



Pukekohe High School

# THE KOHE LEAF

## TERM THREE 2019

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**THE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:** Kia ora koutou. Week seven saw a number of our teams taking part in the Winter Tournament – we would like to thank them for their contribution in their chosen sports, both throughout this week and over the whole season. Sporting prowess continues to be a strong feature of Pukekohe High School – the 1st XV Boys' Rugby victory over Avondale College to win the Auckland IC competition has been a particular highlight of this term. The previous week saw the NCEA grading exams, which will have presented a challenge for some of our senior students who may have found it difficult to give revision the necessary focus while also completing internal assessments. By holding these exams in Week 6, it is intended that students in Years 11 – 13 have sufficient time to address any gaps in their learning before the actual NCEA exams in November. With less than five weeks of teaching remaining for senior students it is important to ensure attendance and punctuality are as close to 100% as possible.

The school is fortunate to have been given additional funding to appoint three Learning Support Coordinators for 2020. These roles are part of the eleven appointments being made across the Pukekohe Kahui Ako and we look forward to working with our primary and intermediate colleagues across the cluster of schools to make the most effective use possible of this staffing resource.

At the time of writing the measles epidemic in Auckland is continuing to cause serious alarm, with the number of cases rising rapidly. In a recent article in the New Zealand Herald, Starship Hospital's clinical director, Dr Mike Shepherd, again urges us all to ensure we are vaccinated against measles. Remember that the vaccine is free and that if in doubt about whether you are fully immunised, the safest course of action is to obtain another dose of the MMR vaccine.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Richard Barnett  
Principal



## Can Teen A HUGE SUCCESS AGAIN



Week 4 of this term was our annual fundraising week for CanTeen organised by the Community Council. On Thursday, our head shaves event was held in a packed school hall during lunchtime. Thirteen students who had spent months fundraising had their heads shaved by two hairdressers from Diosa Hair. Special mention must go to Abby Verrenkamp in Year 12 who raised \$5000. As part of the entertainment the sports council organised a series of teacher-student challenges including hula-hooping, push-ups, juggling and the oreo challenge, with the students coming out on top. On Friday our final fundraiser 'Bike Bash' was held; 4 gyms (Creo, Franklin Pools and Leisure, CLM Papakura and CLM Otahuhu) loaned us their spin bikes, transported by Brian Roberts Towing. Vertical form classes signed up to raise \$100 each and committed to keeping their bike going throughout the day. Students participated in challenges throughout the day to gain house points; these included a limbo challenge, best YMCA performance and a strong guy/girl challenge. Thanks go to Helen Muir and Lisa Robertson, two spin instructors who gave up their time to lead the event along with our head students and community council prefects. This week is all about young people helping young people and we estimate our fundraising total at over \$15,000. The winning house for Bike Bash was Day house.



## UPCOMING EVENTS / KEY DATES

### TERM 3

Week 10

LAST DAY OF TERM (Fri 27 September)

### TERM 4

FIRST DAY OF TERM (Mon 14 October)

Week 3

LABOUR DAY (Mon 28 October)

SENIOR PRIZEGIVING (Thu 31 October)

LAST DAY FOR SENIORS (Fri 1 November)

YEAR 13 MUD RUN (Fri 1 November)

Week 4

SENIOR STUDY HUB (Mon 4 - Wed 6 November)

NCEA SENIOR EXAMS BEGIN (Fri 8 November)

Week 6, 7 & 8

TAPAPAKANGA YEAR 10 CAMP (Each Monday)

Week 8

YEAR 8 ORIENTATION (Mon 2 - Tues 3 December)

MAAORI ACHIEVEMENT CELEBRATION (Tues 3 Dec)

SENIOR SIGN OUT DAY (Wed 4 December)

YEAR 13 GRADUATION (Thu 5 December)

Week 9

JUNIOR PRIZEGIVINGS

(Year 9 - Mon 9 December, Year 10 - Tue 10 December)

LAST DAY OF YEAR (Tue 10 December)

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# 2019

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## THE 2019 BUILDING PROJECT COMPLETED



The House Building Project of 2019 has been successfully completed and sold. After actually getting underway in late February we progressed as per schedule culminating with an auction on 24th August. One of the features of the auction was the auctioneer Shane Cortese, who demonstrated his valuable expertise in this area. Many of the boys involved in the build were present and proudly showed off to parents and friends their achievements and shared experiences they encountered along the way. Not only have the boys gained valuable hands-on work experience, they also now realise how many trades are involved in the construction industry and are better qualified to make choices that best suits their needs and skills.

Many thanks go to Mike Siemelink. Without Mike's enthusiasm and trade experience this project would never have become a reality. Onsite, the boys were exposed to real life situations and now have a better understanding of how the construction industry functions. Also, many thanks go to the companies that supported the project; Mitre 10, Franklin Law, Murray Eveleigh Painters, Glenbrook Steel Mill, Franklin Longrun, Safety at Work, Floor Doctor, Top Cut, Mark Rose Construction, Counties Power, Albert van Vliet Architectural. Also involved in the sales area were Harcourts Real Estate, Bakers Delight, Mad Butcher and Furniture Now.

