



# Pukekohe North School

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## Newsletter # 13 –Thursday 23 August 2018:

### Sport Achievements:

Our students have been involved in a lot of sport in the first half of the term and apart from returning with good win / loss records in soccer and netball, the teachers have commented about our high level of sportsmanship and behaviour.

We do have the odd student who has forgot about being Respectful or Responsible but, teachers are reporting that once reminded of our expectations (and a short spell on the side line) everything is back on track!

I love sport and I like to win but only if we go about the game by playing hard and keeping to the rules.

Our students are doing this and earning the respect of our competitors.

This makes me very proud. Well done students and thank you teachers for the time you place into the sports days.

### Cross Country:

We held our cross country on Thursday 16 August and our congratulations go to the following place getters.

<b>Year 1 Boys</b>	<b>Year 1 Girls</b>	<b>Year 2 Boys</b>	<b>Year 2 Girls</b>
Te Uru Martin	Irene Tautari	Israel Konelio	Jayjay Marshall Albert
<b>Year 3 Boys</b>	<b>Year 4 Girls</b>	<b>Year 4 Boys</b>	<b>Year 4 Girls</b>
Corneliuz Tangikau Thomas	Frances Uili	Rawhiti Kingi	Kahurangi Taaka Te Kaute
<b>Year 5 Boys</b>	<b>Year 5 Girls</b>	<b>Year 6 Boys</b>	<b>Year 6 Girls</b>
Shaydon Jenkins	Kiu Aholelei	James Aholelei	Tania Hutchins
<b>Year 7 Boys</b>	<b>Year 7 Girls</b>	<b>Year 8 Boys</b>	<b>Year 8 Girls</b>
Pontiac Taaka TeKaute	Angel Doughty	Jacob Ormsby	Arizona Withers

### Mufti-Day Fundraiser:

Thank you for supporting Nga Hau E Wha Marae last Friday where your coin donations helped raise \$70.00 for the Marae Committee to use in repairing the piping and tapware.

Schools are likewise holding fundraisers and the Pukekohe Principal's Association will be presenting a cheque to the Marae next week.

### Daffodil Day: Friday 31 August:

Next Friday we will be holding a Yellow themed Day to raise funds for the Cancer Society.

I don't think there are many whanau that have NOT been touched in some way by cancer and so as a school we would like to make a contribution to the Society to help in any way to find ways to fight this disease.

We will be having prizes for the best yellow themed costumes on Friday week.

Best Boy / Girl – Junior Middle and Senior Students.

### Our Day of Strike Action:

Our day was really well supported as teachers at Pukekohe North School caught the train to Britomart and joined our colleagues in a 10,000 strong march up Queen Street to bring light to the needs in education.

Teachers do not like striking because we are well aware of the pressure that this places on whanau. We do thank you for assisting us by keep the children home last week.

The union is back at the negotiation table this week as we fight for students and being better resourced to assist their learning and behaviour needs, attracting and retaining teachers in the workforce and seeking a pay increase for the long hours that teachers put into their work; generally around 55-60 hours per week.

### Pukekohe Board of Trustees:

We have a great Board!

Denise, Selina, Raemon and Wendy work hard to keep our school moving forward and improving. They are organising a strong curriculum and have a real focus upon building a strong Mauri and Kaupapa for the way we work and the processes we follow.

The Board meets next Wednesday 22 August from 4.00.p.m.

On the agenda are:

Information Communication Technologies

Paving the way for a Pathway for our Kura Rumaki akonga from Birth to Year 13

Organising a Whanau Hui in September

You are welcome to join us in the staffroom especially as we gear towards 2019 and BOT Elections in April.

Do you have experience and skills to benefit our tamariki as we set a Strategic Plan for 2019-2021?

### Kura Rumaki: Speech Competitions:

Our Kura Rumaki kaiako Jean and Mae ran our Speech Competition on Friday 17 August and the following akonga were chosen to represent our kura at the Franklin Te Reo Maori Speech Competitions in September.

