



Welcome to the first newsletter of Term 3, 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 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!

DAWN OF A NEW ERA BEGINS FOR OUR NEW PRINCIPAL



TAONGA FROM BURNSIDE HIGH SCHOOL PLANTED

A planting ceremony for the Taonga of a tii koouka (cabbage tree) was gifted from Burnside High School to mark the beginning of the journey for our new school principal Mr Richard Barnett.



PHS STUDENTS PROVIDE GREAT SOLUTION FOR LUNCHTIMES

Pukekohe High School students may have a solution for every parent's morning school lunch rush. **The Food Dudes NZ** is a business created by five enterprising 17 year olds to create customised lunches for primary school students. For \$7 parents can go online and choose a main item, a piece of baking, one snack and a seasonal fruit which will be delivered to their child's school. The idea won the students second place at the **iDEAStarter competition** and put them in the running for the Young Enterprise Scheme competition.

In this edition, we welcome new principal Mr Richard Barnett to our school and find out a little bit more about how his first term has been going in his new role.

How have you enjoyed your first few weeks as principal of Pukekohe High School? I am greatly enjoying my new role at Pukekohe High School! Being Principal can seem daunting at times as this is a large and complex school. However, the welcome from the whole PHS community has been amazing and I have really enjoyed meeting students, staff and parents. The poowhiri and assemblies on my first day were humbling occasions and the memory of that day will remain with me throughout my time at this school. One of my strongest impressions so far is of the huge range of activities that take place in this school, both in and out of the classroom. Wairua Week, which was led by senior students, is a case in point. There is so much talent and potential here among our students and the future for our school is a very bright one indeed.

What have been your first impressions of living within the Franklin region? Living in Pukekohe is important for me because over time I do want to become a genuine part of this community, and being a link between the school and the surrounding area is vital. Franklin is growing fast but this area still has its own identity and long may that remain. With my family I'm enjoying starting to explore this region - discovering new walks with our elderly cocker spaniel has been a real pleasure. In comparison to Canterbury, it does rain a lot here.

What are some of the challenges you have faced so far? The main challenges are getting to know people and finding enough hours in the day to do all that I want to. The key lies in building relationships with staff, students and parents, so that, together, we can make changes where they are needed and move the school forwards.

What do you hope your impact will be in this new role? I want Pukekohe High School to be seen as the school of choice for this community. We need to ensure that our values are strong and that this school genuinely is a 'positive place of learning'. When students come to school they need to feel physically and emotionally safe and ready to engage in learning. As a school - students and staff - we need to have consistently high expectations of what we can achieve together. Over the next few years the likelihood is that the school will continue to grow - we have already been promised six new classrooms for the start of 2020 and the work to refurbish the Massey Block that is starting soon is an exciting development. So the future of our school is a positive one.

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...**Eleanor Cato.**

Q1. What was your dream job growing up?

Growing up, I had two dream jobs. One of my dream jobs growing up was to become a CEO and the other was to become a vet.

Q2. PE or SCIENCE? Science.

Q3. What would you most like to be remembered for at PHS? I would most like to be remembered for being a part of the building blocks that make this school better and better every year.

Q4. What was your first impression when you arrived at PHS? When arrived to PHS, I thought it was big and scary but I realised this was an opportunity for me to strive to be successful and take all the chances that PHS has to offer.

Q5. What do you see yourself doing in the year 2050? In 2050 I see myself, hopefully, working in a well-known law firm overseas and travelling the world with my family.



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ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

BOOK NOW FOR APPOINTMENTS

We are pleased to invite you to our next Academic Conference to be held on Thursday 13 September and Friday 14 September 2018. The Term 3 conferences are an opportunity for students to share their learning journey, review goals discussed in Term 1, plan clear next steps for learning and confirm course selections ready for 2019.

