

The Kohe Leaf



# NEWSLETTER

EDITION 2

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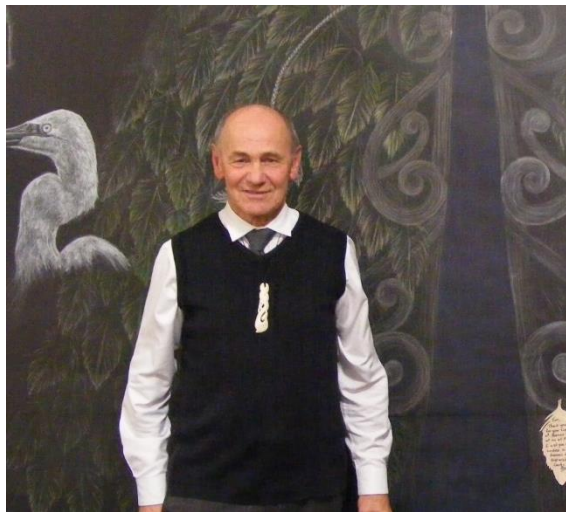
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JUNE TERM 2

Welcome to the last newsletter of term 2, a term which has been filled with exciting successes and achievements across a huge range of curriculum and co-curricula activities and events across our school community. We have enjoyed much success at a local, national and international level and it is a significant testament to the huge efforts and passion for representing Pukekohe High School, which is so evident from our students, teachers and support staff. We look forward to more success next term and beyond as we move through the 2018 academic year. See you next term!

## CURRICULUM UPDATE AND NCEA REVIEW PROCESS



### Curriculum Update from Principal Ian McKinnon

Education in New Zealand is in an exciting time of review. #EdConvo18 has been generating nationwide discussion about approaches to education, which give every New Zealander the freedom and opportunity to be the best they can be.

Similarly, we are having the conversations here at Pukekohe High School. We are ensuring that our staff are attending innovation conferences across the country to feed into our on-going review of curriculum. Watch this space for consultation opportunities and updates on the direction in which learning at Pukekohe High School is headed.

Included in this review is the manner in which student achievement is assessed.

A review of NCEA is already underway and some suggested modifications have already been significant. Titled the "six big opportunities" proposals for change include reducing NCEA Level 1 from 80 credits to 40, involving just internally-assessed literacy and numeracy tests and a project chosen by each student. The other NCEA levels 2 and 3 would also be drastically reformed, with 20 out of the 80 credits required for each year coming from a "pathway" course such as a trades course, a research project or a "community action project".

Information about the NCEA review is being made available by the Ministry of Education through the following website:

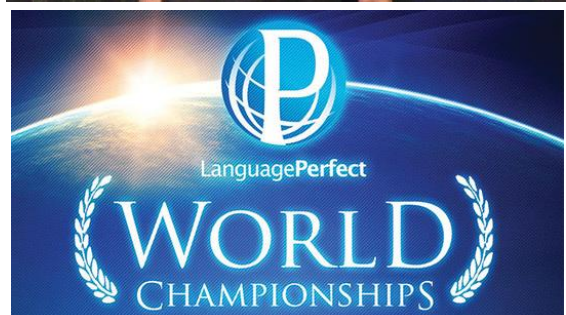
<https://conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/ncea-have-your-say/>

The site also contains an on-line survey through which parents and students are able to have their input.

Last year the government brought an end to national standards, which have been used to inform student achievement from years one to eight. What will replace national standards is the task of a ministerial advisory group. The group will report on "new measures of student progress and achievement across Years 1 to 10 - two years beyond the old National Standards."

Information about this review, and the opportunity to provide feedback to the group by way of a survey can be found at

<https://conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/curriculum-progress-and-achievement>



### PHS STUDENTS RETAIN THE LANGUAGE WORLD TITLE

Pukekohe High School students brilliantly retained the world title in the Language Perfect World Championships. The ten-day competition involved students with a high level of spelling abilities working around the clock within the category of Te reo Maori, and our student team eventually came out on top, ahead of Mission Heights Junior College. This is a big accolade for our students and our school community, so a massive congratulations to all of those students and staff who took part. We look forward to the continued success of our world champs and are excited about their chances of retaining the title again in 2019.



## PHS 2018 STUDENT PROFILES

In this section, we will profile one of our many student leaders, finding out their many inspirations, their talents and their place within our school. We ask them 5 questions. In this edition, we have one of our head students.....**SHEY EVA.**

**Q1. What was your dream job growing up?**

I had a few; when I was very young I was fascinated about being a zoo keeper, but as I grew up I then wanted to be a firefighter or a police officer.

