



Pukekohe North School

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Newsletter # 1 –Wednesday 14 February 2019:

Welcome:

We welcome everyone back to our 2019 to our Academic Year.
Special greetings are extended to whanau who are new or newly returned to our kura.

School Roll:

We have had exceptional enrolments in the first 2 weeks of our 2019 school year with close to 40 new students joining us at Pukekohe North School.

As of today our roll stands at **233** students. (from a low of 169 in Mid 2017)

Staffing for 2019:

We have great pleasure in announcing that Whaea Hera Poutai is now teaching at Pukekohe North School and is teaching Year 5 students in Room 4.

Whaea Hera is our Deputy Principal and leads the Middle School Team (Whaea Hayley and Whaea Lovey)

We look forward to using Hera's wonderful skills and abilities in teaching and learning with our akonga.

This week we wished Mandie Hildreth and Wendy Rathjen our very best wishes as both underwent operations on Tuesday.

These staff members will be on sick leave for the next 6 weeks.

Our kura organisation is as following:

Teacher	Ruma / Level	Responsibilities
Matua Henare King	Yr 6-8 – Music Suite	Kura Rumaki Team Leader
Whaea Jean Rakena Andrews	NE – Yr 1-2 –Rm 8	Kura Rumaki
Whaea Mae Mura	Yr 3-5 – Rm 16	Kura Rumaki
Whaea Sally White	Year 7-8 - Rm 1	Senior Team Leader
Whaea Lynda Healey	Year 6 - Rm 3	Library / Duffy Books Leader
Whaea Hera Poutai	Year 5 - Rm 4	Deputy Principal / Middle team Leader
Whaea Hayley Kahui	Year 4 - Rm 5	Maths / PB4L Leader
Whaea Lovey Hemopo	Year 3 - Rm 6	Library Leader
Whaea Diane Fawcitt	Year 2 – Rm 14	Visual Art leader
Whaea Annette Iqbal	NE –Yr 1 – Rm 11	Visual Arts leader
Whaea Nicky Twiss	NE Yr 1 – Rm 12	Junior School leader / SENCo
Mandie Hildreth	Reading Recovery Room	Resource Teacher of Literacy
Catherine Herkt	Reading Recovery Room	Reading Recovery Teacher

School Ancillary and Support Staff:

Staff Member	Role	Responsibilities
Whaea Nganeko Oti	Administration	School Office / Accounts
Whaea Sarah Cole	Administration	School Office / Reception
Matua Anthony De Thierry	Caretaker / Groundsman	Maintenance / Security
Whaea Kendra Hanley	Learning Support Staff	Junior Team
Whaea Suzanne Konelio	Learning Support Staff	Middle team
Whaea Linda Mudrovich	Learning Support Staff	Senior team / ESOL
Whaea Shiree Proctor	Learning Support Staff	Kura Rumaki
Whaea Georgina Tonga	Learning Support Staff	Middle /Senior Team
Whaea Wendy Rathjen	Learning Support Staff	Junior Team

School Developments over the Summer Break:

1. The Board has been working hard to improve our school environments during the holiday period.
2. We are extending our **Junior Playground**. We were lucky enough to receive a Grant to improve this area and we have taken some equipment from the Senior Playground and refurbished them and they should soon be added and then we can open the playground. The Senior Playground will be demolished during the term.
3. A Creative Play Area has been added to the Junior Playground for our students to create their own activities to play upon
4. Our **School Hall** interior is being refurbished as well with a repaint, new foyer area, display boards and curtaining with the amazing of Grant and Shelley Buchanan from the Goforth Trust. The Hall should be open for use commencing with Breakfast Club on Monday 18 February.
5. **Rooms 7-8-9-10** have been exposed to a leaky roof for several years. The Board has been able to secure funding to replace the roof, insulation, install new ceilings and revamp the student cloak bays. We are expecting to commence this work before the end of Term 1 2019. Our Kura Rumaki staff are expecting to relocate whilst this work is being done and in preparation Whaea Mae is working out of Room 16. Matua Henare is teaching the Room 10 students in the Music Suite. Whaea Jean will remain in Room 8 and will relocate to Room 15 until the work is completed.
6. Initially, The Board of Trustees had thoughts of turning **Room 18** into a Technology Teaching Space. A Project Manager pointed out that the building was not in good repair and that it probably contained asbestos; so during the holidays, the room was demolished. This area will become our **ENVIRO SCHOOLS** area as the year develops.



Burglaries during the School Holidays:

Sadly, we had two burglaries during January.

Thieves attacked x3 Air Conditioning Systems to obtain the small amount of copper used in the units.

This was so dangerous to the thieves as the electrical cables powering the units became live and could have electrocuted those on the rooves and secondly, the air conditioning gases if punctured can be toxic if inhaled placing the thieves in great danger for approximately \$20.00 worth of copper.

Secondly, the Caretakers' Shed was broken into and our Ride-on Mower stolen.

This was so disappointing as many community members have commented on how good our school is looking thanks to the wonderful efforts of Anthony De Thierry.

Having the mower stolen meant he has had to work doubly hard to get our school environment ready for the start of the school year.

IMoko Volunteers:

Dr Lance O'Sullivan established IMoko to assist children with injuries and ailments, especially skin infections.