Overall it has been a very satisfying and beneficial project and plans are underway to continue next year with a larger, more expansive building.

## FORMER STUDENT CHELSEA WINS SUPREME AWARD

We are delighted to announce that our former student and young artist, Chelsea Twiss, came away with both the Audrey Thomas Memorial Prize and the supreme award at the recent Franklin Arts Festival. The annual festival brings artists together from all over the region in what is a huge event in the creative diary. Other notable awardees were Year 12 student Daniel Fawthrop who gained 3rd place in the Youth section, and art teacher, Esther Hansen, who won the top award in the Printmaking section. Well done to all participants.



## BEN DANCING ON TOP OF THE WORLD

We are immensely proud to announce that year 13 student Ben Lowe is currently a 'World Champion'. Ben recently competed at the 2019 Hip Hop World Championships in Arizona as part of his dance crew 'Swaggenauts'. The crew took out gold in the Varsity division and beat some tough rival crews to finally claim the top award. There were 62 teams representing 50 countries in total, competing in the nine day championships, so the competition was fierce, right down to the last day. Ben, a member of Grooveit dance school in Pukekohe, returned to a hero's welcome and now looks forward to completing year 13 as well as hopefully heading to university to complete his degree in Dance at the University of Auckland. We are all extremely proud to have a world champion in our school.



## MATHEX SUCCESS FOR STUDENTS

Pukekohe High School students came second in the annual South Auckland Mathex competition out of 20 teams in the Year 9 competition held at Strathallan College. Pukekohe High School initially came joint second with Strathallan but won the tie breaker to qualify for second place.

The Pukekohe High School team consisted of Rebecca Yip, Richie Hong, Samuel Donovan and Cavallera McCarthy. The year 10 team came fifth in their round of the competition.



## THE BLACK ROSES TAKE OUT OPEN MIC PRIZE

Last week at the Ed Street Bar in Pukekohe, Year 12 student Izzy Grace performed in the finals of the community open mic night. This was open to all ages and Izzy performed with her band, The Black Roses, in the semi finals, but then performed solo for the final and took out first place. Izzy's prize for first place included a produced single at Black Dog Studio, \$100 of Music Mania vouchers and \$50 of Ed Street Bar vouchers.

## SCIENCE STUDENTS GET TOP AWARDS



Congratulations to our science students who took part recently in the East and South Auckland NIWA Science and Technology Fair. Pukekohe High School won the following awards:

### Technology and Innovations.

Highly Commended: Sophie Clark 9D2

### Physical and Material World

Second Place: Oliver Bergquist

Highly Commended: Matthew Clooney

### Secondary Consumer Science

First Place: Sam Cato

Sam also won the MIT "Best Project by a Maori Student" special award.

### Senior Science

First Place: Matthew Fleming and Joseph Fleming

Second Place: Anna McCarthy and Abbie Reid

### Special Awards:

### The IET Innovation Award

Alex Coleman-Chaiman

### Best Application of the Scientific Method

Alex Coleman-Chaiman

Congratulations to everyone who took part.

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# WINTER SPORTS ROUND UP



# 2019

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## A GREAT EXPERIENCE ON TOURNAMENT WEEK FOR OUR TEAMS AROUND THE COUNTRY

A big thank goes you to all of our sports teams who represented Pukekohe High School and wore the colours with pride throughout a busy week in both the North and South islands. The annual Winter Tournament week provided the opportunity for our best sports teams to take part in the different sporting codes and test their skills against some of the best schools in the country. It was a great effort by all of our teams, but special mention goes out to the girls basketball team who returned as Champions. Finally, a big thank you goes to all of the coaches, managers and parents who supported the teams, not just for tournament, but for the whole season.

### Junior Zone (Boys' Basketball) - Pulman Arena

7th out of 13 teams

### Junior Zone (Girls' Basketball) - Pulman Arena

7th out of 11 teams

### Schick Cup AA SS Zone 1 (Boys' Basketball) - Pulman Arena

17th out of 24 teams

### Schick Cup Northern SS Qualifying (Girls' Basketball)- North Shore

CHAMPIONS - 1st out of 14 teams

### UNISS - (Netball) - Barfoot & Thompson Netball Centre, Takapuna

24th out of 32 teams

### NZSS - Rex Dawkins Tournament - (Boys' Football) - Taupo

19th out of 24 teams

### NZSS - Maurice Hulme - (Girls' Football) - Rotorua

5th out of 24 teams

### Rankin Cup/India Shield - (Boys' Hockey) - Christchurch

31st out of 32 teams

### Kate Trolove Trophy - (Girls' Hockey) - Hamilton

7th out of 16 teams



## CHAMPIONSHIP WIN FOR U15 OPEN RUGBY

CHAMPIONS! Congratulations go to our U15 Open rugby team who are the Counties Manukau U15 Competition Champions for 2019, beating Onewhero AS U15s 28-24 in the final at Massey Park, Papakura. Awesome effort all season. Well deserved team!



