



Pukekohe High School

THE KOHE LEAF

TERM TWO 2019

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THE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE: Kia ora koutou, this newsletter serves as a reminder of all the positive opportunities that our students and staff have been involved in this term, both in the classroom and in the co-curricular life of the school. At the time of writing we are approaching the annual Science Fair and it is exciting to see the quality and originality of the work that many of our young students have achieved. The extensive winter sports programme is well underway and our thanks go out to all the coaches and managers who make this possible by giving generously of their time. Student leadership is a further strength of our school – recently the Senior Leadership Team worked with our whole Year 13 prefect team and we were delighted with the level of initiative and maturity shown.

Our recent Year 9 and 10 parent-teacher meetings gave an opportunity to meet and discuss student progress so far this year. We value the partnership with our families and hope that these meetings will help to keep you fully involved in your children's education.

As you will be aware, in common with schools across New Zealand, we have recently held elections for positions on our Board of Trustees and we are fortunate that a number of parents have put themselves forward to serve on the new Board that will hold its first meeting at the end of this month. Trustees give very generously of their time and this newsletter is an opportunity to thank each member of our Board for their huge commitment to the life of the school. Jerilynne Bhana, Ben Hancock (who has officially been on leave from the Board since moving to Kaitia College in January), Hapi Lopeti and Heather Shannon (staff representative) have chosen not to stand for re-election – thank you to each of you for your wonderful contributions on the Board.

Finally, I would like to thank two long-serving staff members who are retiring from Pukekohe High School at the end of this term for their extensive service over many years. We wish Mr Don Lamont (English) and Mr Dave Young (Science) our very best for their future plans and hope that you will keep in touch with your friends and colleagues at Pukekohe High School.

Nga mihi nui,
Richard Barnett



PRETTY IN PINK



Pukekohe High School joined the Pink Shirt Day movement to Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!

On Friday 17 May, there was a mufti day where students and staff dressed up in pink to show commitment to creating an environment that is safe, welcoming and inclusive of all taira / students. Together we raised a total of \$1475.80 for the Mental Health Foundation – that is amazing because with your support they can reach out to so many more New Zealanders to help them understand the importance of positive mental health and increase awareness of mental health problems.

Kai pai!

SAMOAN LANGUAGE WEEK BRINGS COLOUR AND SONG



Talofa lava! Our Samoan students performed brilliantly in our House assemblies throughout the week to celebrate Samoan Language week. There were many activities taking place during the week, with lots of involvement from students, staff and our wider Samoan community. There was a great conclusion to the week in our school staff room, as our group performed and spoke during morning tea and gave gifts to our principal, Mr Barnett and Mr Tindling, Mrs Cornu and Mrs Watt.



UPCOMING EVENTS/KEY DATES

TERM 2

Week 7

SCIENCE FAIR (Mon 10 – 14 June)

Week 8

FRANKLIN SCHOOLS CAREERS EXPO (Thurs 20 June)

SENIOR SCHOOL BALL (Sat 22 June)

Week 9

SECOND SEMESTER STARTS FOR YEAR 9

(Mon 24 June)

Week 10

WELLBEING AND WAIRUA WEEK

(Mon 1 July to Fri 5 July)

LAST DAY OF TERM (Fri 5 July)

TERM 3

FIRST DAY OF TERM (Mon 22 July)

Week 1

2020 COURSE SELECTION STARTS

Week 2

SENIOR PARENT TEACHER / INTERVIEWS

Week 6

NCEA GRADING EXAMINATIONS

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OUR YOUNG WOMEN LEAD THE WAY



Two Pukekohe High School students, Chelsea James and Victoria Barrar attended the Young Women in Leadership Programme at Massey University Albany Campus. From March they worked on a leadership project and had to report back with what they had undertaken. They received a certificate of completion along with a Massey University hoodie. Congratulations to Chelsea and Victoria for representing both our school and the many female leaders within our community.

GIRLS REACH FOR THE SKIES



Our very own Amaaria-Rose Bhana and Alex Williams recently featured on TVNZ's Seven Sharp as they embarked on the 'Schools for Skies' programme which targets students in year 13. Great work girls and best of luck pursuing your careers with the Air Force.

