



Pukekohe North School Newsletter

"Setting our akonga on the path of lifelong learning"

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TUMUAKI TALKS

Kia Ora Whaanau,

Welcome to our 2024 school year. It has been great to welcome our aakonga back to school.

I am excited about the developments we shall see at Pukekohe North School especially as we expect our roll to approach 400 aakonga.

We announce staff changes at the beginning of each new school year.

We welcome our new Deputy Principal Whaea Tina Matthews from Kelvin Road School.

Terri-Anne Roberts joins the Kura Ruumaki team teaching a Junior Class. Terri-Anne joins us from Te Kura Kaupapa Maaori o Pukemiro.

Natasha Myburg has joined us as Leader of the Junior Team (Year 0-2-Auraki) from Kelvin Road School.

Loijane Espanol will teach a Year 6-7 class in Room 2 as she joins us from Kiddie Academy Early Learning Centre in Pukekohe having spent most of her teaching career in The United Arab Emirates.



Tina Matthews



Terri-Anne Roberts



Natasha Myburg



Lorijane Espanol

In January, our growing number of junior aakonga has led us to seek a reception teacher working from Room 14. The interview committee was impressed with two applicants Trishna Parbhu and Meletoa Pepa, both qualified Early Childhood Teachers.

Trishna has been working as Head Teacher at Little Pukeko Preschool in Pukekohe.

Trishna is on maternity leave at present and will take up her role on Monday 4 March 2024.

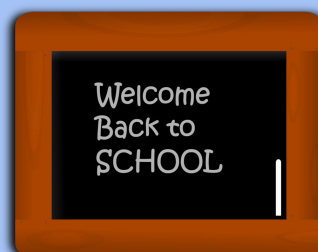
Meletoa Pepa has been working as a teacher at BestStart Pukekohe West since April 2022.

Mele will start with us on Monday 5 February.

Pat Cossey has been employed to start Room 14 as a Junior Reception class until Meletoa is underway with her aakonga.

Whaea Surinder Edwards has been off-colour for about a term and has resigned from her position as Director of Sports to focus on her healing and retaining her well-being.

We are seeking her replacement at present and will keep you up with our progress.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW AAKONGA AND THEIR WHAANAU

<u>Kura Ruumaki</u>	Kaitiaki Thompson Rairi Thompson Oriwa Naea Royalle Taaka
<u>Juniors - Year 0-2</u>	Amaziah Latu Ryellah-Lee Taranaki-Pomare Jordyn Pascoe-Kihi Isobel Sammons
<u>Middles Year 3-4</u>	Viliani Puafisi Zarah-Leigh De Thierry Cali-Rose Toala Sierra Toala Kamiano Kelekolio Evelyn-Pearl De Thierry Deicollm Sitenitu Briseis Taylor Timothy Lepetia
<u>Year 5-6</u>	Jheszy Sitenitu Shivansh Prakash Claudia Harema Jireh Tiatia Elia Lepetia
<u>Year 7-8</u>	Maryelle Manalac Azaiah Aubrey Ariana Puafisi Faifili Lepetia

HAT POLICY

We are all enjoying the hot weather at present and thus this is a good time to remind whaanau that tamariki MUST wear a hat when outside.
Any hat can be worn that is spare at home. Please ensure the hat is named and comes to school every day.



SCHOOL TIMETABLE

Gates open at 8.00.a.m.
Tamariki is allowed in the playground from 8.15.a.m.
Breakfast Club 8.00-8.30.a.m.
School starts at 8.50.a.m.
Block 1 8.50-10.20.a.m.
Morning Tea. 10.20-10.40.a.m.
Block 2 10.50.a.m. - 12.50.p.m.
Lunch 12.50-1.20.p.m.
Block 3 -1.40-2.40
School Closes at 2.40.p.m. -11.00 Years

NEW DEVELOPMENTS & REPAIRS AT OUR SCHOOL

New Furniture:

The Board has used the holiday period to complete a variety of projects.

At the end of 2023, the Board organised to provide new class furniture in Rooms 1-2-8-9-10-11 and 12. During the year, Rooms 3-4-5-6 also received their classroom refurbishments and new furniture as well. The new furniture arrived last week and the kaiako have set up their classrooms for learning.

ICT/ Music Suite Portico:

Whaanau might have noticed the ceiling of the entrance falling away.

