

Newsletter # 14 – Thursday 6 September 2018:

Franklin Arts Festival: 1-9 September

The Franklin Arts Festival is on at present and if you enter in the foyer of the Town Hall, you will be able to our Pukekohe North School Art exhibition up close. Well done to the students whose art works were chosen for the display. (Sorry loads of art completed by the students BUT schools are given a very small display board!)

At the moment, our teachers and students are preparing art pieces for our school environment. We will be working upon them over the next month and we will have them placed upon our buildings for our Art and Artists EXPO to be held on Thursday 27 September.

Franklin Zone Cross Country:

Congratulations are extended to the following Pukekohe North School runners who competed in the Franklin Champion of Champions Cross Country at the A & P Showgrounds last week. Year 6-Tania Hutchins & James Aholelei Year 8-Arizona Withers & Jacob Ormsby.



Daffodil Day Fundraiser:

It was so awesome to see our students and teachers dressing up and supporting Cancer Research through the Daffodil Appeal last Friday.

Our school will be sending a cheque for \$114.00 to the Cancer Society.



Pukekohe North School Website:

Finally, we have our new website operating. I know I announced this last term but we parted ways with our designer and had to start again!

As of tomorrow our new site is active!

We will continue to build this over the next few months to provide whanau and our community about important information and school events.

Please visit www.pukekohenorth.school.nz

Pukekohe Board of Trustees:

Kura Rumaki Whanau Hui

Our Board of Trustees is inviting all kura rumaki whanau to a hui in Ruma 8 on Thursday 20 September commencing at 5.30.p.m.

We are wishing to discuss whanau's ideas for the direction and future of the rumaki from 2019 and beyond.

In particular, the Board seeks the views and ideas of whanau as our students leave Pukekohe North School and head to High School and what the tamariki's learning pathway should look like.

We are happy for tamariki to attend the hui as we will provide activities for them to be involved with.

The Agenda will be:

Kura Rumaki: Speech Competitions:

Our Kura Rumaki Speech competition winners, Year 5-6 Rawiri Tate, Tania Hutchins and Kaea Kingi plus our Year 7-8 winners Afeaki Taulafo and Shabrynika Holmes will represent Pukekohe North School at the Franklin Te Reo Maori Speech Competitions to be held on Tuesday 18 September at Ngā Tai e Rua Marae in Tuakau on Tuesday evening 18 September starting 5.30pm; pōwhiri for a 6pm competition start. The evening is expected to conclude by 8.30pm.

After School Programme

The Huakina Development Trust has secured funding to run a 10 week After School Programme for 7-10 year olds in our school hall.

The Programme will run on Mondays and Fridays from 2.45 – 3.45.p.m. commencing this coming Monday 10 September.

The programme varies from our Tuesday and Thursday After School Programme that is operating that is based on games and sports.

The Monday and Friday programme will focus on skills such as cooking, arts, crafts and life skills.

Information flyers are available at our school office or give The Huakina Development Trust a call on 238 0250.

A registration form must be completed before Monday 10 September if you would like your child(ren) to attend.

New Playground Equipment:

The staff have been so pleased to see how our students are really enjoying playing games and using sports equipment during our lunch times.

They are learning to play cooperatively, share, take turns and look after one another.

We have then decided to add more equipment into the playground for student use. This includes scooters (helmets too), more balls and racquets, skipping ropes, elastics and soon we will be adding stilts for the children's enjoyment.

September Holidays- FREE Programme: (Reminder)

Believe it or not, the school holidays are now only 3 weeks away!

St John's Ambulance are organising a free holiday programme for x 30 Year 1-6 students from our school in the second week of the September School Holidays.

If this is something that interests your whanau, please complete and return the form included with this newsletter.

Celebrating Student Success Middle School

During Week 6 and 7 of this term, some year 2-4 students have received tennis coaching from professional coaches. Counties Tennis Association will also be giving out pamphlets which will offer compensated tennis lessons in Term 4 at a reduced price. Please keep an eye out for these, if you would like your child to participate.





Junior School



Room 12's bean seeds are starting to grow.

We need to water them and keep them in the sun.

Raiatea wrote these instructions for how to plant a seed:

Planting a bean seed

- 1. Put the potting mix in the pot
- 2. Poke a hole
- 3. Put in the seed
- 4. Water it
- 5. Put it in the sun



Senior School

As part of our art unit this term Room 3 have been looking at different artist. We have looked at Friedensreich Hundertwasser. Was an Austrian artist's. He did not use straight lines in any of his work and also always included onion domes and lolly pop trees. Hundertwasser was also the artist who created the bottle toilets in Kawakawa in Northland.



Message from our Public Health Nurse-Sara White



Ears are our friends. They are the gateway to how we communicate (and learn). Not all ears are the same, and some need looking after more than others. Primary school is the time of our lives when we learn a huge amount, and find out where we fit in to the world. If ears are sore or runny, this is a sign of infection, and medication from your GP is usually needed. Some other signs of ear problems are; having the TV up loud, not hearing when you call, having speech problems and getting behind in learning. Public Health nurses can do ear health assessments, where we look into ears and do a test of ear drum function. We can also arrange hearing tests if needed. We offer an ear clinic (at Pukekohe Hospital) every 2 weeks, where we can remove wax and refer on to Superclinic if needed. You can really help ears by blowing noses (especially when they

have a cold), not smoking around tamariki, and getting sore ears checked. Ears are amazing, let's help them. I'm at school Tuesdays and Thursdays, my cell is 021 229 7886.





Upcoming Pukekohe North School Events:

Monday 10 September – Huakina Development Trust After-School Programme commences 2.45 – 3.45.p.m.

Friday 14 September – School Assembly 9.00-9.30.a.m. Friday 14 September – Huakina Development Trust After-School Programme commences 2.45 – 3.45.p.m.

Tuesday 15 September – Franklin Te Reo Speech Competition at Ngā Tai e Rua Marae in Tuakau from 5.30-8.30.p.m. Wednesday 19 September – Yr 7-8 Girls Franklin Basketball Competition

Thursday 20 September next newsletter.

Jim Stafford-Bush Tumuaki