



# Pukekohe North School Newsletter

"Setting our akonga on the path of lifelong learning"

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## TUMUAKI TALKS

Kia Ora Whaanau,

It is wonderful to complete two full weeks at school and get our programmes in teaching and learning underway.

Our staff is earnest in getting our aakonga into solid programmes in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics to promote learning

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## NEW SOCIAL WORKER IN SCHOOL (SWIS)

We have a new SWiS Sarah Salmonds who comes to serve our school with 6 years of experience in Christchurch.

Sarah is a local girl who was educated at Puni, Pukekohe Intermediate and Pukekohe High School.

Sarah commenced working at Pukekohe North School on Monday 27 February.

She works at our kura on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday afternoons and on Friday.

Sarah is happy to assist whaanau in any way and can be found in the old Reading Recovery Office which is in the old dental clinic near the ICT Suite.



## MEET THE TEACHER

Many thanks are extended to those who could attend our Meet the Teacher evening on Tuesday and hear our plans for the year.

Our major focus is to progress as a school to a 60% Achievement rate for our aakonga in 2023 and extend this higher over the next 3 years.

In other words, our staff is expecting 60% of all students to be achieving AT their level of expectation by November.

We need whaanau involvement to achieve this and thus we will be holding another evening for whaanau in the next few weeks to discuss goal setting with you, the aakonga, and kaiako.



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Commissioner James Thomas outlined the timeframe for the upcoming Board Elections at the Meet the Teacher Evening.

Nominations for our next Board open on Saturday 4 March.

You can nominate yourself and others for the Pukekohe North School Board

We are seeking five (5) Parent Representatives.

Remember, if we receive up to five (5) nominations, these nominees will be declared the Board and will take office from Thursday 30 March.

If six (6) or more nominations are received, we will head into a formal voting election process to choose our x 5 Board representatives.



Event	Date
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 <sup>th</sup> 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

## BREAKFAST PROGRAMME

Our Breakfast Club is up and running daily from 8.00-8.30.a.m. in the hall but we could always do with an extra helper, especially on a Monday or Tuesday.

We are having around 60 aakonga join us for breakfast and 3-4 adults are needed on the roster for each day.

Please if you can give the school 45 minutes on a Monday or Tuesday even fortnightly, that would be a great help.

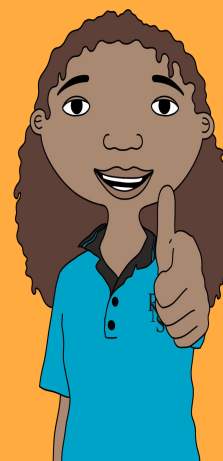
Just give the office a ring.

### Thank You

We could NOT operate Breakfast Club without the generosity and kindness of New World Pukekohe.

Through the thoughtfulness of Tim Wilson, we are able to provide the students with toast and all of the spreads, Milo, margarine, and milk for the Weetbix.

A huge round of applause and eternal thanks are extended to New World Pukekohe, to Tim, and his fabulous team.



## PAID UNION MEETINGS

### Paid Union Meeting:

Thank you for assisting our school by arranging to look after the aakonga when we sent them home at 12.50.p.m. on Tuesday.

This allowed our kaiako to attend the local Union Meeting and decide upon the next steps in negotiating with the Government.

Our Campaign is focusing upon:

### 1. Fixing the teacher shortage crisis

Schools are struggling to attract and retain great teachers. There is also a drop in the number of people choosing to train as teachers. This is happening because of years of political undervaluing of the profession.

#### What we want

- Significant pay increases for teachers and principals over the course of the agreement.

#### Draft solution

- A 16% pay rise over the two years of this agreement.
- A renewal of the pay parity clauses ensuring that primary teachers aren't worse off than their secondary colleagues

### 2. Time to teach, time to lead

Teachers and principals are facing immense pressure thanks to enormous workloads and more responsibilities without any additional staffing or time.

