



THE KOHE LEAF

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Term three has been filled with exciting successes and achievements across a huge range of curricula 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 also would like to acknowledge and welcome Richard Barnett, our new principal to our school, and wish him the best of luck for his journey with us at Pukekohe High School. We look forward to more success next term and beyond as we move through the 2018 academic year. See you next term!

WAIKUA WEEK

Student councils collaborated to provide a week full of various school-wide activities on the topic of leadership and building school spirit. Activities for the week included chalk art, staff versus student challenges, house chants, kapa haka challenge, and Bumper Ball competition.



NEW COURSES FOR 2019

In response to demand from our community we have some exciting new courses to offer in 2019. We will see the return of Dance, which completes the full range of arts offered at Pukekohe High School. Our newly developed Te Wahanga Whakaako O Te Kohekohe – Maaori Studies Faculty, have extended the curriculum with the introduction of Toi Whakaari, Maaori performing arts; extension of Te Ara Kee, Tikanga and Te Ao Maaori into more year levels; and development of a Year 9 Te Reo Maaori language programme which embraces the principles of Te Tiriti O Waitangi in protecting language.



Toi Whakaari



Dance

DAWN OF A NEW ERA BEGINS FOR OUR NEW PRINCIPAL



Taonga in the form of a tii kouka (cabbage tree) was gifted from Burnside High School and was planted in a ceremony to mark the beginning of the journey for our new school principal Mr Richard Barnett.

Nau Mai, Haere Mai Mr Barnett!

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

As part of our review of policy and procedures, we thank the staff, students, parents and members of the wider community for participating in our recent survey about school values, expectations of behaviour, and general strengths and areas for improvement in our school. This feedback is being used by a lead team of staff in conjunction with a leading behaviour specialist to review and redevelop our policy for values and behaviour ready for implementation in 2019. We look forward to maintaining this open consultation with our community to continue our pursuit in making Pukekohe High School a positive place of learning.

CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS

This term has provided plenty of opportunity for celebrating our cultural identity. Our kapa haka performed with several other local schools at the koroneihana celebrations at Turangawaewae, and also performed at the Poukai at the Tauranganui marae, another significant cultural experience. We celebrated Tongan Language Week with music, dance, quizzes and food. Finally, we celebrated Te Wiki o Te Reo Maaori with a Kahoot quiz, scavenger hunt, kiorahi, night market and kapa haka performance.

Student Leaders Rock Assembly Culture



Term three has been characterised by student-led assemblies. Each council has taken the lead, introducing a range of activities such as Jump Jam, Canteen fundraising promotion and quizzes. As usual our students take these leadership opportunities and make our school proud. Assemblies celebrate student-centred events, achievements, issues, and culture. We are encouraged by the dynamic leadership our students bring to each of these fortnightly events.



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TERM THREE UPDATE

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Student Election – Board of Trustees

We are pleased to announce that Levi Preston (Year 12) has been elected as student representative on the Board of Trustees. After a year without student representation, this position has been hotly contested. Seven candidates put themselves forward, running engaging political campaigns. Levi is a welcome addition to the Board of Trustees and we wish him well for what is certain to be a bright political future.



PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

We are keen to form a Parent Teacher Association at Pukekohe High School. This could be a valuable forum for involving parents and whānau in the life of our school. The first meeting will be held in the Staffroom at 6pm on Wednesday 24 October – we look forward to seeing you there!

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST A FAMILY? FOR 2019

Our International Department continues to serve students with warmth and efficiency. ERO noted that 'international students receive good-quality pastoral care' at Pukekohe High School. 'They enjoy being part of the Pukekohe High School Community'. Our International Director is touring Japan and Korea to meet prospective students and families. Should you wish to support the work of the International Department by hosting a student, please contact our Homestay Coordinator on 021 324645 or alternatively you can email at: homestay@pukekohehigh.school.nz

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SPORTS EXCHANGE VS PAPATOETOE HIGH SCHOOL

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

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES



HARRISON TEW

We are working with Harrison Tew as we review and update our emergency procedures. Confident management of these types of events is critical for everyone's safety, and something they specialise in. This work will be a feature of term 4.

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THANKS TO OUR SPORTS TEAMS' SPONSORS FOR 2018

Pukekohe High School would like to acknowledge and thank all of our major sponsors and supporters of our sports teams for 2018. Your support and willingness to back our numerous teams enables us to compete at high levels across all of our sporting disciplines.



The above sponsors are some of the many businesses who have supported us this year.

GIRLS NETBALL SUCCESS



The Counties Manukau Secondary Schools Netball finals were played earlier this week. Pukekohe High School's Premier team narrowly defeated a strong opposition - ACG Strathallan 20-16. A big congratulations to 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.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL



Hui and Fono

In response to ERO findings, we invite our local community to work with us as we address these concerns. You are welcome to join us for:
 Fono: Tues 16 October, 5:30pm in the school library.
 Hui: Tues 16 October, 6:00pm in Cobham Hall.

At the beginning of this term we were pleased to welcome an experienced team from the Education Review Office (ERO) to help us evaluate the school's performance. As a new principal I am grateful for the clarity and outside perspective that ERO brought. It is clear that, although the 2017 achievement data shows the majority of students achieved well at NCEA, the school is not yet achieving equitable and excellent outcomes for all. In particular, the school needs to do more to accelerate the learning of Māori, Pacifica and other students who need this. ERO have identified a number of processes and practices that we need to urgently review and improve to achieve the outcomes that we all want to see for our rangatahi. The full report will be published early next term. In the meantime we look forward to working with ERO over the next one to two years to address each of the issues that have been identified during the review.

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