



THE KOHE LEAF

TERM FOUR 2018



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THE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE: 2018 has been a significant year for Pukekohe High School. A variety of important developments are planned over the next twelve months. These include a major refurbishment of the Massey Block, an upgrade of our IT network and a growing determination to raise our overall expectations and standards as a school. The Hill magazine encapsulates the many opportunities that exist for our rangatahi and the strengths of our school have been very evident in our different prizewinners over recent weeks. But we are also aware of the areas we need to grow and develop as a whole school and that will be our theme for 2019. Let us work together as a community to make next year a successful one for all our learners. My very best wishes for a restful and enjoyable Christmas break. Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou.
Mr Richard Barnett.

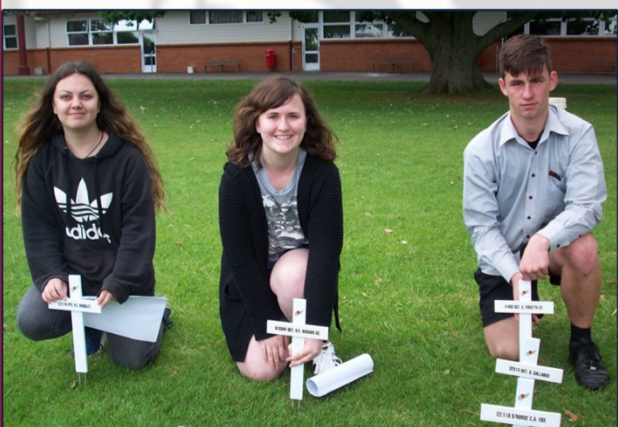
THE SKY'S THE LIMIT

Our amazing kapa haka group performed and opened the race at the V8 racing at the Pukekohe Raceway earlier this term. The performance was filmed live on Skysports and was watched by a tv audience of millions. A huge congratulations to all of those involved for what was a huge accolade for Pukekohe High School.



THE FALLEN REMEMBERED

Pukekohe High School staff members, Rose Karauia and Shelly Boyes, together with senior students Amber Clarke, Kathryn van de Westerlo and Todd Arnet, erected a Field of Remembrance at the Harris Street frontage of the high school to honour those that made the ultimate sacrifice in World War I, coinciding with the Armistice Day commemoration.



HAERE RA TO TWO OF OUR GREAT SCHOOL LEADERS.



A sad farewell filled with aroha for Matua Brian McDonald and Whaea Amy Tipene. We thank them for their hugely significant contribution to both students and whanau across our school community for many years. We will miss their passion and devotion to Pukekohe High School.

TEAM OF THE YEAR AWARD



Well done to our Pukekohe High School 1st XV Boys' rugby team who take home 'TEAM OF THE YEAR' at the PHS Sports Awards for 2018. Well done to the management. What an historic year it has been. Thank you all. #PHSRugby



We would like to share a warm haere mai to our new Assistant Principal Gerard Tindling, who will be joining us on a full time basis from the start of 2019. Mr Tindling joins us from Tamaki College in Auckland.

KEY DATES FOR START OF 2019

- Wednesday 23 – Thursday 24 January:** Year 12 and 13 students should check the NZQA website for their results in mid-January. Deans will arrange contact with Year 12 and 13 students who have issues and those who are not able to resolve their problems on these 2 days must attend on Wednesday 30 January, after 10:30 am, in the school library. A list of confirmed subjects that students have entered will be available from the school library. Note: Year 9, 10 and 11 students will have the combination of subjects that they have previously chosen.
- Thursday 24 January:** Year 13 Peer Support training – school hall, 9:00 am
- Tuesday 29 January:** Teacher only day
- Wednesday 30 January** All new students, plus Year 13 Poowhiri 8:40am – front courtyard (all whanau welcome)
- Thursday 31 January** Whole school. Printed timetables will be issued to students. Normal timetabled classes begin.

RECENT TEACHER ONLY DAY

Earlier this term, Pukekohe High School staff actively engaged in doing some great mahi around our new behaviour for learning and values. All staff took an active role during the whole day session in creating the positive culture we want for all at Pukekohe High School.



