

Newsletter



PUKEKOHE HIGH SCHOOL

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From the Principal

Kia ora koutou

It was good to be able to celebrate our students' success at our Prizegiving Assemblies during the last two days of this term. Although much later in the year than we would have wished, acknowledging all students for their academic achievements during a very challenging year, and celebrating each of our award winners, has made for a very positive end of term.

Congratulations to our musicians and to Simon Schofield for his directorship of our jazz ensembles and their wonderful success at the Tauranga Jazz Festival over the Easter weekend.

By the time we return to school next term, the new turf on the lower fields complete with four basketball hoops and a volleyball court should finally be open and available for students to use.

We wish all our students an enjoyable and restful break over the next two weeks. To those of you taking part in the Northland Hikoi, Orienteering Champs and the Gold Duke of Edinburgh tramp, thank you for supporting each of these activities.

Nгаа manaakitanga,

Richard Barnett
Tumuaki - Principal

National Secondary School Waka Ama Championships

A small dedicated and enthusiastic group of students and their supporters participated in the National Secondary School Waka Ama Championships at Tikitapu (Blue Lake) Rotorua, 23 – 26 March.

Keziah Tarapa (U19) and Olivia Russek (U16) both got into their respective Championship finals, which is an amazing achievement. The team were also successful in the minor finals:

- Bowl Final 1st Girls U19 W6, 250m
- Plate Final 2nd Boys U16 W6, 500m
- Plate Final 3rd Girls U16 W6, 250m



We are excited to say that the team was awarded the Putu Mihaka trophy for the school displaying Manaaki, Awhi and overall positive attitude through the event. What is really wonderful is that this award is decided by the organising volunteers, rather than something a team enters. Congratulations to all for the hard mahi and fabulous and generous spirit on the day; what a way to represent!

Sustainable Youth Leadership Programme

We are pleased to report that Grace Collo has been selected for the Auckland Council's Young Leaders Sustainability Programme, Manukau Harbour wānanga from 21-23 April 2021.

This leadership and mentoring programme, supported by the Manukau Harbour Forum and framed around the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, provides a unique opportunity for Grace to spend three days connecting with peers from schools across the region. She will interact with experts, learn skills, and find out first-hand about the key issues facing the Manukau Harbour and its waterways.

The Sustainable Schools team will also support Grace throughout the year to develop her leadership skills and implement sustainability actions in her local community. This will include Grace attending further one day hui during each of the July and October school holidays.

Hikoi to Rangiriri

On Friday 12th March, Students from 11 MAO, 12 TAK and 13 TAK spent the day at Rangiriri Urupa and Pa where representatives from Ngaati Naho shared part of their local narrative on what happened at Rangiriri. We were supported by local Ngaati Tamaoho board member Toi Katipa and his team.

It was an amazing experience and our MAO and TAK students can use what we learned in their respective research projects going forward.



Tauranga Jazz Festival

On 1st April, the Stage Band and the PHS Quintet Jazz Combo travelled to Tauranga for the National Youth Jazz Festival. There were over 400 students from 42 schools competing over two days, giving 45 performances in the Baycourt Theatre. Each ensemble played their set and was given an on-stage workshop with one of the judges.

Two of our musicians were presented with individual awards. The standard of musicianship was extremely high across the competition, so being selected for an individual award is a significant personal achievement.

Congratulations to Alex Vujanic for being awarded the trophy for Most Outstanding Saxophonist, and to Devin O’Callaghan for being awarded the trophy for Best Big Band Drummer.

Our two ensembles were both awarded Gold Certificates and the Stage Band was presented with the New Orleans Trophy for Most Outstanding Big Band. Huge Congratulations to all of our musicians!



Potato Expo

L3 AgHort Pukekohe High students had the opportunity to attend the North Island EuroGrow Potato Variety Exhibition on new potato varieties. A very informative talk was held with experts on the industry. ‘On Show’ were:

- Over 25 new varieties
- Fresh market, specialty, crisp and fry lines included
- Varieties from NZ, USA, UK/Ireland, Holland, Germany and France
- Overview of trial outcomes and status of these varieties

This event was attended by all local growers and was a chance for L3 students to see what’s happening “behind the scenes” with development of new potato varieties.