To confirm your attendance at this Academic Conference, you can make an appointment with the vertical form teacher by going to the following website:

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Click on the "Make A Booking" link at the top of the page, enter the generic code below, and then follow the prompts:

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PHS EXPERIENCES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

DUKE OF ED STUDENTS TO START NEW ADVENTURE



Over the last few Sundays, the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh students have been completing their training in preparation for the Adventurous Journey. This included map reading, cooking and of course tent building. They will be undergoing their practice tramp in September, in the Hunua. Followed by their qualifying in November. We wish them luck on their adventures.

FANTASTIC SUCCESS FOR OUR GIRLS



Eight of the Pukekohe girls' XV rugby players were selected to play from all the local high schools in the area (Tuakau, Wesley, Waiuku etc) to play for a 'Country' team. They played 3 games; the first was a loss, second a win, so it hinged on the last game at the stadium ground in Pukekohe. They played 'City' which was a combination of girls from schools throughout Auckland.

Country won and took the trophy 29 - 24, winning the series.

To have eight girls involved was a brilliant experience for them, and we're very honoured to have that many of our girls playing from a variety of schools in the area.



GIRLS NETBALL SUCCESS The Counties Manukau Secondary Schools Netball finals were played earlier this week. Pukekohe High School's Prem's narrowly defeated a strong opposition - ACG Strathallan 20-16. Congratulations Tangi for leading by example. An amazing result from our hugely talented girls. Well done to everyone involved in bringing this accolade back to our school.

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SPORTS EXCHANGE

VS PAPATOETOE HIGH SCHOOL
TUESDAY 28TH AUGUST AT PHS

VICTORY IN THE EXCHANGE

Victory was achieved in the recent sports exchange against Papatoetoe High School. 12 victories and 1 defeat ensured the title returned home. Well done to all of the players, coaches, managers and supporters for their achievements.

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2019 COURSE SELECTION INFO EVENING

THURS 6TH SEPT 4-6PM SCHOOL HALL

Come and talk to subject specialists about the course selections you are making for 2019.



PUKEKOHE HIGH SCHOOL

2019 COURSE SELECTION

2019 Course Selections are open

New courses for 2019 include:

- Dance- university approved pathway
- More Te Reo- university approved pathway
- Toi Whakaari (Maaori Performing Arts)- university approved pathway

Students can find information about courses and make selections by logging into their EDGE student portal <https://student.musac.school.nz/>
Deadline for Selections 14th September 2018

For more information visit www.pukekohehigh.school.nz



The annual **Arts Awards** 2018 is scheduled for the last week of term on Weds 26th September from 7 till 8.30pm. We look forward to celebrating the achievements of our top arts students from this year, as well as enjoying performances and artworks throughout the night.

OUR KAPA HAKA PERFORM AT KING'S CORONATION



Please check out the performance on our FB page from members of our school kapa haka group who performed at the Kiingitanga recently which commemorated the King's coronation. Our students were part of a collection of students from the Franklin district who performed at this prestigious event. We are immensely proud of everyone who took part and supported our students. Our students were part of the second group to perform during the ceremony.

COURSE SELECTIONS for 2019 are open. Students are encouraged to consider strengths and interests through the Designing My Future booklet in Vertical Form, before making choices. For course selection, please follow the instructions above. All students, parents and whaanau are invited to attend our Subject Information evening on Thursday 6 September 2018, any time between 4-6pm in the school hall. This will be an opportunity for students to speak with subject specialists before completing their selections for 2019.

All selections are due by 14 September 2018 (Academic Conferences).

