



Pukekohe High School

THE KOHE LEAF

TERM ONE 2019

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THE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE: Nau mai haere mai. This is our first newsletter for 2019. I have been really pleased with how the great majority of our students have started this year. The atmosphere in our classrooms and around our campus is a very positive one. The year began with a moving Poowhiri/Poohiri for our Year 9 students and all those new to Pukekohe High School, including some from overseas - welcome to you all as you join our community.

One of our themes for this year is making a strong statement about the school's values. This work has been led by a group of teaching staff and I would like to pay tribute to, and thank them, for their mahi. The team worked in consultation with students and families to revision our values, which are intended to help raise expectations and standards for our whole school. We intend that our values will be a focus for daily conversations between staff and students and we hope that our wider community will become increasingly aware of them too. This term we are exploring Kotahitanga: getting to know each other, working together and developing a genuine sense of community. You will find a matrix of all our Values on our website. That theme of Kotahitanga has been very evident during Swimming and Athletics finals and I have enjoyed watching some excellent performances as well as seeing the spirit of competitiveness and enjoyment among our students.

As you will be aware, we have made some significant changes to our IT network over the summer break, including installing KAMAR as the School Management System. A key reason for this change was to enable us to more effectively track and monitor student achievement, and to share that information with our parents. If you have recently attended Academic Conferences with your daughter's or son's Vertical Form teacher, you will know that we are reintroducing the opportunity for you to meet with subject teachers later in the year. A further theme for 2019 is improving attendance and punctuality. Declining attendance is a national concern in New Zealand schools and one we are determined to address this year at Pukekohe High. Your child's attendance is live on the Parent Portal on the school's website and your support with ensuring their regular attendance will be greatly appreciated.

I look forward to seeing some of you at the Parent Teacher Association meeting in the Staff Room on Tuesday 26 March from 6pm. Richard Barnett



WAKA AMA SUCCESS



Twenty-one Pukekohe High School students went to their very first waka ama regatta on Saturday 2nd March. Their attendance at training leading up to this event was impressive, as was their participation in the water-based health and safety activities prior to the regatta.

We are very grateful to Jennian Homes for sponsoring the uniforms, which made our school stand out and our students feel a sense of pride.

Our highest achievement of the day was winning the Auckland Secondary Schools Regional Award for school spirit and participation, both on and off the water. We were especially commended for our organisation, participation, school spirit and support when schools were called upon to volunteer their help.

Five teams participated in the regatta. All W6 teams made it into the championship semifinals, with many continuing into the finals. We were very proud of their achievements. A big thank you to the coaching and management team led by Bruno and Nikki Tarapa. For detailed results, please visit our news centre at: <https://www.pukekohehigh.school.nz/>

NATIONAL HONOUR FOR FELIPE



We are proud to announce the selection of Felipe Setefano in the Nieu Secondary School Rugby 7s team. Felipe was selected for the Nieu schoolboys rugby 7s team that competed in the World Condor Secondary Schools Rugby 7s Tournament in December 2018, a few weeks after the Condor National Rugby 7s that was held at Sacred Heart College.

Felipe now eyes a strong 2019 season ahead and hopes for another opportunity as he is eligible for selection once again come December.



UPCOMING EVENTS/KEY DATES

TERM 1

Week 7

POLYFEST (Wed 13 - Sun 17 March)

Week 9

PTA MEETING (Tues 26 March, 6pm Staff Room)

Week 10

JUNIOR PROGRESS REPORTS ISSUED

Week 11

MT ROSKILL EXCHANGE (Tues 9 April)

LAST DAY OF TERM (Fri 12 April). School staff actively engaged in doing some great mahi around our new

TERM 2 for learning and values. All staff took an **FIRST DAY OF TERM** (Mon 29 April).