To see the girls, please visit the Seven Sharp Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/120812117267/posts/10157406473642268?s=100005787967432&v=e&sfns=xmo>

FORMER STUDENT AUSTIN REIGNS SUPREME

We are delighted to announce that our former student, Austin Singh, took out the prestigious title 'Young Vegetable Grower of the Year 2019'. Austin received the award at a gala dinner in Pukekohe shared with Canterbury's Craig Botting. The awards were finalised after a speech competition where the contestants spoke about growing in a climate of change. Congratulations Austin, we are all very proud of you here at Pukekohe High School.



WALTER DANCES WITH THE STARS

Former Pukekohe High School student, Walter Nielands, has just been performing as part of the popular TV show competition 'Dancing with the Stars' on TV3. He made it through the initial rounds and made great progress, improving his technique and timing, as well as earning some positive comments and feedback from the celebrity judges. Well done Walter, we are all very proud of you here at Pukekohe High School.

If you are a former student of Pukekohe High School and would like to share your experiences since leaving us, please feel free to visit our 'Past Students' page on our website and answer some simple questions. <https://www.pukekohehigh.school.nz/student-life/past-students/>

REPEAT SUCCESS FOR OUR STUDENTS



Pukekohe High School students Kate Villejo, Emma Stevens [CEO], Naiya Carroll and Jack Green, formed the team 'Repeat' as part of their Enterprise Studies.

REPEAT are the winners of the Young Enterprise Scheme (YES) challenge 1 for South Auckland Region. In Term 1, Year 13 Business Studies students from across the nation competed in the Young Enterprise Scheme (YES) Challenge – Product Validation. Product Validation is about testing a product to see if customers will want to buy it. REPEAT's vision is to kick single use plastic out the door by offering a kick starter box for sustainable packaging.

TOP ACCOLADE FOR MRS WALLACE



Earlier this term it was announced that our very own Mrs Maree Wallace has been appointed to be a National Bench Official at the Netball NZ U/19 Tournament to be held in July in Invercargill. There are only 4 women appointed from the Netball Northern region.

Mrs Wallace has been benching for 3 years and over the last couple of months has been seen on TV officiating at the Northern Stars and Northern Mystics games. She has also officiated some of the Beko Netball league games, which are the development tier for the regional teams, and the Silver Ferns. Mrs Wallace now has the opportunity to apply for international games since attaining her National Bench Official accreditation last November.

This is a huge achievement for Mrs Wallace as sometimes it takes 3-5 years to get to this level. Great work and we are all very proud of her here at Pukekohe High School.

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SUCCESS OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM



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MURAL CREATED AT LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOL



In week four, 25 year ten art students embarked on an exciting project to create a large scale mural at Pukekohe Hill School to commemorate Princess Te Puea Herangi, for the school's Te Puea Week. The project entailed students learning about the history and legacy she created, before designing the mural during class time. The design was then shared with Hill School principal, Simon Williams, before starting on the final mural artwork. Taking place last Thursday evening, students projected up the designs, drawing the detail and shapes on the wall ready for the painting stage on the Friday. Students from Hill school worked alongside our year 10 students as they mentored and taught them painting and drawing skills as the mural took shape throughout the day. The mural was completed at the end of the day on Friday, much to the delight of everyone involved.

THE GREAT PUKEKOHE BUILDING PROJECT.

Over the last term and a half or so, if you have been lucky enough to head down into the environmental area alongside Glasgow Road, you would have seen a small construction site taking shape. Seventeen Level 2 Building students, under the stewardship of technology teacher, Mr Matchett and local builder, Mike Siemelink, have embarked on a building project that involves the construction of a small 2-bedroomed house, which will be auctioned off later in the year. Overall, the building will have been worked on for approximately 20 or so Wednesdays when the students engage in their work experience day. The students are now nearing completion of the project and have been involved with the whole building process, from construction and electricity to plumbing and cladding. It has been an incredible effort from the students involved and all have benefited enormously from this significant authentic learning experience.



