



Pukekohe North School Newsletter

"Setting our akonga on the path of lifelong learning"

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TUMUAKI TALKS

Kia Ora Whaanau,

It is a huge week for the Te Roopu Haka o Te Raki o Pukekohe, they held their final run-through today prior to leaving for the National Kapa haka Competitions in Nelson.

We of course send the roopu off with our best wishes, being well aware the aakonga will provide their very best performances next Monday 30 October at 2.05 p.m.

We are setting up our large screen in the hall to broadcast the performance for our kaiako and aakonga.

You are welcome to join us at school for the screening of the performance or use the following link to watch from your home, on the go, or at your workplace.

[Live - MĀORI+ | Whakaata Māori \(Māori Television\) \(maoriplus.co.nz\)](https://www.maoriplus.co.nz)

To show our dedication and support for Te Roopu we are asking all staff and aakonga to wear Green and Yellow to school next Monday 30 October.

You can wear anything that contains these colours including hats, hair, tops, dresses, trousers, and footwear.

We are farewelling Te Roopu Haka o Te Raki o Pukekohe at 5.30.a.m. tomorrow.

You are welcome to join us in karakia and waiata as we send the team off with our blessings for safe travels and harmonious times.

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FRIDAY NOVEMBER 17TH SCHOOL CLOSED - TEACHER ONLY DAY

The Ministry of Education has granted all schools a Teacher Only Day to prepare for the Curriculum Refresh.

Our Board has agreed to close the school for instruction on Friday 17 November to allow our kaiako to engage in Curriculum Professional Development with outside facilitators working with our staff at school.' Pukekohe North School will hold normal school hours in the week leading up to 2.40.p.m. on Thursday 16 November, be closed on Friday 17 November, and open as usual for instruction on Monday 20 November at 8.50.a.m.

NIUEAN LANGUAGE WEEK

Our staff has been working hard to be inclusive during 2023 and on Friday 20 October, Rooms 1 and 3 hosted our Achievement Assembly and commenced the celebrations with an acknowledgment of our Niuean students and their language.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS

The Board met last night and the following actions were made:

-The Board is organising a hui on Wednesday 8 November from 6.00-7.30.p.m. to seek your ideas in developing our school's Strategic Plan 2024 -2026.

-We all accept that to continue raising the achievement levels of our aakonga is priority 1.

The Board is focused on this aim over the period of this Strategic Plan.

What else are the priorities for our school? What developments and progressions do you seek for your tamariki? The Board is starting with a blank page and seeks your input.

We will commence the evening with free kai and then the staff and I will provide some background to the progress our school has made and provide a few guidelines to possible ideas to continue our growth and upward trends.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for 15 November where our members will unpack your feedback and begin to shape the direction of our kura from 2024-2026.

We will keep the lines of communication open to allow everyone to provide their thoughts throughout November.

We will have a box at school to collect your priorities, a dedicated Board email address and after-school meetings to continue to seek your input.

Our roll has grown to 354 aakonga and a focus for the Board is to provide a well-maintained learning environment for our tamariki, staff, whaanau and visitors.

*The Board is seeking quotes to address maintenance and classroom furniture needs at present

*We have four vacancies at present (Deputy Principal, Kura Ruumaki position, a Junior School Leader and a year 5-7 Teacher. We have had many applications and we will begin short-listing and interviewing for a fully-staffed school in 2024 in the next two weeks.

*The Board has received a \$80,000 Grant to begin a Cycle Track within our school grounds in 2024. We will provide an assortment of bicycles, helmets, and a 300-metre track for our tamariki to enjoy and learn from.



EXPERIENCES FOR OUR AAKONGA

Our staff work tirelessly to provide new and interesting experiences for our aakonga.

Whaea Sally Beavis brought three of her horses to school on Thursday 19 October.

Our aakonga got to see a Clydesdale horse and were intrigued by its size yet gentleness.

Many thanks are extended to Whaea Sally and her mum Lisa for organising this treat.

SENIOR SCHOOL ATHLETICS

We held our Athletics Sports on Tuesday 24 October and it was a great day for our Year 5-8 Aakonga. It was great to see all our aakonga/students participating and giving all the different events a go. Well done to all our tamariki. We will share the result with our whanau in our next newsletter.



BIRTHDAY WISHES

27 October

Locklin Room 17 = 7.00 yrs

Awa Room 15 = 7.00 yrs

30 October

Ngawhetu Room 8 = 8.00 yrs

Ellie-Mae Room 14 = 9.00 yrs

Iritekura Room 3 = 10.00 yrs

Vienna-Shay Room 9 = 11.00 yrs

Angelina Room 11 = 6.00 yrs

3 November

Wahinetapu Room 6 = 8.00 yrs

Anaru Room 6 = 8.00 yrs

4 November

Larissa-Jay Room 11 = 6.00 yrs

Lakaiah Room 15 = 7.00 yrs

5 November

Arihia Room 14 = 9.00 yrs

6 November

Rocco Room 14 = 9.00 yrs

Kimiora Room 10 = 11.00 yrs

7 November

Juice Room 15 = 7.00 yrs

Lilith Room 9 = 12.00 yrs

8 November

Amaia Room 15 = 6.00 yrs

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Pukekohe Community Dog Rego Day

On Sunday 12 November from 10.00.a.m. - 3.00.p.m., Auckland Council is running a registration day at the Reserve off McShane Street.

There are many freebies and giveaway vouchers

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Values

*Family is Everything *Children are our taonga *Knowledge is strength

Grandparents and carers take on so much to support their whaanau.

We have been advised that there is so much support available if you only knew who to contact.

It is always worth a chat to discover the assistance at your fingertips.

To find out more, Visit www.grg.org.nz or by calling Anne Dodderell on 09 237 8161



UPCOMING DATES FOR TERM 4 2023

Week 3 - Oct 23 - 27

Newsletter due Thursday 26 October

Kapa Haka Leave for Nelson Friday 27 October

Week 4 Oct 30 - Nov 3

Kapa Haka Roopu in Nelson Fri 27 Oct - Friday 3 Nov

Kapa Haka Performance Day Monday 30 October at 2.05.p.m.

Dental Van at School Tuesday 31 October

Mobile Library Van at School Tuesday 31 October

School Athletics Years 1-4 Tuesday 31 October

Dental Van at School Wednesday 1 November

School Athletics SAVE DAY Year 1-4 Thursday 2 November

Achievement Assembly Friday 3 November - 9.00-9.30.a.m.



Week 5 Nov 6- 10

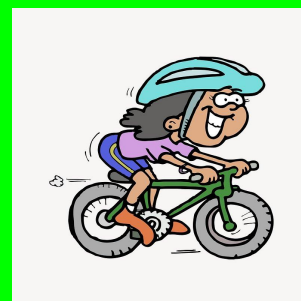
Northern Group Athletics Competition Wednesday 8 November

Board Meeting Wednesday 8 November -6.00-8.00.p.m.

Newsletter due Thursday 9 November

Community Athletics Night at school - 5.00-7.00.p.m.

Balance Bike at School - Years 0 - 2 Thursday 9 November



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