



Pukekohe North School Newsletter

"Setting our akonga on the path of lifelong learning"

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TUMUAKI TALKS

Kia Ora Whaanau,

This is our newsletter as we head into our Easter Break. School is obviously closed tomorrow for Good Friday and schools are closed on Tuesday 2 April and thus your tamariki return to class on WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL at 8.50.a.m. as normal.

There is school as usual on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and then we are into our final week of Term 1, 8-12 April.

School will close for the April school holidays at 2.40.p.m. on Friday 12 April.

Term 2 commences on Monday 29 April at 8.50.a.m.

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COMMUNITY EVENT

On Sunday 24 March, we were honoured to offer our second Community Event at Pukekohe North School where The Mercy of the Vine Women's Welfare Refuge Team provided free food, clothing and kai for the Pukekohe Community.

We are especially appreciative of the work of mama Sana, Matua Solomon and Matua Moana for organising another special day for our community.

The team will be back next term to run a similar event at Pukeohe Intermediate or Tuakau.

We will pass on the flyer for the next event through our newsletter and FaceBook page.



WELCOME TO NEW AAKONGA/STUDENT

<u>Kura Ruumaki</u>	Kyden Karaitiana
<u>Juniors - Year 0-2</u>	Kaitlin Black
<u>Year 7-8</u>	Moali Taufu

EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE

On Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 March, we had Zeb Nicklin and Tiwana Hobbs visiting Pukekohe North School to work with our Kura Ruumaki kaimahi.

They were really impressed with the Kura Ruumaki Team especially the modelling and standards set for Korero maori across the kura.

Zeb and Tiwana, had the purpose of seeing where our kura sat on their continuum and gave direction for our next steps forward.

We are expecting the ERO Report to be received before the end of term.

I hope to announce their findings in our next newsletter on Thursday 11 April.

BOARD MEETING FEEDBACK

Our Board met last night and made the following decisions

- To accept our 2024 Budget
- Commence refurbishment of the Special Needs Coordinator's Office Space
- Repair the female toilet/shower area in the hall
- Refurbish a new Learning Support Coordinator's Office (the old dental clinic)
- Review several Policies
- Review our growing roll numbers and seek further teaching spaces from the Ministry of Education
- Seek further Professional Development as a Board by attending the New Zealand School Trustees Annual Conference in Wellington in June
- Secure assistance in applying for grants to provide improved resources and facilities for our tamariki
- Reviewed the Asbestos Management Plan for Pukekohe North School
- Ensured all staff were fully registered and were up to date with their First Aid Training.
- Discussed developing a new Website to provide for the two curriculums taught at Pukekohe North School.

ATTENDANCE

Thank you to all the parents/caregivers who are contacting the school when your child is absent. Remember you can phone (09) 238 8552 or email attendance@pukekohenorth.school.nz to explain the reason as to why your child is absent. Please say your child's full name, room number, reason why they are away, and what day they will be back at school. If you are unable to contact the school on the day, please write a note for your child to bring to the office on their return date. This year we are focusing on improving our attendance percentage. Keep an eye out for the updates. Children should only be kept home from school if they are sick. Below are some solutions to common problems we come across.

CELL PHONES AT SCHOOL

As you will be aware, the Government is employing the 'Phones Away for the Day' policy as of Day 1 Term 2.

This is mandatory and schools are expected to comply with this process.

Pukekohe North School has allowed Year 7-8 aakonga to bring their phones to school BUT hand them into their teachers for safekeeping until the end of the school day.

We intend to follow this process from Term 2 and we seek whanau's feedback about our process or any thoughts you might like to share.

Please feel free to share your thoughts with any kaiako, office staff, Whaea Nicky, Whaea Tina or myself.

LEARNING SUPPORT POSITION STILL AVAILABLE

We are seeking two Learning Support / Teacher Aides for a Year 5-6 and Year 7-8 class in our Kura Ruumaki.

We wish to employ permanently for these classes.

We are offering 25 hours work per week to suitable applicants. Please note Teacher Aides do not receive pay during our holiday breaks.

Whilst we would prefer applicants with experience in working with tamariki, we must have applicants that are Police Vetted and competent speakers of Te Reo Maori.

If this position is of interest to you please visit our website www.pukekohenorth.school.nz (Job Vacancies) or talk to Whaea Pikiteora or Whaea Atarangi.

POLICE VETTING (reminder)

Our School policy is that whanau involved in school trips/ excursions or events must be Police Vetted.

If you are wishing to support the tamariki outside of the school or for overnight events, can I urge you to apply for a Police Vet to safe guard our aakonga.

This process can take several weeks so apply early before kaiako begin requesting whaanau support. Vetting forms are available through the school office staff.

UPCOMING EVENTS- WEEK

Week 10

Wed 3 April - Friday 5 April

*Monday 1 April - Easter Monday HOLIDAY

*Tuesday 2 April - SCHOOL CLOSED - Easter Holiday

*Thursday 4 April -School EXPO- Community invited to look through our classrooms 1.45-2.30.p.m.

*Friday 5 April - Achievement Assembly -Run by Rooms 8-15-16 - 8.50.a.m.-9.20.a.m.

*Friday 5 April - Kapa haka Practice 11.30.a.m- 12.50.p.m.

*Sunday 7 April- DAYLIGHT SAVING CONCLUDES

Week 11

Monday 8 - 12 April

*Wednesday 10 April-Year 7-8 Technology at PIS 9.30.a.m. - 12.30.p.m.

*Thursday 11 April -Next newsletter due

12 April - the final day of Term 1

School closes at 2.40.p.m. for the term 1 HOLIDAYS

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

Enjoy your special days everyone. (18 March - 25 March 2024)

Monday 18 March

Zayarn Room 12 -6.00 yrs

Jorja Room 5 -10.00 yrs

Tia Room 9 – 12.00 yrs

Tuesday 19 March

Demetrius-Jake Room 2 - 11,00 yrs

Friday 22 March

Shardell Room 3 = 9.00 yrs

Ariki Room 12 - 7.00 yrs

Sunday 24 March

Crystal - Room 15 - 9.00 Years

Mamaia Room 17 - 8.00 yrs

Monday 25 March

Universite - Room 4 -10.00 Years



COMMUNITY EVENTS

GIRLS GOT GAME

Next term, we are looking at operating a female ONLY Girl's Got Game Basketball training event from 3.00-4.00.p.m. at Pukekohe North School.

This covers Years 5-8 and will proceed if we have sufficient numbers of girls interested who wish to join the programme.

Let the school office or your classroom kaiako if this appeals to your girls.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Just a quick piece of information that Daylight Saving will end on Sunday 7th October when we turn our clocks back to 2.00.a.m.



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