Congratulations are extended to:

<b>Year 5-6</b>
<i>Rawiri Tate Yr 6 Te Reo Maori should be compulsory in Schools</i> <i>Tania Hutchins Yr 6 Te Reo Maori should be compulsory in Schools</i> <i>Kaea Kingi Yr 5 - Te Parakore o te taiao</i>
<b>Year 7-8</b>
<i>Afeaki Tufalo Yr 8 Te Auahi Kore - me mutu!</i> <i>Shabrynika Holmes Yr 8 Te Auahi Kore - me mutu!</i>

We would especially like to thank Nan and Tu for judging this event and providing great feedback to the speakers.

### Franklin Arts Competition:

We have been invited to put a display of our student's art work into the Franklin Arts Competition this year.

We will be placing our display along with other schools in the foyer from 1-9 September.

### Use of the Pedestrian Crossing:

We have had two notices about our students running across local roads and nearly being hit by cars recently!

We have had Constable Dan talk to our children and urge whanau to constantly remind all tamariki, especially under 7 year olds to:

**STOP**

**Look Right**

**Look Left**

**Look Right again BEFORE crossing any roads.**

### September Holidays- FREE Programme:

St John's Ambulance are organising a free holiday programme for x 30 Year 1 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

#### Senior School

*Learning Intention: use my imagination to entertain my reader*



Roller Coaster Ride

In the distance, I suddenly see a mountain like track making my stomach turn upside down, forcing me to be nervous. "Aaah!" a stranger screeched behind me in his carriage as we bolted through the traumatizing spiral tracks. Hiding away my fear, I think, why did I get on this ferocious roller coaster? What I see lies ahead is daunting. As the roller coaster speeds around the big loop, the heavy wind blasted and pulled my face backwards. My arms and shoulders start to ache because of the constant brutal attack of banging side to side.

*By Caule Withers Room 1*

#### **Mysterious Shadow**

Stealth like a ninja, I crept across the dark misty road to find the abandoned mysterious house. My neon green eyes shone in the moonlight as they darted from house to house. Suddenly I saw it. It sat against the green battered fence. The padlock.

Cautiously, I tugged at the padlock. It was ... locked. As I was trying to pinch the metal lock open, the street lights blinked on and off. I knew straight away I had to do something ... FAST! I ran swiftly like a cheetah running in a race. I hid in the dark alley way, away from the flashing street lights. I waited.

*By Sione Finau Room 1*



## Middle School

This term the middle school has been displaying great communication in the playground. They are starting to develop into solution seekers and solving their own problems. Please keep encouraging your child/dren to talk with one another to find solutions. They are identifying more positive ways of giving put ups and not put downs.

## Kura Rumaki

Congratulations to our Speech Competitions Winners



## Message from Public Health Nurse Sara White



The Measles Mumps and Rubella vaccine has had some bad press recently. You may have seen in the news that 2 children in Samoa tragically died after receiving the vaccine. This kind of news is always concerning to the people who vaccinate children. We are people who like to help others, and are usually working to protect and heal. Two nurses have since been charged over the deaths and although there is no further information about what happened, it is obvious that it was not the vaccine at fault, but more likely human error. This hard working little vaccine saves millions of children's lives across the world every year, including our own tamariki. Despite this, we still have outbreaks. We are on the tail end of a mumps outbreak at the moment. If your child has missed an MMR immunisation, be aware that they may be at risk. Prevention is so much easier than cure. Be wise, immunise. I'm at school Tuesdays and Thursdays, my cell is 021 229 7886

## Upcoming Pukekohe North School Events:

*Monday 27 August – Tennis Coaching for our Year 2-4 students at school*

*Wednesday 29 August –Franklin Cross Country Competition*

*Wednesday 29 August – BOT Meeting from 4.00.p.m. in the staffroom*

*Friday 31 August – Hautoa Assembly in the hall – 9.00-9.30.a.m.*

*Friday 31 August- Daffodil Day Fund-raiser – Yellow themed-*

*Monday 3 September – Tennis Coaching for our Year 2-4 students at school*

*Tuesday 4 September BOYS Yr 5-6 Basketball Competition*

*Wednesday 5 September GIRLS Yr 5-6 Basketball Competition*

*Friday 7 September –Year 8 Orientation at Pukekohe high School*

*Thursday 6 September –Next Newsletter due home.*

**Jim Stafford-Bush -Tumuaki**