This has worked brilliantly at Pukekohe North but in 2019, we need volunteers to be trained to help our students.

Do you have a spare couple of hours per week to donate to our kura and to keep our students safe?

If so, please talk to Sarah or Nganeke in the office. (238-8552)

Free Computer Training at Pukekohe North School

Would you like to buy a Chromebook (\$50.00) and learn how to use it for free at Pukekohe North School?

Denise Proctor can assist with 30 hours training if you are:

>Older than 16 Years

>Have less than 80 NCEA Credits

Want to know more? Call Denise on 022 3900 253

School Uniform:

The Pukekohe North School Board of Trustees expects all akonga will be wearing our school uniform daily. As temperatures have been so high this summer, our staff are thinking about their safety and so are ruling that ALL students MUST also wear a hat when outside at school.

We are excepting ANY hat but suggest one that covers the ears, neck and face would be our first choice. To allow whanau time to ensure uniforms and hats are worn across the school, we will begin this process from the beginning of week 3. (Monday 18 February)

Please see Sarah in the school office for uniform order forms and further information.

Our teaching and learning emphasis:

This term we are all learning about Mini Beasts (Butterflies, ants, dragonflies, spiders, mites, beetles, snails, slugs, woodlice, millipedes, centipedes, worms. Moths, wasps, flies.)

Can you help your child to identify these mini-beasts around your garden and at local parks?

Our 2019 focus is upon Sustainability.

Student Success

Going to the Beach

On the 26th of January 2019, my whole family went up north for my cousins 8th birthday.

When we finally arrived all of the kids immediately ran on the hot crunchy

sand. Our feet hit the cold salt water and we didn't expect a humongous wave to appear. After we finished getting hit by the waves it started to get dark so we went back to the Marae .

That was one cool day. *By Kruze Room 3*

Message from our Public Health Nurse-Sara White



Kia ora Kotou. My name is Sara White and I am continuing as the Public Health Nurse for Pukekohe North School. As your Public Health Nurse, I am at school on Tuesdays and Thursdays, usually from 11.00 until 1.00. I will still be working alongside IMoko staff to help make sure our tamariki get the best care we can offer. As well as the clinics, where I can see children for some health concerns (including sore throats and skin infections), I am looking forward to assisting with hearing and vision concerns, vaccinating at school (New Entrants and also year 7 and 8), helping whanau with their children's health board referrals. I am also available if whanau/caregivers want to talk about health concerns. You can text/call me Tuesdays and Thursdays through the school, or on my cell phone: 021 229 7886.

Upcoming Pukekohe North School Events:

Thursday 11 February – Our Year 7-8 Technology Classes commence today at Pukekohe High School

Students **MUST** wear closed in shoes.

Monday 18 February – Our Breakfast Club commences again daily the school hall from 7.30-8.30.a.m.

Thursday 21 February Newsletter # 2 due out today

Wednesday 27 February – First BOT Meeting for 2019 -4.00-6.00.p.m. in the Staffroom.

Wednesday 27 February Kura Rumaki learning at Te Kotahitanga Marae (Noho Marae) until Friday 1 March

Community Notices

LEARN BASIC COMPUTING SKILLS

FREE COURSE UPSKILL YOURSELF

AFTER YOUR 30 HOUR COURSE COMMITMENT YOU WILL QUALIFY TO PURCHASE A BRAND NEW CHROMEBOOK FOR \$50 (WITH 3 YEAR WARRANTY)

CRITERIA

- Over 16
- NOT IN SCHOOL OR STUDY
- No qualifications equal to 80 credits or more

NEW - You may have MULTIPLE LEARNERS IN THE same WHARE

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS 4.30pm - 8:30pm

YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE COURSE IS 30 HOURS OVER 4 WEEKS

STARTS Monday 18th February

Registration essential limited spaces

Register via FB or email clendonpride@gmail.com

Clendon Pride Project Community House,
60 Maplesden Drive, CLENDON

20/20 TRUST FAMILY CONNECT Clendon PRIDE PROJECT

Computer Training Course

Pukekohe North School 30 hours from 9am - 1pm Starting soon...

THINKING ABOUT LEARNING NEW COMPUTER SKILLS?

Register today!

Contact: Pastor Charlie Tuhua 0212657140
Come down to Te Rongopai Ministry (Puna o te Ora) 60 Kayes Road to enrol.

facebook Connecting with family

COMPUTER TRAINING
LEARN NEW SKILLS WITH US

- How to use computers...
- Going on to the internet, emails...
- Creating documents and much, much more...

The course is 30 hours long and the goal is to build confidence in each participant to engage with, and use, digital technologies for learning, life and work. At the successful completion of the course, each participant will receive a CHROMEBOOK (laptop).

Course cost is \$50.00.

Spaces are limited. Register with Pastor Charlie today for next available course dates!

Student Information and Permission Slip:

Included with this newsletter is our Annual Information and Permission Slip.

This allows us to update our records of whanau contact details. This is vital if your child has an accident at school and we need to contact you urgently.

Also we are seeking what permissions whanau give us to display your child's photograph or school work.

If you would prefer that we do not display the achievements of your child outside the school, e.g on our website or in the local newspapers etc please tick (✓) the appropriate permissions.

Jim Stafford-Bush
Tumuaki