key dates for the election process.



Event	Date
Select Returning Officer by	Thursday, 23rd February 2023
Receive candidate statements	1 March 2023 at 12.00.p.m.
Close Main Roll	Thursday, 2nd March 2023
Call for Nominations from	Saturday, 4th March 2023
Close Supplementary Roll	Tuesday, 21st March 2023
Nominations Close (at 12pm)	Thursday, 23rd March 2023
Voting Papers Issued by (If we have received six (6) or more nominations)	Thursday, 30th March 2023
Election Day	Thursday 27 th April 2023
Close Poll	4pm on election day
Accept Postal Votes	Tuesday, 2nd May 2023
Count Votes (1.00.p.m.)	Wednesday, 3rd May 2023
Board Takes Office	Wednesday 10th May 2023

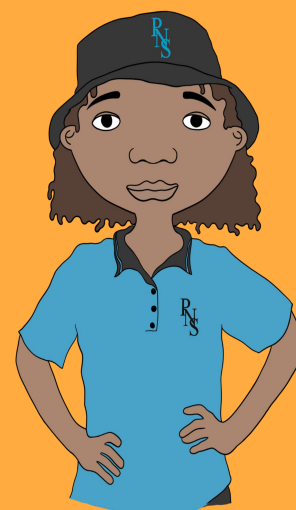
PROPERTY DEVELOPMENTS

Rooms 3-4-5-6 have all been completely refurbished now and the kaiako have chosen their new furniture to finalise the process.

Whaea Nicky placed the order for each class this week and we await delivery soon.

We are thrilled to uplift our tamariki's learning environment and our administration area with sleek new refurbishments.

Please take the time to visit our new classrooms and cloak bays to see why we are proud of our developments.



WHAANAU MEET & GREET

We look forward to meeting whaanau on Wednesday 22 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 are taking the opportunity to introduce you to Commissioner James Thomas as well.

We will work on the following timetable:

5.00-5.45.p.m. Kura Rumaki Team introduces themselves and their 2023 goals in the Music Suite.

5.00-5.45.p.m. The Junior, Middle, and Senior Teams (Rooms 1,3,4,5,6,11,12 &14) meet in the hall to follow a similar programme

5.45.p.m. Commissioner James Thomas introduces himself and discusses the BOT Election process to whaanau in the hall.

6.00 -6.30.p.m. Free kai and mix and mingle with kaiako.

We look forward to seeing you there.

IMPORTANT TERM DATES

Week 3:

Thursday 16 February = Next newsletter due
Friday 17 February- Kapa haka practice commences 11.30.a.m.-12.50.p.m.

Week 4:

Wednesday 22 = Whaanau Evening- Meet the Teacher - 5.00-6.30.p.m.
Thursday 23 February = Next Newsletter due

BREAKFAST PROGRAMME

Our Breakfast Club now opens at 8.00 a.m.

The side gate by the classroom above the hall opens to allow access.

We open Breakfast Club from 8.00-8.30.a.m. to ensure our aakonga are back in class ready to learn well before our 8.50.a.m. start time.

We are always looking for whaanau to assist with Breakfast Club.

If you can offer a day or more to Breakfast Club please ring Sarah or Nganeko on 0800 785 366 to signal your help.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

Enjoy your special day everyone

17/02 Friday

Marley Room 04 = 9.00 yrs

19/02 Sunday

Arexroleen Room 11 = 6.00 yrs

Kataraina Room 14 = 8.00 yrs

20/02 Monday

Tukotahi Room 03 = 10.00 yrs



22/02 Wednesday

Hemoata Room11 = 6 yrs

26/02 Sunday

Cohdy-Jaymz Room 01 = 13yrs

27/02 Monday

Hineiri Room 09 = 9.00 yrs

01/03 Wednesday

Peri Room 09 = 11 yrs

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



This fortnight we have had a korero with Whaea Nicky.

Where were you born?

Fielding New Zealand

If you could have any superpower what would it be?

Peace to world

What is your favourite food?

Katsu Chicken

What is your favourite place in Aotearoa?

Queenstown

What is your favourite colour?

Blue or Green

What would you be if you weren't a teacher?

A graphic designer

THANK YOU

Last week John Mounce from the Pukekohe Stamp Club surprised us at school with a visit and handed over a cheque for \$500 for the school.

This was a lovely gesture from the committee and members of the club and so unexpected.

I discussed with John that we will use the donation to transport our tamariki to Swimming Lessons in Patumahoe planned for Term 2.

Our thanks are sent to John and the team for being so kind and generous.



PAID UNION MEETINGS

Our Primary Teacher's Union (NZEI) has called a paid union meeting for all teachers to consider and vote on the government's latest settlement offer.

The meeting for Franklin is scheduled for Tuesday 28 February at the Indian Hall from 1.30.p.m.

Our union members will attend this meeting and thus school will close at 12.50.p.m. and we will send the aakonga home.

If you have any difficulties in looking after your tamariki for the afternoon, please contact our office and we will provide supervision at school until the end of the school day for those whaanau who need support. (0800 765 366)

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