Week 2

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY (Tues 7 May)

Week 3

OPEN EVENING (Thu 16 May, 3.30 - 7.30pm)

Week 4

SENIOR PROGRESS REPORTS ISSUED

Week 5

JUNIOR PARENT TEACHER SUBJECT INTERVIEWS

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MEET OUR HEAD STUDENTS FOR 2019



Our head students for 2019 have already taken to their roles with purpose and proactivity, and are hoping to encourage and make positive change during their time in leadership. Head students Jackson Wilcox, Kyla McNaughton, Jess Vandermeer and Tremayne Moana are joined by a committed group of prefects responsible for a variety of different councils. To find out more about the team, please visit: <https://www.pukekohehigh.school.nz/student-life/head-students-and-prefects/>

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES



Eden Yin - Printmaking

Amanda Lee - Physics

Aleisha Neary - Printmaking

Congratulations to our three scholarship awardees for 2018; Amanda Lee (Physics), Eden Yin and Aleisha Neary (both Art Printmaking). Scholarships are hugely prestigious nationally and are a culmination of the enormous devotion to their learning over the course of their education, from primary school right through to high school. We are all very proud of their achievements and look forward to their continued success in the future.

FORMER PUKEKOHE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT LIAM SPEEDS TO SUCCESS

Congratulations to former Pukekohe High School student Liam Lawson (Blake House) for winning the National Toyota Series and the NZ Grand Prix. He attended PHS from 2015 to 2017. He then left school to pick up a contract with an overseas team racing in Europe. Liam, a rookie this year after being unable to compete last season due to age restrictions, was leading the series going into the final event - a race peppered by safety cars, race stoppages and penalties - and the Pukekohe teenager eventually came out on top. If you would like to follow Liam's progress, please visit his website at <https://liamlawson.nz/>.



ANTOINETTE GODKIN ART HOUSE STARTING FRESH



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ART EXHIBITION SUCCESS FOR FORMER STUDENT JACQUI

Congratulations and good luck to former Pukekohe High School student Jacqui Bannenbroek, whose art work features in an exhibition at the prestigious Antoinette Godkin Art House gallery in Parnell, Auckland. The exhibition, titled 'STARTING FRESH' opened with a preview on Saturday 2nd March, and will continue through to 6th April. Jacqui graduated from Pukekohe High School in 2013, and is clearly moving on to great things as she becomes established as an artist. Well done Jacqui and good luck.

UNITED NATIONS AMBASSADORS 2019



INTRODUCING OUR 2019 UNITED NATIONS YOUTH AMBASSADORS

This year, Isadora Nichio Rueckert and Emma Sears have been appointed as our school's 2019 UN Youth ambassadors. United Nations Youth is a non-profit organisation that helps bring awareness of social issues into our school community. Throughout New Zealand, thousands of high school students embark on the journey of discussing how to make our communities safer. Nichio and Emma have decided to take action and remain committed to the cause to make Pukekohe High School and its greater community a better and brighter place to be part of. Great work girls for your dedication and passion to make a change.



SETH GOES NATIONAL

Former Pukekohe High School student Seth Boy has recently been chosen to play with the New Zealand Youth Jazz Orchestra. Youth musicians auditioned from throughout the whole of New Zealand youth and Seth was chosen as the sole bass player. There are plans to embark on a large tour later this year. Seth is also part of the prestigious Trans-Tasman Jazz Orchestra. Great work Seth, we are all very proud of you.

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SUCCESS OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM



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PERKINS TAKES OUT SWIMMING SPORTS TITLE



After some outstanding efforts in the pool, the canny webbed feet of Perkins, led by the immortal water baby herself, Mrs Allen, took out the annual title again at the Jubilee Pools. The big success was Blake Elliott, smashing the 16-year-old record set by Daniel Fulton in 2003. Congratulations to everyone involved. Please see the detailed results and performances by visiting our news centre on the website: pukekohehigh.school.nz



ROWERS EXCEL AT FIRST REGATTA.



The first school regatta took place on Saturday, 16 February, with Pukekohe High School rowers doing really well. Attached is a photo of our Novice quad rowers who gained 3rd place at the Head of Harbour Regatta held at Lake Pupuke, a fantastic effort by everyone. In the photo from left to right are: Jim Matchett (Coach, PHS staff member), Teah Roberts (yr10), Caitlin Cottee (yr10), Chelsea Grey (yr10), Caitlin van Rijs (yr10) and Riley Jenkins (Yr9, coxswain).

GOOGLE EYES ON PUKEKOHE HIGH SCHOOL

Pukekohe High School was enormously privileged to have former student Sibon Li, now working for Google in the United States, come in to school and present to the DIT and Design students in our school hall. The students found the experience to be hugely rewarding. They asked him some excellent questions, from discovering his pathway to Google from school, to more specific questions around coding, automated technology and of course how much money he earned!!! A big thank you to Mrs McLeod, our Head of DIT for organising the event, and thank you to all of the students who attended with enthusiasm and engagement. Sibon was also extremely excited to see some of his old teachers, two of which he said were his favourite teachers (Mrs Yeomans and Mrs Allen) when he was here in 2001 as a Jellicoe student. Thanks Sibon for your time and we look forward to seeing you again soon.



