



Pukekohe North School

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Tēnā koutou katoa

E nga reo e ngaa mana koutou e te whaanau o Ngaati Tamaoho, teenaa koutou katoa. Nau mai ki te wahanga tuawha o te tau, otira te wahanga whakamutunga o te kura. Ko te tumanako kua tau kee tonu te wairua o te runga rawa ki runga i a koutou katoa, pai marire.

I want to express our aroha to you all as the beginning of term 4 did not start as we hoped with our tamariki returning school. Whanau who are essential workers have sent their tamariki back to school and the students have enjoyed being back at school although amongst a Covid-19 school environment. I want to take the opportunity to thank Whaea Nicky and the teaching staff who have returned to school to ensure these students are provided with a full day of school work and activity.

Home Learning

On behalf of our staff we would like to thank you all for being “super hero educators” to your children learning from home. Without your ongoing support our tamariki would not succeed with their learning. Our teachers continue to prepare learning packs for your child/ren each week until the Ministry of Education learning packs arrive from Wellington. We would like to acknowledge Whaea Suzanne and the team from YES for delivering our learning packs to our whanau. If you have access to a learning device, teachers also upload online learning via the school's facebook page and website. Please let your child/ren’s teacher know if you require any further assistance with home learning.



COVID-19 Updates - Reopening of School

Whaea Nicky continues to ensure our school community remains safe in our school. Whaea Nicky will provide clear guidelines as we get closer to reopening the school. We look forward to our tamariki returning to school. Any updates will continue to be posted on the schools facebook page and website

The Minister of Education has indicated we may return to school on Monday 15th of November, however, more information around this will be provided as time gets closer. Until then stay safe (kia haumaruru te noho), and keep your whanau in good spirits as the reopening of school approaches for term 4. Our final day of school this year will be Friday 17th December.

[Appointment of the Commissioner](#)

Dr Shane Edwards was appointed to our school on Wednesday 13th October as the Commissioner. Shane has completed a number of staff meetings and engaged with the Senior Leadership Team over the past few weeks. A number of community meeting dates were sent out to the community for those willing to meet with Shane to share and express their thoughts and concerns. To date, we have made significant progress with developing systems and culture in our school. We look forward to an ongoing relationship with Shane and welcome him to Pukekohe North School.

[Student Achievement Data 2021](#)

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 Lockdown period, our teachers are currently completing the data analysis for the End of Term 2 this year. Once we have all the information the Commissioner will release a document explaining our data analysis for the whole school. I hope to have this information in the next newsletter.

[School Developments](#)

Staff Professional Development (PLD)

Whaea Robyn and Whaea Nicky have been given the responsibility for seeking professional development for our staff. Our Senior Leadership Team will commence our first PLD training tomorrow entitled - 'Leadership Essentials' online. We will continue to seek more PLD for all staff in the near future.

Court Hardtop Covering

We are excited to share that the contractors commenced building the hardtop covering over the asphalt court last week. While there have been delays in the commencement of this work, the contractors are progressing well and we hope to have this completed over the next 3 weeks. We are looking forward to seeing our tamariki enjoy this space and the many benefits it will provide our school.



Learning from Home and Bubble School

Room 1's inquiry this term is based on 'Kai'. This is Te Ohomauri's view on junk food advertisements on television.

Junk food should not be advertised on TV. Do you agree or disagree? Why?

I agree that junk food should not be advertised on TV. Why, because junk food can look very good to the human eye but the problem is that junk food has a lot of bad effects on your health and wellbeing, both physically and mentally. Eating junk food can create chronic diseases such as heart disease, type 2 diabetes, cancer, and early death. Children's minds are different from an adult one and children need to know that junk food is bad for them.



What are values?

Values help us determine what is important to us. Values are the motive behind our actions. Values are standards or ideals with which we evaluate actions, people, things, or situations.

Some values that really matter to me are: Loyalty, honesty, generosity, respect, safety and responsibility.

Written by Elusion

Homophones

We've been learning about homophones in spelling. One of our tasks is to make silly sentences using our words. Can you figure out what homophones are by reading these sentences?

1. The cat was wearing the missing pair of worn out shoes while eating a pear in the bathtub.
2. The dog is riding the roller coaster on its back because it's a beautiful day.
3. The cat didn't know that it was eating a bowl of cereal with no milk.

Written by Siuta



Helpful tips for whanau



With our current COVID lockdown situation it is important to look after the wellbeing of our whanau and tamariki. It can be hard to know how to feel or what to do in these very uncertain times.

The below link has helpful ideas and resources for whanau to take care of their wellbeing.

www.allright.org.nz

Ngā Manaakitanga

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