The Board organised for the ICT Portico's roof, drainage, and ceiling to be repaired and painted and this was completed last Friday.

Grounds Work:

Rooms 1 and 2 have endured ponding outside of the classrooms during any heavy rain. A broken pipe outside of the library had to be dug up and replaced. This was also completed during the holidays.

Room 14 has always been shaded due to two large trees shadowing the classroom.

The Board had these removed early in January and debris cleared from the large trees by the hall. This was potentially a hazard in high winds and we didn't want any accidents in winter.

We have plans to paint the school exterior in 2-3 years so to preserve the paint, each block and the rooves were water-blasted recently.

SCHOOL ORGANISATION 2024

Classroom	Kaiako	Level
1	Whaea Sally W	Year 7-8
2	Whaea Lorijane	Year 6-7
3	Whaea Hayley	Year 4-5
4	Whaea Stephanie	Year 5-6
5	Whaea Lovey	Year 5-6
6	Whaea Lynda	Year 3-4
8	Whaea Hemoata	Year 3-4 Kura Ruumaki
9	Whaea Pikiteora	Year 7-8 Kura Ruumaki
10	Whaea Atarangi	Year 5-6 Kura Ruumaki
11	Whaea Natasha	Year 1-2
12	Whaea Sally B	Year 1-2
14	Whaea Meletoa / Whaea Trishna	Year 0-1
15	Whaea Sophie	Year 0-1 Kura Ruumai
16	Whaea Terri-Anne	Year 1-2 Kura Ruumaki
17	Whaea Shannon	Year 3-4

Whaea Keeley	Teacher Aide	Senior Team
Matua Kaylum	Teacher Aide	Senior Team
Whaea Aroha	Teacher Aide	Middle Team
Whaea Rita	Teacher Aide	Junior Team
TBC	Kaiarahi i Te Reo	Senior Kura Ruumaki
Whaea Toni	Kaiarahi i Te Reo	Middle Kura Ruumaki
Whaea Shiree	Kaiarahi i Te Reo	Junior Kura Ruumaki
Whaea Ngaki	Kaiarahi i Te Reo	Junior Kura Ruumaki

Whaea Nganeko	Financial Officer	Admin Office
Whaea Sarah	Administration Officer	Admin Office
Matua Anthony	Caretaker	Groundman Office
Matua Jim	Principal	Principal's Office
Whaea Tina	Deputy Principal	SENCo Office
Whaea Nicky	Assistant Principal	SENCo Office
Whaea Mandie	Resource Teacher of Literacy	RTLit Office
Whaea Kirsty	Learning Support Coordinator	SENCo Office
Matua Luke (New Appointment)	Social Worker in Schools	SENCo Office

UPCOMING EVENTS- WEEK

<u>Week</u>	<u>Activity</u>
<u>Week 2 -Feb 5-9</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Monday 5 February -Meletoa Pepa commences in Room 14 with Whaea Pat *Tuesday 6 February- Waitangi Day Holiday/ Celebration-School CLOSED *Thursday 8 February- Emergency Drill *Friday 9 February- Achievement Assembly 8.50-9.20.a.m.
<u>Week 3 - Feb12-16</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Monday 12 February -Breakfast Club commences/ KiwCan Classes commence this week *Wednesday 14 February - Year 7-8 Aakonga commence technology classes at Pukekohe Intermediate School - 9.30.a.m.- 12.30.p.m. *Wednesday 14 February -Board Meeting 6.00-8.00.p.m. *Thursday 15 February - Next Newsletter due
<u>Week 4 - Feb 19-23</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Friday 23 February -Achievement Assembly led by Rooms 1-2 - 8.50.a.m. - 9.20.a.m.
<u>Week 5- February 26 - 1 March</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Wednesday 28 February - Year 7-8 Technology at PIS 9.30.a.m. - 12.30.p.m. *Thursday 29 February - Next newsletter due *Thursday 29 February -Meet the teacher - 5.00-7.00.p.m. * Friday 1 March - Kapa Haka Practice 11.30.a.m.- 12.50.p.m.
<u>Week 6 -March 4 -8</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Monday 4 March - Whaea Trish Prabhu commences at PNS in Room 14 *Monday 4 - Wed 6 March Year 7-8 Surf Camp at Port Waikato *Friday 8 March - Achievement Assembly run by Rooms 9-10- 8.50.a.m. - 9.20.a.m.