



### SENIOR PRIZE GIVING

On November 2 our senior prize giving was held in the Pukekohe Indian Association Events Centre. Here we recognised the achievements of our top students in academic, cultural, social, sports and leadership endeavours. Congratulations to all students who were recognised at prize giving and congratulations to our top achievers:

**Finn O’Keeffe**, our top academic student and Dux for 2017; **Rachael Purchase**, Proxime Accessit; **Charlotte Colyer**, top in Year 12; **Eleanor Cato**, top all-round student in Year 12; and **Joanna Coleman-Chaiman**, top student in Year 11.

**Finn O’Keeffe** has achieved an outstanding academic record at this school. **Finn** received the Dux medal, the Bradleigh Benton Cup for first in Year 13 Physics, Helen Aspinall Cup for first equal in Year 13 Calculus and Pukekohe High School Digital Technology Cup for first in Year 13 Computer Studies.

**Rachael Purchase** received the Gemma Anderson Cup for Proxime Accessit, runner-up to Dux. **Rachael** received Excellence in Level 3 Biology, Drama, English, Food and Nutrition and History.

**Rose Lay** received the Science Faculty Cup for first in Year 13 Chemistry, Allen Cup and Holcim Award for top Year 13 Science student, the A I McGregor Cup for Ambition and Determination, and the New Zealand Steel Scholarship.

**Charlotte Colyer** top Year 12 academic student was awarded the Bun Barnaby Trophy for outstanding academic achievement. **Charlotte** was first in Level 2 Physics and first equal in Level 2 Economics. **Eleanor Cato** received the C A Neate Trophy for top all-round Year 12 student. **Eleanor** was first in Level 2 Te Reo Māori. **Jarod Wilson**, **Yeonjin (Amanda) Lee**, **Yahui (Sophia) Chen** achieved academic excellence at Year 12.

**Joanna Coleman-Chaiman** received the Dr Paul Hutchison Cup for academic excellence at Year 11. **Olivia Martin**, **Emma Walters** and **Kaitlin Curtis** were recognised for academic excellence at Year 11.

Our top sports awards went to **Ellenna Caudwell** and **Adam Brash** as sportswoman and sportsman of the year respectively.

Photos from top: **Finn O’Keeffe** Dux with **Mr Bayly** MP for Hunua. centre: **Rachael Purchase** Proxime Accessit runner-up to Dux. bottom from left: **Ellenna Caudwell** and **Adam Brash** top sportswoman and top sportsman.



### JUNIOR PRIZEGIVINGS

The Year 9 and Year 10 Junior prize giving is where we will be recognising our top achievers in each of those year groups.

**Year 9 will be held on Wednesday 13 December at 12:30 pm, school hall.**

**Year 10 will be held on Thursday 14 December at 9:30 am, school hall.**

Parents and families are invited to join us at these ceremonies.

At the conclusion of Year 10 prize giving the school will closed for 2017.

### MĀORI ACHIEVEMENT CELEBRATIONS

Tuesday 5 December commencing at 5:30 pm in the school hall. This is an evening where we acknowledge the successes of our Māori students.

### YEAR 13 GRADUATION

Wednesday December 13 in the Pukekohe Indian Association Event Centre at 7.00 pm. Year 13 students who meet the graduation requirement of at least 80 per cent attendance will be entitled to attend and be recognised as a graduate of the school.

### TEACHER ONLY DAY Monday 20 November - school closed

The focus for 20 November will be on curriculum planning and assessment, particularly related to e-learning.

### Year 9 'Step-Up to Year 10' Programme

As our academic year draws to a close, it is appropriate that we begin to transition Year 9 students for the challenge that awaits them in Year 10. This year we have a programme designed to support Year 9 transition during week 7, 27 November - 1 December, called "Step-Up to Year 10." A letter to all Year 9 parents and caregivers with further detail is being sent home.



## E-LEARNING 2018

We had a great turn-out for our e-Learning Information Night last week. Thank you for your support!

For anyone who couldn't make that occasion please find all information about e-Learning 2018 on our website [www.pukekohehigh.school.nz](http://www.pukekohehigh.school.nz).

All students will require a digital device to do their work in 2018. Recommendations for BYOD and answers to frequently asked questions are included on our website.

## STAGE BAND TAIWAN TOUR

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The Pukekohe High School stage band has over several years held the reputation of being one of the best high school stage bands in the country. Under the directorship of Mr Niels Leffelaar, the band has achieved an outstanding record of success. In just the last five years the band has consistently been the stand-out performer at the prestigious KBB Auckland Music Festival winning four gold and one silver award along with "The Best Band of the Festival" award on three occasions.



A similar record has been achieved at the Manawatu and Tauranga Jazz Festivals, also held each year. At these, a range of awards have been won including three gold awards at Tauranga and several awards to individual musicians.

The band's reputation is also known overseas as they have regularly performed to welcome overseas student groups and other visitors to our school.

In the last two weeks of the school year, 18 members of the band will travel to Taiwan. During this time they will perform at eight junior and senior high schools as well as participating in music workshops with Taiwanese students. Through these workshops they will have the opportunity to learn to play traditional Chinese instruments as well as preparing for combined concerts with our host schools. The group will also be conveying messages about school life in New Zealand and work to strengthen the good ties that exist between our two countries. Taiwanese schools regard New Zealand as a popular destination and a favoured location to send their students on study tours.

The tour will commence in Taipei with travel to schools in Changhua County and the cities of Tainan, Chai-ye, then returning for final performances in Taipei. The group departs for Taiwan on Monday 27 November and returns on Tuesday 12 December.

## PUKEKOHE HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM

We are in week 4 of term 4 and all students are expected to be in correct school uniform.

It is not acceptable that students wear a mufti item for the remainder of the year, they should be in correct school uniform. Hoodies, sports shorts and shoes that aren't black are not part of our school uniform.

Please help us to ensure that your student is in the correct uniform.

We do have an optional senior uniform and students can opt to wear it from term 3 in their Year 11 year.

**Year 10 students are to NOT wear this uniform.**

Here is the link to our uniform information:

<http://pukekohehigh.ultranet.school.nz/WebSpace/1558/>

**UNIFORM GROUP** manage and supply the Pukekohe High School onsite uniform shop.

Your uniform can be purchased online from <http://psh.uniformgroup.co.nz> or from the onsite school uniform shop. Shop opening hours, uniform prices and uniform regulations are all published on the Uniform Group website.

## INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS IN YEAR 11, 12 or 13

### DERIVED GRADE

Students who are not able to sit an exam because of unexpected illness or injury or bereavement, collect a derived grade application form from Mrs Berry at the main reception. The application must be left with Mrs Berry before 4pm on Friday, 8 December. A doctor's certificate must be completed on the application form if the student is sick or injured.

### CLEARANCE DAY – Friday 1 December

All Year 11 and 12 students who are returning in 2018 must be at school for a brief assembly in the hall at **9:30 am on Friday, 1 December** to complete their clearance.

Any Year 11 or 12 student who is leaving, plus all Year 13s, must be at school for their assembly at **10am on Friday, 1 December** to complete their leaving procedures.

Year 11 and 12 students must bring a written and signed note from a parent if they are leaving.

This is the time to return all borrowed equipment, uniform or books and pick up your end of year report and school magazine.

Students may wear mufti clothing and should be finished within 60 – 90 minutes.

## Feedback

The school would appreciate feedback from parents, guardians and students on items in this newsletter or on other school issues that you wish to raise. Send your comments to [feedback@pukekohehigh.school.nz](mailto:feedback@pukekohehigh.school.nz)