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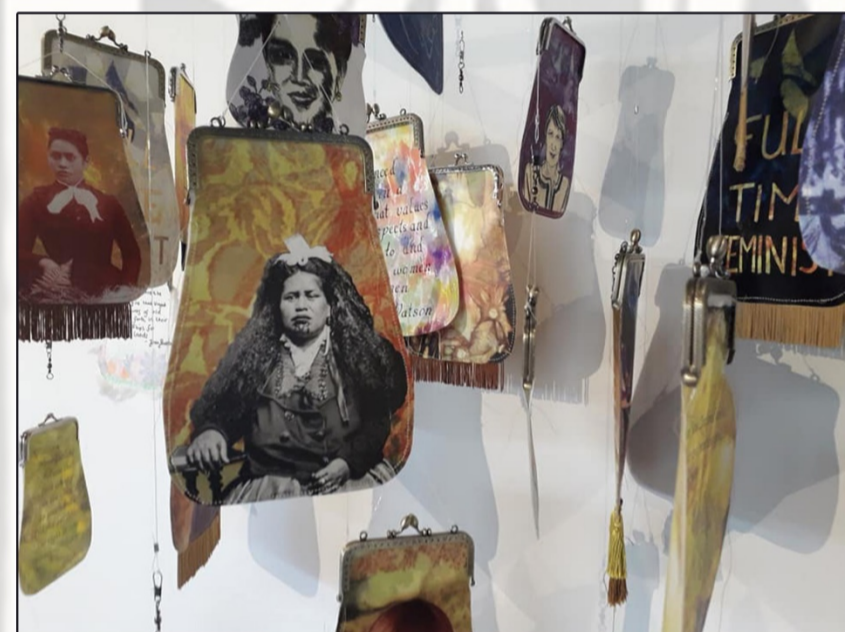


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STUDENTS FIND CREATIVE VOICE IN EXHIBITION



The She Speak art exhibition began late in November at the NZ Steel Gallery in the Franklin Arts Centre. An exciting collection of student and teacher work from the high school, alongside artists' work from the community. This important historical exhibition marks the 125th anniversary since women were given the vote. The artworks on show drew from the talents of both junior and senior art students across a broad range of disciplines, from print and painting, to design, photography and installation. The two examples above are by Year 11 student Kaycee Nelson and Year 12 photography student Amaaria-Rose Bhana.

STUDENTS AND STAFF WELL REPRESENTED AT THE ARMISTICE DAY COMMEMORATIONS

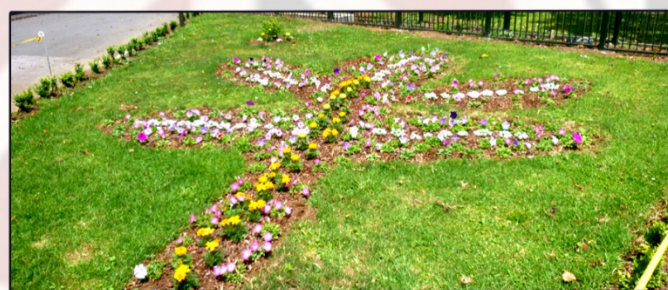
Pukekohe High School students and staff took part in the commemorations for Armistice Day during the Armistice weekend last month at the Pukekohe War Memorial Town Hall and also across the district.

The award winning school stage band were playing during the commemorative dinner and dance on Saturday evening, whilst many of our talented junior art students had their work displayed in the town hall. Many of our other students took part and assisted with the many other events taking place throughout the Armistice Weekend.



Cutting the Armistice cake are (left) the patron of RSA Franklin and World War 2 veteran, Des Mitchell, and the youngest RSA Executive Committee member in New Zealand and Youth Section representative, Hannah Lidgett (right, aged 14 years). Hannah is a Year 10 student at Pukekohe High School. Some of her art was featured in the audio-visual backdrop. The whole event was organised by the RSA Franklin under the excellent stewardship of President Shelly Boyes.