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR


- SPORTS TOURNAMENT WEEK** – Mon 3rd Sept – 7th Sept
- TONGAN LANGUAGE WEEK** – Sunday 2nd Sept -8th Sept.
- COURSE SELECTION INFO NIGHT** – Thurs 6th Sept 4-6PM
- ACADEMIC CONFERENCES** - Thurs 13th & Fri 14th Sept
- Thurs – 1 -7pm (Classes finish at 12.30pm)
- Fri – 8.30 – 12.30pm (No classes scheduled for this day)
- MAORI LANGUAGE WEEK** – Monday 10th – 16th Sept
- CANTEEN WEEK** - Monday 24th Sept– Friday 28th Sept
- Head Shaves, Tug of war, Mufti day, Bike Bash, and MORE.
- TAHITI TRIP ,NEW CALEDONIA TRIP** – School Holidays
- FRIDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER** – LAST DAY OF TERM

TERM 4 KEY DATES TO REMEMBER


- SPORTS AWARDS** Tuesday 25TH Oct
- LABOUR DAY** – Mon 24th Oct
- LAST DAY FOR SENIORS** – Weds 31ST Oct
- 11 & 12 PRIZEGIVING** – Weds 31st Oct
- YEAR 13 MUD RUN** – Weds 31st Oct
- STUDY LEAVE SENIORS** - Weds 31st Oct
- YEAR 13 PRIZEGIVING & GRADUATION** – Thurs 1st Nov
- NCEA EXAMS BEGIN**– Weds 7th – 30th November
- MAAORI ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**- Tues 4th December
- LAST DAY**- Thursday 13th December

THE UNIFORM SHOPPE
THE SMART CHOICE


SAS Sport Ltd is delighted to come on board as the new uniform supplier for **Pukekohe High School.** Starting 10th September, The Uniform Shoppe (part of SAS Sport Ltd) will take over the supply of your school uniforms. Parents and students can rest assured the on campus store will be operational as usual.



**The store will move off-campus towards the end of the year. More details to follow.*



For further information contact:
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PHS STUDENTS AND TEACHERS EXHIBIT AT BOTANICAL GARDENS



Get down to the Botanical Gardens in Manurewa to see the amazing artwork by PHS art teachers **Esther Hansen and Rachel Schanzer**, and artworks by talented senior printmaking students. **SYMBIOSIS & THE FOREST HAS THE BLUES** are two small exhibition spaces housing an installation and selection of botanical artworks which have been a collaborative project from the outset, with a huge variety of artists working alongside our very own artists and teachers, Esther Hansen and Rachel Schanzer. A small group of year 13 printmakers, under the guidance of their art teacher Esther Hansen, produced outstanding work which is now on display at the garden's popular gallery space.

The exhibition runs until **Sunday 9 September**.



RUGBY BOYS PROUD IN DEFEAT Pukekohe High School's first XV took on Manurewa High School's first XV at Pukekohe RFC in the grand final on Saturday 18 August. Manurewa won the game 36-8, taking out the competition. It has been an excellent season overall, with our team reaching the final after some brilliant victories. Huge plaudits go out to the coaching and management staff, as well as to the many supporters whom have followed the team home and away.

BRODY ENJOYS EXPERIENCE WITH AUCKLAND FIRE



Student Brody Jellyman had an excellent and productive work placement experience recently. Please read Brody's statement below. 'Today was my last day at Airport Fire for school work experience. I would like to say thank you to all of the watches who had me during the year. I really have enjoyed coming out on Wednesdays and experiencing what it's like to be a firefighter at the airport. I look forward to coming out again sometime soon'. Well done Brody!



KBB MUSIC FESTIVAL SUCCESS



Five of Pukekohe High School's music ensembles performed at the Auckland-wide KBB Music Festival at the Parnell Cathedral in week 3. The String Ensemble were commended for their performance, Big Band and Wind Band were each awarded a Bronze certificate, Concert Band and Stage Band were each awarded a Silver Certificate. The level of commitment and dedication seen in our groups was very impressive. On the Friday evening, three of our musicians were selected to play in the Honours Orchestra or Stage Band. Jonathan Westlake played Double Bass in the 90 piece Symphony Orchestra, Nick Lee and Daniel Piper played in the Stage Band. This was a great personal achievement as only the very best young musicians are chosen. A big congratulations to all of those who took part in the festival this year.

If you wish to give feedback to the Newsletter Team, please contact pr@pukekohehigh.school.nz