



PUKEKOHE NORTH SCHOOL

“SETTING OUR AKONGA ON THE PATH OF LIFELONG LEARNING”
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TUMUAKI TALK

Kia Ora Whaanau,

As we creep deeper into winter and the days become cold and wet we also obviously see more viruses and illnesses hitting our tamariki.

My first notice below informs whaanau of another measles outbreak in Aotearoa.

Our office staff welcome messages and calls to explain any absences from school.

As you are aware, the Government is tightening up on attendance rates across the motu and schools, through their Student Management Systems send weekly attendance data to the Ministry of Education.

Through your correspondence with kaiako and our administration team, we can code all absences that are notified to us and prevent follow ups from the Franklin Attendance Service.

Please, if an aakonga is going to be absent, take a moment to inform the school. Our school expectation is for all students to have 90% or above attendance to school. From next term we will share our school attendance % weekly.

WHAEA LYNDA

We have to sadly report that Whaea Lynda is on leave at present due to her father being very unwell presently.

Lynda has had to take extended leave to cater for her dad's health needs.

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MEASLES

Aotearoa New Zealand is at very high risk of a measles outbreak.

The number of cases of measles continues to grow across NZ.

Measles is a serious and highly contagious disease. It can cause serious problems, including brain swelling, chest infections, or death.

The measles vaccine is very effective at preventing measles.

There is a risk of getting measles if you have not had 2 vaccinations, or have not already had measles.

The measles (MMR) vaccine is free for all children age 18 and under in NZ, and all adults over the age of 18 who are eligible for free NZ healthcare.

Vaccines can be booked over the phone: 0800 28 29 26 (8am to 5pm, Monday to Friday).

MATARIKI CELEBRATIONS

Week 9 will see a variety of Matariki Celebrations underway at Pukekohe North School.

- We have the Robogals back in School to provide a series of science/technology based activities for our Senior Aakonga to enjoy on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
- Room 15 will visit Te kohanga reo a Piukerohi Mara Beach Road Papakura- 8.30.a.m. - 2.30.p.m
- Whaea Pikiteora and Whaea Atarangi will be attending the Kapa Haka Nationals in Nelson to increase their knowledge and seek ideas for our Kapa Haka Roopu.

Whaanau are reminded that Friday 28 June is a National Holiday to allow whaanau to attend local and national events and celebrations.

SNAPSHOT OF WEEK 6 EVENTS

We had a short, but great week, from 5-7 June with wonderful activities at school.

The weather was clear so our Year 7-8 and some Year 5-6's got to be challenged on the RockUp 20ft high climbing wall.

As promised our HungerBall Arena arrived on Thursday 6 June and classes were able to trail this new inflatable activity with coach Harsh.

The HungerBall Arena will remain with us for the next 3 weeks and as the weather gets wetter and colder, the tamariki will be timetabled to let off steam in the hall with sports such as basketball, soccer and hockey inside the arena.



THE PAINGA PROJECT

Painga simply means 'well-being'.

The Painga Project are focused on the health and wellbeing of students, families and their communities in South Auckland primary and intermediate schools.

Nurturing school wellbeing sits at the heart of the Painga Project. They provide additional resource to drive innovation, engage with supporters and secure funding for a wide variety of programmes and projects within a school. Building school resilience, improving teacher and student health and wellbeing, and creating pathways for students throughout their educational journey is their mission.

The first focus for the team here at Pukekohe North School is to ensure ALL aakonga can see AND hear! This requires testing and included in this newsletter is a sheet asking your permission for your tamariki to be tested. This is all free as is any glasses or hearing devices should any aakonga require extra support.

The next Painga Project focus is to provide x 2 free vans for our school to transport aakonga to competitions, learning opportunities and events.

PLEASE complete the attached Permission Form and return it to school by 21.6.24. (Next Friday) Once we have 95% of our forms returned the testing will be organised for our tamariki.

Please whaanau, lets get all of our aakonga tested and provide assistance to anyone requiring hearing or vision support.

REUSE, RECYCLE, REDUCE

As you are aware, this term our aakonga are studying Recycling.

We have changed many of our school habits to reduce the amount of rubbish we send to landfill.

Each class now has a recycle bin for paper and cardboard.

We are introducing GOOS paper to classrooms.

This is Good On One Side scrap paper for aakonga to use to make quick notes, work out problems or just to use for drawing and scribbles.

Kylee Hanlon-Judd, Sustainable Schools Environmental Services Advisor visited school on Monday to give us more ways in which we can help to save our planet.