THE KOHE LEAF BLOOMS INTO SUMMER



Year 12 Horticulture students, under the watchful eye of Mr Matthews, did a blooming good job! They designed and planted a garden bed (in the shape of a kohe leaf) outside gate 1 alongside Harris Street. The intention is that as the summer months occur, more colour and growth will emerge, and the school motif will spring in to life.

THE RISING FOUNDATION PLAN

From left to right, local MP Andrew Bayly, John Bongard (CEO of The Rising Foundation), Tiare Matara and principal Richard Barnett, meet to discuss the success of the foundation this year.



ENGLISH STUDENTS TRAVEL THE GLOBE

Last week, junior English students had the opportunity to head up to the Ellerslie Racecourse to experience the pop-up Globe theatrical performance of William Shakespeare's play Richard III. Students and staff had the opportunity to be active audience participants in this modern and interactive version of the famous play.



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SUCCESS OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM



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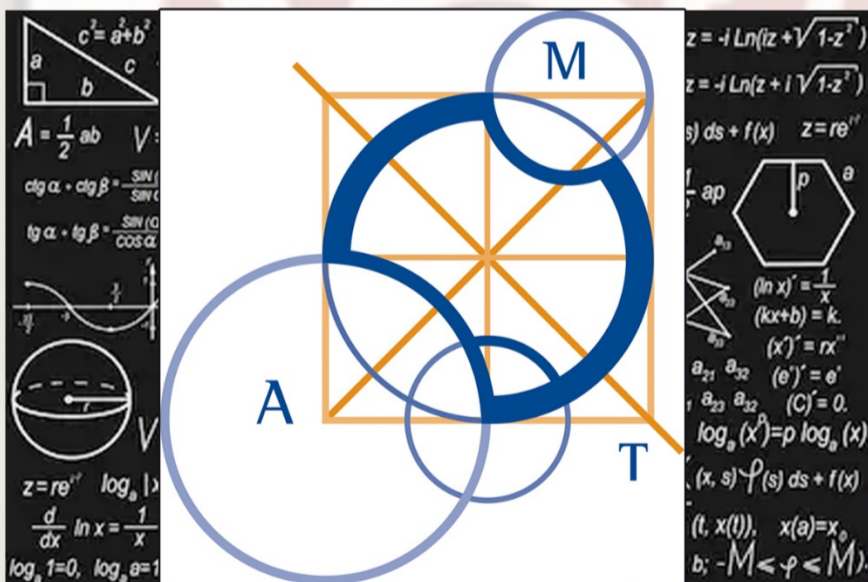
Bronwyn Mitchell (Year 9) competed in the NZSSA Championships held at the Caledonian Grounds in Dunedin. Twenty-two students from across New Zealand competed in the Year 9 1500m race, where Bronwyn won her heat on the Saturday. Bronwyn qualified for the final with the 7th fastest time and finished a commendable 5th in the Championship. A personal best time for her achievement.

STUDENTS AND STAFF GET WET AND WILD AT THE VECTOR WERO

In November, our year 10 students had the opportunity to take part in the Water Safety unit. The course ran over 7 weeks and had dry instruction at school, rec centre lessons in flat, calm water, and then a lesson swimming and rafting in whitewater at Vector Wero Whitewater Park. All students and staff who attended had an amazing time, increasing their confidence and adaptability around water. With help from a grant from NZCT to offset some costs, all year 10 students took part. A big congratulations to all of those members of staff who put an enormous amount of time and energy into ensuring that our students had a fun but safe time throughout their experience.



MATHS STUDENTS COMPETE INTERNATIONALLY



The Australian Mathematics Competition is an international contest with students from more than 30 countries attempting the same problems. The contest is for students of all standards and students are asked to solve 30 problems in 75 minutes. The problems are designed to test mathematical thinking and questions are designed so that they can be answered just as quickly without a calculator as with one. This year we had 23 students across all year levels who opted to compete and the results have just come back. 6 students gained Distinction, 9 gained Credit and 8 gained Proficiency. The results are as follows: **Distinction:** Noah Smith, Stanly Yip, Jasmine Niederberger, Nick Wilson, Abby Howard and Amanda Lee. **Credit:** Jimmy O'Keeffe, Rocel Katuin, Sam Shaw, Morgan Twiss, Theresa Nota, Hayley Thomas, Antonia Wilcox, Abbie Reid and Sophia Chen. **Proficiency:** Lilly Fox, Jasvin Girgla, Trenyce Gardiner, Analiese Larsen, Celest Nyatsanz, Poppy Kempster, Yo Ao and Cameron Hooper. Congratulations to all students who competed this year.



