

# Pukekohe North School



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## Term 3 Artworks:

I was so proud of the art pieces that our students created during Term 3. They are so bright and inviting and I am looking forward to have them displayed around our school environment.



Here are a few samples of the artworks created across our



school.

Congratulations are extended to our teachers for their hard work and commitment to producing work of such quality.



James Finau worked with artist Sylvia Harris during the Term also and he held his own exhibition on Thursday 27 September.

Here is a picture of one of James' art pieces.

## Term 4 2018:

We are nearly at the end of our second week of Term 4 and as there are ONLY 9 Weeks in the term, we will have

Christmas upon us before we know it!

As we move into summer we requested that all students have a hat when they are outside. We would prefer that the hat protects the face, ears and necks BUT we will accept any hat that students can bring to school.

### 2019- Organisation: (Year 6-7-8)

We will commence making our Class Lists in the coming weeks and therefore can I please ask whanau to inform us through the attached form if any child(ren) will NOT be returning to Pukekohe North School in 2019.

### Kura Rumaki Whanau Hui:

A reminder that we are holding our whanau hui tonight around Room 8-9-10 commencing with kai from 4.30.p.m.

This is a great opportunity for families to meet our new Rumaki Leader Henare King and to discuss the direction for Teaching and Learning from 2019.

The hui commences at 5.00.p.m. and should conclude around 6.00.p.m.

### We will be discussing the following:

‘We believe that too many Pukekohe North Kura Rumaki akonga have failed to excel at High School.

An effective learning pathway from Year 1-13 is required.”

“We believe that our Kura Rumaki akonga will thrive educationally by being exposed to digital learning from Year 3 -8+”

We look forward to the discussions and developing a learning pathway for our Year 8 students.

### Sport Coordinator at Pukekohe North School:

The Board of Trustees have a real vision for our students and their continued success. The Board often talk about the untapped talents and abilities of our students and of course sports is an area where our students excel.

The Board have therefore employed a wonderful Sports Coordinator / Coach to develop that talent; Michelle Kingi.

Michelle began a three term trial at Pukekohe North School on Monday 25 October where she takes EVERY class for one Physical Education session per week and each lunchtime coaches and referees games on the field.

Michelle has many talents as I am sure you know in Softball, Rugby and Netball. She loves all sports and of course is focusing upon Athletics for Term 4.

### School Athletics Day (Year 4-8)

Sally White has organised our School Athletics for Tuesday 6 November from 9.30.a.m. – 2.30.p.m.

This is a Standards based competition where marks are set for the age groups to strive for.

Whanau are so welcome to join us for any part all the whole of the day.

Please ensure the students come to school with plenty of food, a large drink and their sun hat for the competition.

### How are we going?

I have been at Pukekohe North School for one year now and I am keen to receive your feedback about our journey to date.

On the form provided can I ask you to respond on 3 simple questions?

1. What improvements have you noticed about our school over the past 12 months?
2. What do we need to improve further?
3. Do you have any further comments to make?

### Christmas @ the Marae:

Pukekohe North School is proudly performing at this year's Christmas at the Marae that will take place on Friday 30 November from 4.00-7.00.p.m.

The students will sing x3 songs together. We will let whanau know what time we are scheduled to perform in the next newsletter.

### Class Photos

Class photos have been organised to be taken on the 20<sup>th</sup> November. More information will follow in our next newsletter.

### Message from our Public Health Nurse-Sara White



Nature is great at providing what our bodies need, just when we need it. Citrus trees give us their oranges in winter, just when we need the extra vitamin C to cope with winter ills, and lemons for honey and lemon drinks for sore throats. Our orange tree has just finished fruiting, and it kept my children's lunch boxes in oranges for a good couple of months. Franklin has great soil for growing, and Spring is a really good time to plant. One tree can provide you with fruit for many many years, so how about planting just one fruit tree? Even if you rent, you can keep them in pots so you can take them with you wherever you live. The fruit is free, and organic, and easy to reach (even for little hands). Fresh fruit is great for our bodies, giving us vitamins to keep us well, and fibre, to keep us regular (in the toilet department). A win-win all round. Give it a try! I'm at school Tuesdays and Thursdays, my cell is 021 229 7886.

### Celebrating Student Success

#### *Senior Syndicate*

**LI: To describe a scene so the reader can see and feel the image vividly.**

Concentrating hard I grip the handle bars tightly with all my energy. Huffing and puffing, I cycle through the foggy forest.

Birds hum sweet music as they glide swiftly through the towering trees. I wonder what it's like to be a bird?

I can feel the heat on my face as the bright sun beams and glistens through the gigantic trees. The dangling leaves on the trees sway back and forth gently through the breeze.

As I travel along the bumpy path, the gravel crunches like a bag of chips. Pebbles and dust flick into the air making it hard to see. The dust starts to settle down and I finally arrive at my destination.

*Author: Eddi Kake*

Everything is silent ... except for the birds. As the birds fly around in their flocks, they split up and spread their melody around the forest. All around me, the colourful Autumn leaves glide through the air and settle gracefully down on the ground.

I ride down the steep hill going even further than anyone had gone before. Suddenly I see an enormous tree. It feels like it is the energy of the forest. I have never seen a tree as tall as this one so I called it the hanging tree. It has over hanging branches and beautiful bright orange, red, yellow leaves all over it.

Further down, I see a beautiful refreshing river. It sparkles and shimmers in the glittering sun.

*Author: Angel Doughty*

### ***Middle School***

Kia Ora whanau, welcome back to term 4, only 7 weeks to go before the xmas break.

This term middle school will be learning about transportation. We have a trip to Motat coming up in week 4. The tamariki are really excited about this trip. The information and permission slip will be out beginning of next week with all the details. Also if you haven't been into school this term, pop in when you can and look at the fabulous art work that will be going up around the school.

### ***Kura Rumaki***

The Kura Rumaki would like to extend another warm welcome to Matua Henare who will lead our Kura Rumaki Unit. Also a warm welcome to our new akonga Te Ahumairangi Moana who has joined us this term.

### **Upcoming Pukekohe North School Events:**

Thursday 25 October-Kura Rumaki Whanau Hui 5-6pm Room 9

Tuesday 30 October –Yr 3-4 Touch Tournament A&P Showgrounds

Wednesday 31 October – Yr 5-8 Touch Tournament Colin Lawrie Grounds

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**Jim Stafford-Bush**

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