



Pukekohe North School Newsletter

“Setting our akonga on the path of lifelong learning”

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Kia Ora Whaanau,

Term 2 is here already and we have a busy Winter Term.

As the weather becomes colder and wetter, it is always a chore to get out of bed and leave for work or school.

Attendance is a real focus for the coalition Government and our Board.

We have improved our attendance rate from Term 4 2023 and are presently sitting at 79.4% overall attendance for Term 1 2024.

Our best attendees are in Room 14 that averages 88% attendance.

We also had 68 tamariki attending between 95-99%

We also had 55 aakonga who attended between 90-94% attendance.

We concluded Term 1 with 18 aakonga with 100% attendees.

These tamariki did not have a single day away from school in Term 1

Well done to these amazing tamariki:

Aston -Rm 14, Gemini - Rm 6, Claudia Rm 5, Alizayah-Rose Rm 4, Cyprus - Rm 12, Inivesite Rm 4, Phoenix Rm 2, Genesis Rm 17, Lennox- Rm 2, Oriwa- Rm 15, Terina- Rm 10, Mike- Rm 12, Jacob-Rm 3, Juice- Rm 16, Amaia- Rm 16, Aretha-Rm 3, Haydees-Rm 5, Olivia-Rm 5,

I wish to remind whaanau that we have free shoes, and rain jackets for the tamariki at school as well as toast, weetbix and hot milo available in the hall daily.

Should a tamariki require wet weather clothing, they need only talk to their teacher or Whaea Sarah or Nganeko in the office.

Sometimes we need to order in different size and this can take a week or more, but our staff will be happy to assist.

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WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL

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| <u>Kura Ruumaki</u> | Jose Kotuhi Mairangi Waerea Kereama Te Kawa |
| <u>Juniors - Year 0-2</u> | Manea Kaua-Patterson Bonnie Tout Lulu De Thierry Avyann Kumar Niive loane |
| <u>Middles Year 3-4</u> | Travis Zhou Kaenan Herrick |
| <u>Year 5-6</u> | Israel Herrick |
| <u>Year 7-8</u> | |

STAFFING

Just to reiterate from my newsletters during Term 1 2024, our school is growing and we have employed x 7 new staff who have all joined us in 2024.

These new staff are teaching and leading as follows:

| Staff Member | Role | Room |
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| Tina Matthews | Deputy Principal | Senior Leaders Offices (by the carpark) |
| Natasha Myburg | Junior School Leader Teacher Year 1-2 | Room 11 |
| Lorijane Espanol | Teacher Year 7 | Room 2 |
| Mele Pepa | Teacher Year 1 | Room 14 |
| Terri-Anne Roberts | Kaiako -Year 1-2 | Room 16 |
| Trishna Parbhu | Teacher - Reception Class | Room 18 (Library Meeting Room) |
| Yvette Rawle | Teacher - Year 3-4 | Room 19 (Hope House by the hall) |

PROPERTY DEVELOPMENTS

The Board is working hard to improve our school buildings. During the holidays, we had a number of workmen on site connecting alarms and public address systems as well as refurbishing and creating new office spaces as well as refurbishing a hall toilet.

Of prime importance is our new Senior Leader's Offices that should be completed by the time we publish our next newsletter.

HD Property Group Limited has removed the kitchen and toilet area of Whaea Nicky Twiss's Special needs Office and created a new space to house our Deputy Principal, Tina Matthews.

Whaea Tina's new office will be located next to Room 7/ Resource Room with a new entranceway next to the carpark.

An internal doorway joins her office to Whaea Nicky's existing space.

Whaea Nicky has a new entrance way to her office from under the Whare Tapa Wha.

New joinery brings light into the offices as well as extra storage space, carpeting and an interior paint.

Once completed, HD Property Group Ltd will begin refurbishing the old dental clinic (Whaea Mandie Hildreth's Office) into three spaces. The new office space will provide for our Social Worker in Schools Luke Molloy, Learning Support Coordinator Kirstie Lovell and Resource Teacher of Literacy Mandie Hildreth.



FAREWELL TO WHAEA HEMOATA

On our last day of Term 1, the school and some of our school Board members were present at our farewell for Whaea Hemoata.

Farewell as I stated in our last newsletter is incorrect.

Hemoata is taking the first two weeks of term off and returns to support Whaea Toni who will be teaching Room 8. Whaea Hemoata will also be at school 3 days per week providing a day's relief for our Kura Ruumaki Leaders Whaea Piki and Whaea Atarangi.

