



# Pukekohe North School

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## Newsletter # 15 –Thursday 20 September 2018:

### New Appointments at Pukekohe North School:

The BOT met on Saturday and appointed two new staff members for Pukekohe North School.

We had a strong field to choose from and are proud to announce that Sarah Poutai will commence duties as our Deputy Principal as of February 2019.

You will be aware that Sarah teaches at Pukekohe Intermediate at present setting up an Interactive Learning Environment and Digital Learning base in the Batten Team.

Sarah comes to us with expertise in Sports, Kapahaka and leadership roles in in Literacy, Mathematics and Maori Curriculum.

Sarah will teach in the Middle School from 2019.

The Board also appointed a Leader for the Kura Rumaki; Henare King.

Henare is presently a Senior Lecturer in Education (Practicum Based Learning at Te Wananga o Aotearoa)

Henare has established skills in building Maori Curriculum and developing teachers.

He is very musical and has coached Kapahaka teams to regional competition levels.

Henare, like Sarah, has a passion for Maori Education and students succeeding.

He is a fluent speaker of Te Reo Maori.

Henare will join us from Tuesday 16 October 2018 and commence his work with the Kura Rumaki throughout Term 4 and thus gains a great vantage point to launch his programming from 2019.

### Te Puna Reo o Te Puaha o Waikato Speech Competitions:

The inaugural Franklin Te Reo Maori Speech Competition took place at Nga Tai e Rua Marae in Tuakau on Tuesday evening.

Students from View Road School, Pukekohe Intermediate, Te Kura Kaupapa o Te Puaha o Waikato and Pukekohe North School took part in this first Franklin wide competition.

This was a wonderful evening and all present could see the pride and passion that the competitors placed into their speeches. We all felt that these akonga showed a bright future and strong pathway for Te Reo Maori.

We congratulate our competitors from Pukekohe North School:

Rawiri Tate –Te Reo should be compulsory in all schools. Winner Year 5-6.

The following students participated brilliantly and showed huge courage as they addressed the 100 strong audience. Our congratulations are extended to:

Tania Hutchins – Te Reo should be compulsory in all schools

Para Kore - Kaea King

Auahi Kore Shabrynika Holmes

We thank the whanau of Nga Tai e Rua Marae for being such excellent hosts. Tuahana Clark from Te Awamarahi Marae; Ella Newbold from Te Kotahitanga Marae, Director of Maori Medium Professional Development at the University of Auckland and Tamati Ngerengere from Tauranganui Marae, Kaumatua performed splendidly as our judges.

We also thank Rima Taua who presided as our Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

### Our School Hall Stage Area

Over the past weekend members of the Hope Church on Elizabeth Street in Tuakau were so generous in giving their time to paint our stage and the surrounding area. The photograph below points to where I want to go with a gradual makeover of the hall during the next 12 months.

I want visitors to our hall to know they are at Pukekohe North School.

The blue matches our school uniform and early next year I hope to place signs indicating our school expectations and LOGO on the sections of the hall facing the entrance.



It's a small start but significant in our move forward to having pride in the PNS School Brand.

I would like to thank Michael and his team of volunteers who made this initial step possible.

Can I also praise Duncan from Kennards Pukekohe who provided a scissor lift and ladders/ scaffolding to allow the painters to reach all those high spots?

Many, many thanks to Michael, Duncan and their volunteers.

### Term 3 School EXPO:

As you are probably aware, this term our akonga have been studying about Art and Artists. Over the past 2 weeks, our akonga have been producing their own "art pieces" on 400 x 400mm panels.

By Thursday 27 September, we expect to have over 220 of our tamariki's art works displayed on our school buildings.

We invite you all to visit us from 1.30.p.m. to 2.40.p.m. to wander the grounds and view our changing school environment.

### Board of Trustees Technology Plans:

Our BOT members are wishing to develop Digital Technologies at Pukekohe North School over the next 12 months (plus)

They are organising for our students to have easy access to devices.

Before making any purchases they want to survey our whanau and akonga about their ideas and requests for how you would all like to move forward.

A small survey is included with this newsletter and I would ask all families to spend 5 minutes in completing this and returning it to school by Friday 28 September.

### Kura Rumaki Whanau Hui:

Can I remind whanau that we are holding our hui tonight to seek feedback about the directions whanau would like to see the kura rumaki track towards into the future.

This hui is open to all and any whanau interested in joining us.

The hui commences at 5.30.p.m. and should conclude at 7.00.p.m.

Tamariki are welcome to attend and play games on the fields whilst the hui is underway in the hall.

### Attendance:

I have mentioned before that our students must be attending school for 90% of each term. (no more than 3-4 days absence per term)

I am pleased to write that we have 73 tamariki who in Term 3 have a 90%+ attendance rate.

Of these 73 akonga, 14 have a perfect 100% attendance rate.

We will be awarding certificates and ice blocks to these students on Thursday 27 September.

### September Holidays- FREE Programme: (Reminder)

The school holidays are now only 1 week 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.***

### Pukekohe North School Website:

We have our new website operating.

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](http://www.pukekohenorth.school.nz)

### Congratulations Basketballers:

I am so proud of our akonga and how they are representing our school on the sport field during Term 3 2018.