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HAERA RA TO OUR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Our international students enjoyed an end of year get together, featuring bubble soccer antics with their homestays. We finished the evening with a Subway feast and loads of water to quench very thirsty, hot bodies. If you and your family would like to come to activities like this with an international student, please email your interest in hosting a student to homestay@pukekohehigh.school.nz



ELLA HEADS FOR THE STUDIO TO RECORD SUMMER SINGLE

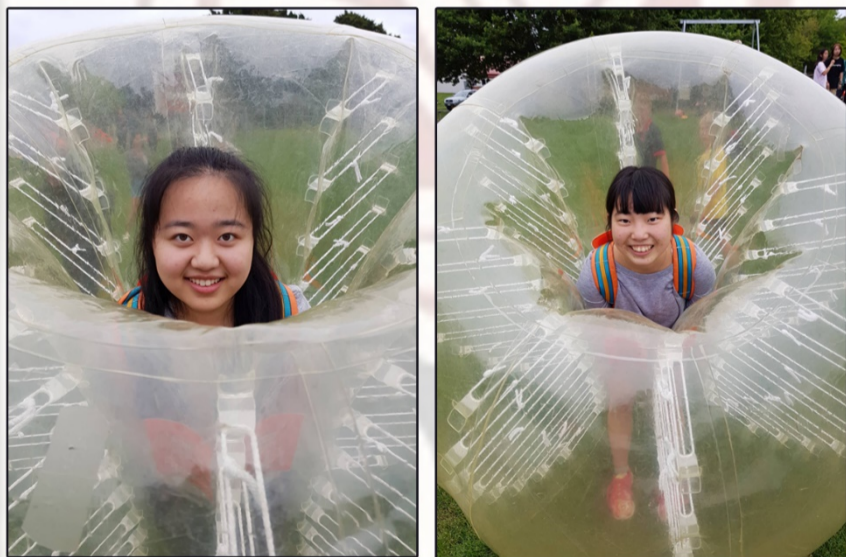
Ella Barwick (Year 11) has been recording her song 'Flowers Of Summer' for the Lion Foundation Songwriting Competition. Recorded at Roundhead Studios with Scott Seabright Engineering, Ella is hoping the original song will do well in the competition and will lead onto more opportunities in the music business. We are all extremely excited by the huge talent she possesses and are very proud to hear her unique voice and songwriting echoing throughout our school.



AND THAT'S A WRAP FOR 2018 RUGBY!



At the end of a long season, our Pukekohe High School Under 15 Boys competed at the Condor Rugby 7s Nationals 2018. The team returned for a 2nd year in a row to Sacred Heart College to participate in the national tournament, alongside 31 other schools from around New Zealand. They eventually won 2 and lost 4. The team was coached by Shaun Atamu, assisted by Shey Eva and managed by Sharon Chitty and Stephen Langdon. Former Condors representative, Samuel Dickey, and 1st XV captain, Gabriel Wilson, helped out throughout as the support crew. Thank you to all who supported us and made this possible. This concludes the year for the rugby calendar. Well done to all involved. We look forward to 2019.



Once again, a big ka pai to our 2018 house shield winners, Massey House, who have now held onto the prestigious title for two consecutive years.

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
A HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM ALL THE STAFF
AT PUKEKOHE HIGH SCHOOL**

.....AND FINALLY
To get you firmly into the Christmas spirit and ready for the summer holidays, please enjoy one example of the many amazing ginger bread house designs made exclusively by our creative year 10 Food Technology students. Well Done.



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