## BOYS' FOOTBALL TAKE OUT COUNTIES MANUKAU TITLE



Big congratulations go to our outstanding Boys' 1st XI Football squad who took out the 2019 Counties Manukau Football Competition in a pulsating final against Aorere College earlier this term. In a tense affair, played in great spirit and passion from both sides, Pukekohe eventually won the game 2-1 with a late cracker of a goal which flew into the roof of the Aorere net to claim victory for Mr Cook's team. Well done lads and congratulations to everyone

## 1ST XV RUGBY CROWNED AS KINGS

CHAMPIONS! Pukekohe HS 1st XV are crowned Auckland IC Competition Champions. In a superb match in the sun, our boys took every opportunity to score and it paid dividends. Thanks go to friends, family, 1st XV management, the school, the union, the rugby committee, sponsors and the community for incredible support this season. It has been an unreal journey. #PHSRugbyinvolved.



Congratulations go to our mixed hockey team who won their final earlier this term. This team got away to a slow start this season, but were able to pull the team together in the games that mattered. They eventually played some outstanding hockey when it counted and beat Onewhero Area School 4-0 in the final to become champions. A real credit to the team made up of hockey and football players.

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## SUPPORT FOR NCEA EXAMS

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### 2019 NCEA EXAMS GUIDE TO STUDY SKILLS

AS EASY AS 1, 2, 3.

KNOW what is happening:

- Which subjects have externals
- Which day the exam is on
- What content/skill is needed for that standard.

2

Prioritise TIME to revise for each standard:

- Make a revision schedule
- Use flashcards and mindmaps
- Practise essay plans
- Re-read with highlighters

3

Be KIND to yourself and others:

- Take breaks
- Eat and drink to refuel
- Stay connected
- Sacrifice, but strike a balance

Kia kaha!

Our academic focus this term is on preparing Year 11-13 students for final assessment. Our assemblies in Week 5 launched a Study Skills drive, communicating three simple ideas for our senior students as they begin their preparation for external assessment. These are captured in the image above.

At this time, there are seven weeks left before NCEA examinations begin. This is the ideal time-frame for a concentrated revision programme for our senior students. We encourage our whaanau to help Year 11-13 students develop a revision habit over these weeks, following the three study skills ideas.

If you have any concerns about your child's preparation or wellbeing during this time, please do not hesitate to contact the school.



**Attendance:** The next five weeks are absolutely vital for student preparation for externals and completing internals. Attendance in class is a crucial component of our students' success. We encourage whaanau to check KAMAR attendance records to support students back into good attendance habits during this time. Contact your child's Vertical Form Teacher or Dean if you have any concerns.

**AKO  
MANAAKITANGA**

**AKO  
KOTAHITANGA**

### Competition time!

It is your chance to win big and design school-values inspired artwork!

What you have to do:

Using some or all of our school values, create an eye-catching design to represent our school in the best way.

Remember to put your name on it. Closing date is Friday 25th October.  
Hand in to Student Centre. **Kia Waimarie!**

**AKO  
ARAHITANGA**

**PUUMAUTANGA  
AKO**

## TONGAN LANGUAGE WEEK



Malo e lelei. Last week was Tongan language week. Some of our Tongan students took the opportunity to plan some events to share their culture and language with us during assemblies, lunchtimes and morning tea throughout the week. The week turned out to be a hugely entertaining experience, rich in culture, song and colour. Some of our Tongan music students also visited and performed at one of our feeder schools and made huge connections with our wider Tongan community. Thank you to all those students and staff that took part in the week.

## 2020 Course Selection

Thank you for the support you have given Year 9-12 students in making their course choices for 2020. Our Pastoral team is now following up any issues with selections.

## ENROLMENT FOR 2020

### REMINDER

Year 9 Enrolments for 2020 are now due. To ensure that you can get what your child needs and to prepare for transition into High School, please enrol by 20 September 2019.



Fully completed card with documents can be dropped into your school office, or dropped into PHS reception

Further details can be found at [pukekohehigh.school.nz](http://pukekohehigh.school.nz)

Just a reminder that enrolments for 2020 are now due. Please enrol by 20 September at the latest.

## MEASLES UPDATE



There are now over 400 cases of measles in Counties/Manukau with no end in sight. The hardest hit age groups are those aged 0-4 years old and 15-24 years old. While we currently do not have any further cases within PHS it is highly likely we will do so within the coming months. Vaccinations are free from your local GP. If you do suspect your child or family member has measles, please keep them at home and contact Healthline on 0800 611 116 and they will talk you through the next steps. Further information on signs and symptoms is available on [www.arphs.health.nz](http://www.arphs.health.nz)

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