Last week, we had a call from a member of the public who had witnessed our students at a recent basketball competition.

Her telephone call congratulated our students amazing sportsmanship and lovely manners. Well done team.

### Message from our PHN-Sara White



Brains love active bodies. It can be hard to keep doing "exercise" like going to the gym, or for a run. It might be easier to just get a little bit more active, some days of the week. I walk my dog in the mornings and we have both grown to love it. A bit of time to myself, and a good walk for both of us. How about walking to the dairy on some days?. Grab one of the children, and then you get some special time together to chill. Each child could have a turn, and before you know it, everybody is a little bit healthier and ready to cope with life and learning. Leave a ball into your car, so when you get a few unexpected free minutes, you can throw it around and have some fun. I bet your tamariki could think up some ways to have active fun too. You might be surprised how much you end up enjoying it. Give it a go! I'm at school Tuesdays and Thursdays, my cell is 021 229 7886.

### Celebrating Student Success

#### **The calm river**

As the river flows slowly like melted butter, the rocks make it look like a small waterfall. The trees stand tall like the mountain looking high from above us. The leaves sway gently in the cool breeze and then they drop. Landing in the ripples. Suddenly everything went silent except for the babbling and bubbling sound of

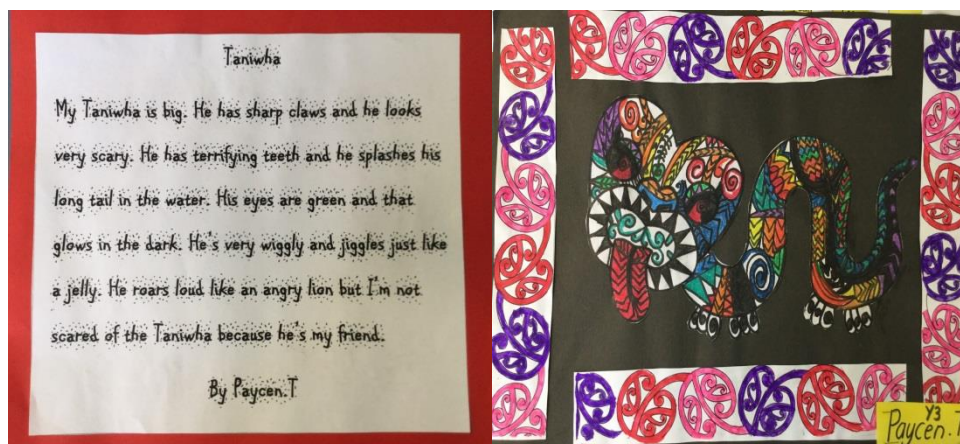
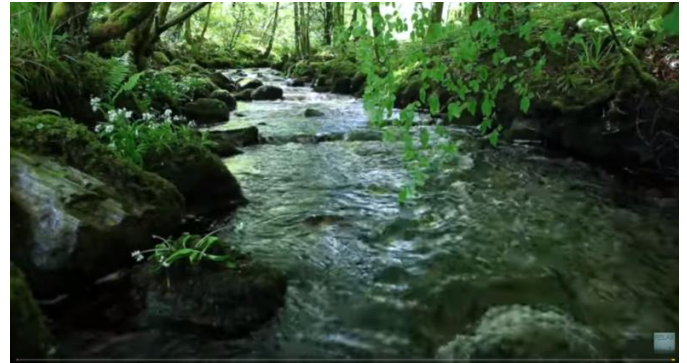
the water. I could feel the cool water on my face as I jumped in. It felt refreshing. My skin felt shiny and silky as I sat amongst the boulders. This is paradise.

Author: Roman Edwards

### The River

As the splashing sound of water echoes through the forest, the cool, sparkly, clear water trickles in between my toes. The tree leaves glide gently overhead, while the wind blows softly through my hair. The serene landscape makes my heart skip a beat. The tall enormous trees surrounding the river, makes the scenery even more beautiful. Huge, mossy rocks block the calm water from flowing downstream. Little bubbles appear as the waves smash into the boulders. On the riverbank, vibrant flowers blossom slowly as the sun rises.

Author: Shylarae Pomare



### Upcoming Pukekohe North School Events:

*Monday 24 September - Vodafone Events centre-6.00-8.30.p.m. Invitation to Korero Maori re Ka Hikitia.*

*Wednesday 26 September –BOT Meeting -4.00-6.00.p.m.*

*Thursday 27 September –Art EXPO 1.30-2.40.p.m.*

*Friday 28 September –School Assembly 9.00-9.30.a.m.*

*Friday 28 September – School closes at 2.40.p.m. for Term 3 2018*

*Monday 8 October – St Johns FREE Holiday Programme for Yr 1-6 students*

*Monday 15 October – Term 4 Commences at 8.50.a.m.*

*Term 4 Inquiry into Transportation commences*

*Thursday 18 October – National Earthquake Drill at 9.30.a.m.*

*Monday 22 October – Labour Day – School Closed.*

*Wednesday 24 October – BOT Meeting 4.00-6.00.p.m.*

*Wednesday 24 October – Orienteering for Rooms 1,4 and 6.*

*Thursday 25 October – Next Newsletter due*

**Jim Stafford-Bush**

**Tumuaki**