There aren't enough resources available for supporting children with additional learning needs.

Teachers and principals need time to teach, and time to lead.

#### What we want

- Significant increases to staffing available to all schools to support leaders, classroom teachers and teachers working with students with additional learning needs.

#### Draft solution

- A new teacher staffing and resourcing entitlement for schools to employ and train a SENCO.
- More resource teacher positions nationwide, to better reflect student needs.
- Reducing the teacher: student ratio for year 4-8 students from 1:29 down to 1:25.
- More teacher resourcing for each class to give the regular teacher time to complete professional responsibilities, such as assessment, that are difficult to do whilst responsible for a class.

Teachers across Aotearoa/New Zealand met to consider the Government's answers to the above.

Once the data from each meeting is collated, the Union will address its members and provide the next steps for consideration to hopefully resolve our Collective Agreement that will become binding for the next two years.

We will keep the Pukekohe North Community informed of developments as they come to hand.

## BIRTHDAY WISHES

04/03 Saturday

Karakia Room 01 = 12,00 yrs

06/03 Monday

Katalayah Room 10 = 9.00 yrs

08/03 Wednesday

Caroline Room 04 = 10.00 yrs

10/03 Friday

Tyrell Room 12 = 6.00 yrs

12/03 Sunday

Kyle Room 08 = 8.00 yrs

Faith-Maree Room 14 = 8.00 yrs





## MEASLES VACCINE

Are you and your whānau protected from measles? With people travelling overseas again, there's a risk that someone with measles could unknowingly bring the disease back to Aotearoa.

Measles spreads easily and quickly, usually between people who are unimmunised or only partially immunised. It can be serious and life-threatening. In the 2019 measles outbreak in Aotearoa more than 30% of the people infected had to be admitted to hospital.

The best protection against measles is the free MMR vaccine. It will protect you and your whānau, and prevent the virus from spreading.

You will be protected against measles if you:

- had 2 doses of the MMR vaccine
- had measles before
- were born before 1 Jan 1969.

If you're unsure if you or your tamariki have had any or both doses of the MMR vaccine, check by calling your GP or hauora provider. Alternatively, check your Plunket Well Child Tamariki Ora book. If you're still not sure, be safe and get immunised – there are no safety concerns with having an extra dose. MMR vaccines are free at your local health provider and many pharmacies.

As measles still occurs in many countries, if you're travelling overseas these holidays it's especially important to be immunised to prevent the risk of being unknowingly infected and causing an outbreak in Aotearoa on your return.

More information about the measles vaccination can be found here:

[Measles vaccination – Ministry of Health](#)

## FOUND

We have a pair of glasses that were found on the main field last week.

They have a distinctive jewelled pattern on the arms and are dark brown in colour.

They can be retrieved from my office.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**2023** PUNI RUGBY FOOTBALL & SPORTS CLUB

**REGISTRATION & MARKET DAY**

SUNDAY  
5th  
March  
9.30AM

REGISTRATIONS OPEN FOR  
U6, U7, U8, U9, U10  
Girls Y5/6 Rugby  
Seniors, Social, Collegiate  
& Future Ferns Netball  
Womens Softball

- Various Food Stalls
- Brick a brack
- Activities • Games
- Raffles • Music

CONTACT 021 894 625  
FOR STALL OR  
REGISTRATION INFO

PUNI RUGBY CLUB

## UPCOMING DATES

### Week 6:

Tuesday 7 March = Mobile Library at School

Thursday 9 March = Kapa Haka practice = 3.30-5.00.p.m.

### Week 7:

Tuesday 14 March = Gaardisil and Boostix Vaccinations for Years 7-8

Wednesday 15 March = Technology Sessions at PIS for Year 7-8

Thursday 16 March = Next Newsletter

Thursday 16 March = Kapa Haka practice 3.30-5.00.p.m. in the hall

Friday 17 March = Achievement Assembly in the hall from 9.00-9.30.a.m.