INTERNATIONAL EYES ON PUKEKOHE HIGH SCHOOL

This term, our school was enormously privileged to host 3 different groups of students and educators from different regions of the world. Initially we had 17 visitors from Indonesia, 14 art teachers and 3 from their Ministry of Education who spent the day with our Art department learning about our Design and Animation courses. We then had 30 teachers from Bangladesh visiting our Science and DIT departments to gain an understanding of our E-Learning and BYOD initiatives. Lastly, we had student visitors from Yasuda Gauken High School in Japan who spent the day with our students and staff learning about the NZ curriculum. Special mention is made to our Maori department staff and kapa haka group for the Poowhiiri experiences and performances for our guests. We hope all of our visitors had a rewarding and fulfilling time during their stay with us.



MUSIC STUDENTS JAZZ IT UP IN WELLINGTON



The Pukekohe High School Quintet and the Stage Band travelled to Wellington last Wednesday morning to play in the Wellington Jazz Festival. The Quintet performed on stage first and gave a fantastic performance. The Stage band then played in the Michael Fowler Centre on Thursday morning and also gave an excellent account of themselves. The main highlight was Nick Lee being awarded Best Trombone Player of the festival. The educational aspect of the trip is very important, with daily workshops and clinics, given by international Jazz superstars. Well done to everyone.

SCIENCE STUDENTS HAVE A VOLCANIC TIME IN TARAWERA

Twelve male science students and three teachers headed to the volcanic region of Tarawera to discover the rich geothermal activity and history of the area. Students on Day one visited The Buried Village and Lake Tarawera to see and experience the aftermath of the Tarawera eruption of 1886 which buried the region, including the famous pink and white terraces, in volcanic material. On Day two students had the opportunity to go on a boat ride on Lake Rotomahana, which now covers the recently discovered terraces, another great authentic learning experience had by all.



STUDENTS SOWING THE SEEDS



Earlier this term, Level 2 Agriculture and Horticulture students took part in a huge project where they planted over 2000 native trees and plants on a local property. Doing their bit to save the planet and counteract climate change, these plants will increase the biodiversity of the area and prevent runoff and leaching of fertilisers into the waterways. Thank you to Mr Matthews for leading the project, and well done to everyone involved in this great and worthwhile initiative.



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SOCIAL EVENT OF THE YEAR DRAWS CLOSER

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SCHOOL BALL

CORDIS HOTEL, AUCKLAND

SATURDAY 22 JUNE 2019

Preparations are going well for the Senior Ball, which takes place later this month. We hope tickets have been purchased from the student centre, buses have been booked and, most importantly, outfits have been secured and fit to perfection. For those that still need to purchase suits etc, there are posters around school promoting ball activism from Hallestein Bros who are offering to help contribute to the ball this year. However, for this to happen, students will need to buy a \$199/\$299 suit (includes free shirt and tie) from them using the code BALLPUKEKOHE. For every 25 students who buy a suit, \$500 will go towards the school ball. These students will go into a monthly draw to be in to win a \$250 wardrobe. So if you haven't already bought one, please keep Hallestein Bros in mind. Have an enjoyable and safe night everyone.

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ROTARY CLUB AUSTRALIA EXCHANGE TERM THREE

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STUDENTS SHINE FOR MATARIKI

Exhibition Opening: The Mystery of Belonging Here
Photography - Pukekohe High School
Exhibition dates 25 May - 13 July

The arrival of the Matariki star cluster in the night sky is a time rich in symbolism and heritage, inspiring senior photography students of Pukekohe High School to create this exhibition. Please come and view the work of our talented Year 12 photography students in the NZ Steel gallery in The Franklin Arts Centre, Pukekohe. The exhibition runs until 13 July. We look forward to seeing you at the gallery.



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STUDENTS TAKE PART IN WORLD VISION CONFERENCE 2019

Earlier this term, Mrs Cottee took three students to the World Vision Conference for 2019. The three students who attended are from left: Isadora Nichio Rueckert, Kitty Peters and Ben Reive. They will now participate in the 40 hour Famine Committee to run this fundraiser later this term. Great work guys.



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SCIENCE FAIR

Good luck to all students who have entered their annual science fair projects. The awards ceremony for prize winners will take place during week 7.

the RISING FOUNDATION

The Rising Foundation are selling butter chicken meals as our Term 2 fundraiser. Proceeds will go towards seniors leadership camp and excursions. Meal includes: rice, butter chicken, fried bread and a drink for \$10. Pick up from the Embassy room on Wednesday, 12 June at 2pm.

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