Sporting Success

PHS Tennis Champions

Junior Girl	Anny McCort	Junior Boy	Leif Cornu
Intermediate Girl	Jessica Nepia	Intermediate Boy	Ronnie Woods
Senior Girl	Benika Vandermeer	Senior Boy	Sam Shaw
Senior Girls Plate	Britt Rennell	Senior Boys Plate	Milan Patel
Intermediate Boys Plate	Rushil Patel and Liam Tilyard		

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Counties Manukau Tennis Champions

Junior Girls Champion	Abby McCort
Junior Girls Runner Up	Kate Shaw
Junior Girls Doubles Champions	Keely Warren and Michelle Whitehead

Junior Boys Doubles Champions	Braedyn Northcott and Finley Taylor-Gill
Intermediate Girls Runner Up	Jessica Nepia
Intermediate Girls Doubles Runner Up	Yasmin Brady-Leathem and Shelby Whitley
Intermediate Boys Runner Up	Ben Fausett
Intermediate Boys Doubles Champions	Matt Chiesa and Daniel Shaw

Puuhoro STEM Academy

On Tuesday 30th of March, a small group of Māori students from Pukekohe High School were granted with the opportunity of attending the Pūhoro STEM Academy Term One Wānanga. The group of students travelled to the Manukau Institute of Technology, Otara for a day full of fun and learning. As students, we were split into groups that consisted of other Māori students from local South Auckland schools – this was the group we were with for the majority of the day. By being split up we were given the chance to meet others and build new friendships. We experienced a series of rotations including learning and singing a song related to the academy called Ngā Ihorei Āpōpō, we experienced learning about Forensics with Heidi Baker and Robotics with Tākuta Mahonri Owen. On reflection, we felt very privileged for the awesome opportunity we were given and we left the Wānanga with extended learning and great experiences shared by all.

Armani Tohaia and Yara Smith



Mt Roskill Sports Exchange

Our exchange with Mt Roskill Grammar finally happened on Tuesday 13 April. Our students were looking forward to re-ignite the exchange challenge following the cancellation last year and change of dates this year.

We were represented in Basketball girls, Basketball boys, Cricket, Football girls, Football boys, Hockey girls, Hockey boys, Netball and Rugby. After some tight games where the result was only confirmed on the final whistle, we unfortunately conceded defeat overall. The Rugby boys 1st XV were victors, in a fast and furious game, running out a score of 29-14.

The day could not have happened without the coaches and managers. We really appreciate the time and effort they offer to our sporting teams. A massive thanks to Mt Roskill for hosting this year, and we look forward to hosting next year at Pukekohe.



PHS Centenary Celebration Update

Preparations are well under way for this coming celebration. Registrations will be opened within the next six weeks – both online (from a Centenary website and our Facebook page) or via paper. Information about this will be sent out next term.

100 voices project – your help needed....



This project is a part of the Pukekohe High School Centenary year. The aim is to interview and film 100 selected ex-students to provide information about their memories of attending PHS and what they have gone on to achieve in their life after attending PHS. These people will be profiled through an image and linking QR code during the centenary and also as a permanent record on the school website as an ongoing archive of achievers at Pukekohe High School.

For this we need nominations of people to select from. Nomination is through a form at [Microsoft Forms](#) or use the QR code. If a paper copy is required then this can be picked up from the school office or emailed to you. Email us at centenary@pukekohehigh.school.nz.



Please note that not all nominations will necessarily be a part of the final 100 voices.

We look forward to reading about some amazing things about our Alumni.

Notices

Wednesday Evenings
6pm - 8:30pm

Franklin Family Support
Community Hub
201 King Street, Pukekohe

To book or to find out more
Phone (09) 238 6233 or email
parenting@familysupport.org.nz



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- Different parenting styles
- Understanding your teenager
- Having fun as a family
- Managing emotional changes
- Connecting with your teen
- Setting family boundaries



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**OPEN EVENING
TE POO WHAKAMAARAMA**

16 June 2021 4 - 6 pm

ENROL NOW FOR 2022

Online Enrolment Available | Puka Whakauru Tuihono

Principal's Address 5pm | Mihi Whakatau
Guided Tours | Meet Teachers | Enrol
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Important Dates for your Diary

- 3 May Term 2 begins
- 13 May Teacher only Day
- 19 May Whaanau Hui
- 20 May Year 9 & 10 Parent Subject meetings
- 25 May Year 9 & 10 Parent Subject meetings
- 2 June GATE Parent Evening
- 9 June Whaanau Aawhina Roopuu Hui
- 15 June Year 11 to 13 Parent Subject Meetings
- 16 June PHS Open Day evening
- 23 June Year 11 to 13 Parent Subject meetings
- 9 July End of Term 2