Whaea Hemoata was presented with a korowai cloak and a hat and earrings.

We all know about Hemoata's love of jewellery and fashion.

WAY FOR THE DAY

As of the first day of Term 2- Monday 29 April, the coalition Government has brought in a rule that cellphones are banned within the school day.

Should our tamariki NEED to bring a cellphone to school for after school communications with whaanau, they will need to hand the phone in at the school office for the day and retrieve it at home time.

If there is a need for the phone to be made available for the day for urgent communication, health or learning needs, can I ask whaanau to organise this with Whaea Tina, Whaea Nicky or myself.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

On the first day of the school holidays, Pukekohe North School combined with the staff from the Puna Reo to receive training about procedures during a Lockdown Alarm at either organisation. Due to the close proximity of our learning premises, Whaea Jan Albert and I worked together to train the staff.

If Whaea Jan notices anything that might bring danger to her tamariki and staff she places the Puna Reo into Lockdown and notifies the school and vice-versa.

Matua Q Swanson from HardTarget was our tutor for the day.

Q comes from a Police background and years of martial arts training.



TERM 2 INQUIRY

Our Term 2 Inquiry is Reduce, Reuse, Recycle where our aakonga learn about the need to reduce the wastage we place into our Landfills by reusing and recycling materials.

This will lead to a Wearable Arts Show in early Term 3.

As a school we hope to reduce our waste, this includes left overs from our Breakfast Club and Free and Healthy Lunches



LOOKING AHEAD TO TERM 2

Week 1

29 April -3 May

- *Monday 29 April= Term 2 commences at 8.50.a.m.
- *Tuesday 30 April = Year 5-8 Coaching of Basketball underway
- *Thursday 2 May = Next Newsletter due
- *Friday 3 May = Kapa Kaka Training 11.30.a.m. -12.50.p.m.

Week 2

6 -10 May

- *Monday 6 May =Fruit in Schools Programme recommences
- *Tuesday 7 May =Yr 5-6 Basketball Training
- *Wednesday 8 May = Year 7-8 Technology at PIS - 9.30.a.m.- 12.30.p.m.
- *Wednesday 8 May = Murray Saunders from Pukekohe High School to visit Year 8's -2.00-2.30.p.m
- *Friday 10 May - Achievement Assembly -9.00-9.30.a.m. in the hall
- *Friday 10 May Kapa Haka training - 11.30-12.50.p.m.

Week 3

13-17 May

- *Monday 13 May - Years 5-8 Blake Virtual Classroom Visits
- *Tuesday 14 May =Yr 5-6 Basketball Training
- *Tuesday 14 May - Little School to Big School Event for Room 18
- *Tuesday 14 May = Year 5-6 Football Competition
- *Wednesday 15 May = Board Meeting - 6.00-8.00.p.m.
- *Thursday 16 May =Next Newsletter due
- *Thursday 16 May = Year 7-8 Football Competition
- *Friday 17 May = Achievement Assembly -Rooms 11-12-14-18 host
- *Friday 17 May Kapa Haka training - 11.30-12.50.p.m.

Week 4

20-24 May

- *Monday 20 May - Road Safety Week
- *Tuesday 21 May =Yr 5-6 Basketball Training
- *Wednesday 8 May = Year 7-8 Technology at PIS - 9.30.a.m.- 12.30.p.m.
- *Wednesday 8 May = Year 3-4 Football Competition
- *Friday 24 May Kapa Haka training - 11.30-12.50.p.m.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Thursday 2 May
Tufa Room 3 = 9.00 Years
Kiriwai Room 15 = 6.00 Years
Saturday 4 May
Aliana Room 17 = 9.00 Years
Legend Room 1 = 12.00 Years
Monday 6 May
Te Manawa-Anahera- Room 16 = 7.00
Years
Nadiyah Room 4 = 9.00 years
Tuesday 7 May
Kaitlin- Room 5 = 11.00 Years
Wednesday 8 May
Denzell Room 1 = 12.00 Years

Friday 10 May
Faifili -Room 2 = 12.00 Years
Saturday 11 May
Peno -Room 5 = 9.00 Years
Samisoni -Room 11 6.00 years
Sunday 12 May
Kauri - Room 10 = 10.00 Years
Wednesday 15 May
Alizayah-Rose- Room 4 = 11.00 Years
Friday 17 May
Christina- Room 1= 12.00 Years