Whaea Lorijane manages our Trees for Survival Unit where Room 2 is bringing on some 600 trees to plant locally next term.

Whaea Tina is organising badges for tamariki who wish to join our school Environmental Team.

This week, Rooms 1-2 used recycled soft drink bottles to make and launch rockets!



KAPAHAKA WANANGA

From this Friday to Sunday, our Kapa Haka Roopu hold their first overnight stay in preparation for the Regional Kapa Haka Competitions in Term 4.

The Roopu will be hosted by the Kotahitanga Marae across the weekend.



Learning Support Staff Paid Union Meeting

On Wednesday 19 June, our Learning Support Staff and Kaiarahi-i-te Reo will attend a paid union meeting in Pukekohe for the first block of the day.

School programmes will continue as usual

Junior Kaiako Sports Training

Whaea Natasha and Whaea Trishna will attend a specialised Junior School sports and wellbeing professional Development Day at the Kolmar Sports Centre on Wednesday 19 June.

We have employed relievers to cover our kaiako teaching duties for the day.

3 WAY CONFERENCES

ON WEDNESDAY 3 JULY, WE ARE HOLDING OUR 3 WAY CONFERENCES (AAKONGA/ WHAANAU/ KAIAKO) FROM 1.30.P.M. TO 7.30.P.M.

These conferences are to discuss the progress your tamaiti/tamariki have made to date, their next learning steps and how you can help their learning journey. It is vital we get all our whaanau along.

Please note, we are closing school earlier on 3.7.24, sending the aakonga home at 12.50.p.m with a packed lunch

We will have more information coming home with you aakonga on how to book a time for these conferences

HALL BOOKINGS

We are happy to hire out our hall for community events and thought we would just remind whaanau of the process and costs.

ALL bookings MUST go through our school office to ensure we do not have any double bookings. All bookings are paid at a rate of \$50.00 per hour with a upfront \$500 bond

Users will incur associated charges for any call out fees such as security call outs for unsecured doors, windows or alarms or callouts for the Fire Brigade or other services.

WHATS HAPPENING AT PNS IN THE NEXT 2 WEEKS

Week 8 -17-21 June

- *Wednesday 19 June = Year 7-8 Technology at PIS - 9.30.a.m.- 12.30.p.m
- *Wednesday 19 June = Paid Union Meeting for Learning Support Staff
- *Wednesday 19 June = Whaea Trishna and Natasha at Junior Sports training Day
- *Wednesday 19 June = Board Meeting - 6.00-8.00.p.m.
- *Wednesday 19 June - Franklin Rugby Competition
- *Thursday 20 June = Trees for Survival Planting - Room 2
- *Friday 21 June = Achievement Assembly -9.00-9.30.a.m Rooms 1-2 hosts
- *Friday 21 June Kapa Haka training - 11.30-12.50.p.m.
- *Whaea Piki, Whaea Atarangi and Matua Jim supporting Wairua Potini as new Tumuaiki



Week 9 24-28 June

- *Tuesday 24 June = Robogals at School Rooms 1-2-3-4-5-9-10
- *Wednesday 25 June = Robogals at School Rooms 1-2-3-4-5-9-10
- *Wednesday 26 June = Year 7-8 Technology at PIS - 9.30.a.m.- 12.30.p.m.
- *Wednesday 26 June = School Reports go live on HERO
- *Thursday 27 June = Robogals at School Rooms 1-2-3-4-5-9-10
- *Room 15 Trip to Te kohanga reo a Piukerohi Marae
- *Thursday 27 June =Next newsletter Due
- *Friday 28 June -Matariki Celebrations - SCHOOL CLOSED



HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

Saturday 15 June
Kamiano Room 6 = 9.00 Years

Sunday 16 June
Lance Room 16 = 7.00 Years

Tuesday 18 June
Uiisone Room 14 = 6.00 Years

Wednesday 19 June
Gemini -Room 6 = 9.00 Years
Zion - Room 3 = 9.00 Years

Thursday 20 June
Ngarongoa Room 4 = 9.00 Years

Friday 21 June
Evelyn-Pearl Room 17 = 8.00 Years

Saturday 22 June
Natalia Room 17 = 8.00 Years

Monday 24 June
Angela - Room 6 = 7.00 Years
Claudia - Room 5 = 9.00 Years
Tony - Room 9 = 13.00 Years

Tuesday 25 June
Deicolm Room 17 = 9.00 Years

Wednesday 26 June
Trinity - Room 5 = 10.00 Years

Thursday 27 June
Ali Room 6 = 7.00 Years