**Q2. PE or SCIENCE? P.E.**

**Q3. What would you most like to be remembered for at PHS?** Someone who always abided and lived by the school motto, 'Honour, Right, Duty' and was able to inspire and motivate others to do the same.

**Q4. What was your first impression when you arrived at PHS?** The school looked massive and felt like I needed to grow up quick, but now, after five years, it doesn't feel massive at all.

**Q5. What do you see yourself doing in the year 2050?** Not sure, but hopefully with a job I love which interacts with the community.

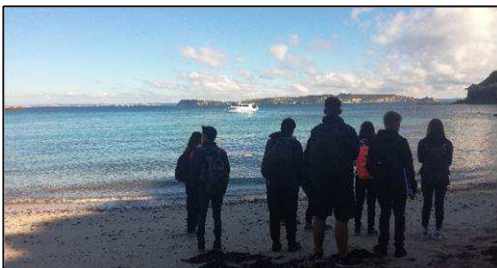


Online, real-time student Attitude to Learning grades are continually available on the parent portal to view, and show grades for April and May. These can be viewed by logging in with parent email addresses. You can access the MUSAC EDGE parent portal by clicking on the link <https://parent.musac.school.nz/>.

You can also see attendance data and financial history. A survey seeking your feedback about online reporting can also be found on this link.

## PHS EXPERIENCES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

### ART STUDENTS AT ONE WITH NATURE ON GULF ISLAND TRIP



Approximately 60 students headed off to the small conservation project on Tiritiri Matangi island in the Hauraki Gulf to experience life as it was on the mainland of New Zealand 500 years ago. The year 11 Art students went there as part of their course, studying the rich biodiversity and huge abundance of introduced fauna and flora. The students were led by guides through the bush, and had the opportunity to view rare and endangered birds such as the Saddleback, Kokako, Takahe, Stitchbird, Bellbird and Whiteheads. Students will now create prints in response to what they experienced on the island and will aim to sell the prints in the island shop, with all proceeds going to the huge conservation effort already in place on Tiritiri Matangi island. For more info on the work of the volunteers, please visit the island website <http://www.tiritirimatangi.org.nz/>

The Pukekohe High School Open Day is fast approaching, with the date set for Saturday 4 August 2018. The community will have the opportunity to come and explore a range of faculty areas and departments with tours, student workshops, demonstrations and activities to get involved with. The event will also feature our very first International Day with lots of cultural performances from different groups in the school and community.



**CAREERS COACH COMES TO PHS** The Franklin Local Board provided for the Careers Coach to visit Pukekohe High School earlier this term. The coach contained 26 interactive kiosks with videos on potential careers and information on the training required, categorised by vocational pathways.

Hundreds of junior and senior students flowed through the coach and explored the interactive kiosks. It was a hugely successful initiative and great work from the Careers and Development Department who set up the coach coming to our school, as well as our local Franklin Board who provided the funding.





## EXCITING NEW CALEDONIA TRIP CINEMA FUNDRAISER



**JURASSIC WORLD  
NEW CALEDONIA  
FUNDRAISER  
FRENCH DEPT.**

Date: Sunday 1st July 3.15pm  
Ticket Costs \$20 Per person  
(Includes Raffle entry)  
Pukekohe cinema 3.  
87 Edinburgh street Pukekohe

Tickets available from French students,  
Mr Courteaud and Ms Boyes

Come along and support our French students heading to New Caledonia later in the year. There is a fundraiser at Pukekohe Cinema 7 on 1 July where Jurassic World will be screened. Please see the French department, Mr Courteaud or Ms Boyes for tickets. Tickets can be purchased for \$20 and includes entry into a raffle.



### TOP SPORTING ACCOLADES

On Friday 8 June, Pukekohe High School students Shilo Whareaitu and Cohen Brady-Leathem were selected to attend the ASB Young Rugby Leaders experience held at Eden Park in Auckland. Both Shilo and Cohen were selected for their previous and current services to rugby and constant success within and outside of the game of rugby. They also had their photo taken with All Black Kieran Reid.

## OTHER WIDER SCHOOL NEWS

### DEALING WITH STRESS

A Guidance Dept. Program

In term two, the Guidance Department have been running a small group programme called “**Dealing with Distress**”. If you have any questions or queries please contact Sita Bakker – HOD Guidance Department – on ext 215

### SCIENCE FAIR TAKES CENTRE STAGE

The annual Pukekohe High School Science Fair, which also hosted competitors from the Intermediate School, arrived in our school hall earlier this term with a variety of inventions, experiments, gadgets and gizmos for the scientists and creatives to mull over and play with. The awards evening that took place last Wednesday evening celebrated and awarded prizes to the most creative boards, as voted by the collection of industry and tertiary experts who were drafted in to judge. Most agreed that there was an impressive amount of talent and ability on show and that the future of scientific thinking, engineering and creativity is in good hands in the future if this cohort of young and talented people was anything to go by. Congratulations to all of the award winners and to all of those students who took part.



### UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Y10 MARKET DAY – 22- & 26 JUNE

‘JAMMIES IN JUNE’ – UNTIL THE END OF JUNE

SENIOR ART FOLIO SHOW – WED 4 JULY

END OF TERM – FRI 6 JULY

START OF TERM 3 – MON 23 JULY

OPEN DAY – SAT 4 AUGUST

INTERNATIONAL DAY – SAT 4 AUGUST

YEAR 8 ENROLMENT – WEEK 3 TERM 3



# PHS STUDENTS TAKE ON THE WORLD IN POOL CHAMPS



Six Pukekohe pool players, who are all junior team members of Masse, will be representing New Zealand at the VNEA World Championships in Sioux City, Nebraska, USA later this month. Siblings Rachael Harwood (12), Geffrina Harwood (18), Luxman Jeram (15) and Zabain Jeram (13), along with brothers 20 year old Te Ahu Phillips and 17 year old Jarrell Phillips, are part of the 15-strong team who will be travelling to the World Champs from 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> June. We wish our students the very best of luck during the championships and hope they can bring back the top prize. For more on this story, please follow the link <https://www.thepost.nz/articles/young-pukekohians-take-on-the-world/>

**EX-PHS STUDENT TAKES ON THE WORLD** The Franklin Schools' Careers Expo took place on Thursday evening at the Pukekohe Indian Association Hall. Over 65 tertiary providers and businesses were there to give advice and guidance on exploring further study, apprenticeships, training options and work opportunities. It was a fantastic opportunity for the young people from our community to network with a huge variety of people, and to make significant connections that could possibly lead to further education or employment across a huge and diverse range of sectors.

**Franklin Schools' Career Expo**

Over 65 tertiary providers and local businesses

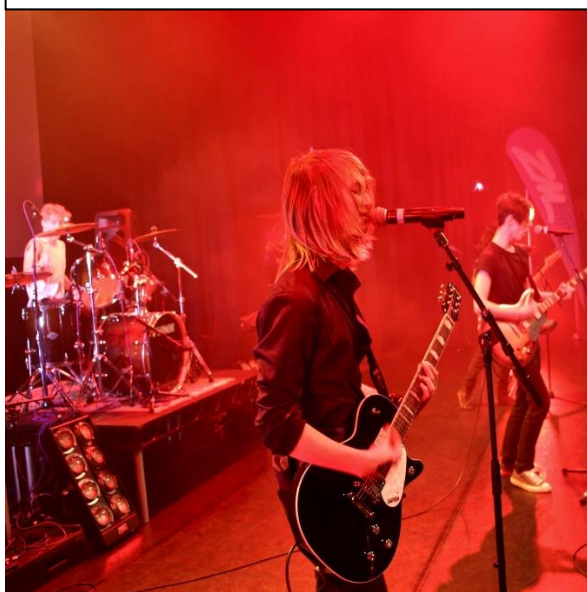
- ✓ Explore further study
- ✓ Training options
- ✓ Apprenticeships
- ✓ Work opportunities

A Community Event All Welcome

Find us on facebook.

Pukekohe Indian Association  
Thursday 21 June  
5:30pm-8:00pm

## 'DON'T EAT THE PEOPLE' THROUGH TO FINALS AT NZ ROCKQUEST



Pukekohe High School band, brilliantly self titled, 'Don't Eat the People' performed at the Manukau regional finals of the annual music competition 'Smoke-free Rock Quest' last weekend. Jack Wright, Jaymee Mayne, Jordyn Galvin and Eric Nielsen finished third overall and will now move onto the next stage, which involves them making a music video, as well as performing to a large audience. A big congratulations to all of the other bands who competed at the competition, as well as the bands who fought for stardom at the recent Pasifika Beats music competition.

## ART STUDENTS GO VIVID IN SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA



26 senior art students embarked on their first overseas art trip to experience the annual VIVID SYDNEY Light, Music and Ideas Festival. The three day trip involved students being totally immersed in well over 200 light artworks, galleries and installations across the city, from the Opera House, Harbour Bridge and Botanical Gardens projections, to the light, music and firework performance in Darling Harbour. For more photos and videos from the trip, please visit our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.263325144410358.1073741832.19>

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