ART STUDENTS GO GREEN IN HAMILTON GARDENS

Approximately seventy year 11 art students embarked on an engaging trip to the world class Hamilton Botanical Gardens situated on the bank of the Waikato River. During their visit they had the opportunity to walk through the huge variety of cultural and themed gardens, recording and documenting their observations with drawings, illustrations and photographs. It was the first time many of the students had visited the gardens, and many have vowed to return as new gardens open later this year. For more pictures, please visit our school Facebook page: facebook.com/pukekohehighschoolnz



Pukekohe High School Athletics Records

Junior Girls
Shaodahn Tonga-Awhikau - Massey
Javelin 26.66m (L Morgan 2011)
Dassidy Smith - Blake
Shot Put 10.05m (L Puanau 2011)

Junior Boys
Kaelan Paranihi - Perkins
High Jump 1.61m (Zac Dell 2015)
Triple Jump 11.17m (R Paki 1995)

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD STUDENTS SCALING HIGH



Duke of Edinburgh's Award students embodied our school values of manaakitanga, kotahitanga, puumautanga and arahitanga, as they hiked for three days around Mt Taranaki. They gave up some of their holidays for this and had a blast as well as some blisters! Future leaders in the making.

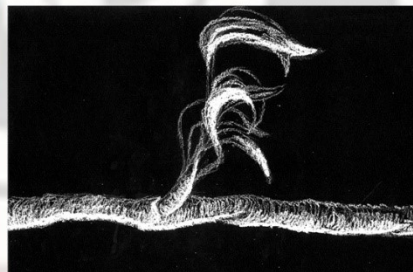
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OUR TERM ONE ART GALLERY

Please enjoy a small selection of artworks produced by junior and senior art students during the first half of this term.



TWAIKATO TAINUI

PUKEKOHE HIGH SCHOOL WORKS TO STRENGTHEN WAIKATO-TAINUI IWI ALIGNMENT
 Since Pukekohe High School is physically positioned within the Waikato rohe and is also a Waikato-Tainui kawenata school, we are guided by the tikanga and language protocols of the Waikato-Tainui iwi. This means that we use a double vowel in text to indicate a long vowel sound, such as in the words Maaori and Poowhiri/Poohiri. This is not a spelling mistake but a recognition of our partnership with, and respect for, the Waikato-Tainui people.

CAREERS Rapuara PUKEKOHE HIGH SCHOOL

IMPORTANT CAREERS/UNIVERSITY VISITS UPDATES

University/Polytechnics are visiting PHS this term. Please be aware of the following dates and come to the Careers Centre to sign up, ask your questions and find out what you need to know.

- Lincoln University, Monday 18 March P2
- Wintec, Friday 5 April P2
- Victoria University, Wednesday 10 April P2
- Massey University, Friday 12 April P2
- Auckland University of Technology - TBA

SCHOOL LIBRARY GOES ONLINE



The school library is pleased to let you know that we now use Accessit Library Manager to catalogue and present all of our library resources. It looks fantastic and is a huge leap forward for our school library. It is pretty cool to use too and we hope that you find it really useful. The library web app is available 24/7 from anywhere with an internet connection and contains not only our catalogue of books, eBooks, audiobooks and magazines— but also library news, new books, book reviews, useful links to educational sites and also links to articles and resources promoting reading for pleasure. The web app landing page will be regularly updated and will grow in the coming months.

KAMAR PARENT LOG IN

KAMAR PARENT PORTAL NOW OPEN

The KAMAR parent portal enables us to publish student information on the web for easy access by our students and our parents. As we become more familiar with KAMAR, we will add more information so that it becomes a key way that the school communicates with our whole community. You will find student notices, attendance, timetable, and achievement information, as well as a financial summary. To log in to the portal you will need your email address and password that the school has sent to all parents. To update your contact details use the Contact Us form on the Parent Info page on our website.



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GOOD LUCK TO ALL OF OUR GROUPS PERFORMING AT POLYFEST 2019



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PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION
 MEETING TUES 26 MARCH 6PM STAFF ROOM

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