



Newsletter

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From the Principal

Kia ora koutou

It has been a very busy and successful start to Term 2. The new turf on the lower fields, complete with four basketball hoops and a volleyball court, are being well used. We have purchased a shiny new school 12 seater van and upgrades are being made to the school hall ready for the Centenary celebrations in October.

Our teachers were hard at work over the holiday period attending and presenting at conferences in their specialties and again, some amazing feedback was received. A big thank you to all our staff who were supporting students on trips, tramps and sports events during this time as well.

Congratulations are in line for our musicians and sporting students who represented the school in a variety of codes with some amazing success and some wonderful feedback was received about their performances both on and off the field.

We had a successful Year 9 and 10 Parent / Teacher subject evening in late May, with a great and engaging turn out of parents and caregivers. The Year 11 – 13 opportunities are on 9th and 24th June; further details are on the website. Please note on the 24th, the whole school will finish at 1.40pm (lunch time) to allow for these meetings to occur.

Our focus for the rest of the term is to wear the correct uniform in a tidy manner and with pride. Please make sure your student has and uses the correct uniform, clean and pressed, to lift the mana and show pride in our school. If there are any issues around this, please contact your year level Kaitiaki Aakonga for assistance.

And finally, this week is Spirit Week, a week of fun competitions, organised by the student Hapori Whaanui (Community) and Haakinakina (Sport) Councils to celebrate house and school spirit.

Ngaa manaakitanga,

Richard Barnett
Tumuaki - Principal

Property News



New turf with basketball hoops & volleyball court



New LDV minibus to join the school fleet

International Student Trip

During the first weekend of the Term 1 holidays, the International team took a three day trip to Te Tai Tokerau. There was a lot of driving but we saw some great scenery. We stayed in Paihia and on the way there, stopped at the iconic Hundertwasser toilets and visitor centre. That night, just as it was getting dark, we took the ferry across the Russell and ate dinner in the moonlight. It was a bit hard to see what we were eating but it was delicious! Day two, we drove up to Cape Reinga – it was a beautiful blue sky day with no wind. Perfect tourist conditions and we walked down to the lighthouse around the tracks. Unfortunately, it rained continuously on the 3rd day so we headed back to Auckland early. Trip done and dusted and looking forward to the next one!



Success at Matamata Music Festival



On Sunday 16th May, the Wind Band and Senior Concert Band travelled deep into the Waikato to compete at the annual Festival of Music at Matamata.

13 Bands played throughout the day, mostly adult or area bands, and all gave great performances. The bands from PHS played well and represented the school brilliantly - this was the concert band's ninth performance at Matamata and we received a warm welcome as always.

Our Wind Band was awarded a Bronze certificate, and our Senior Concert Band a Silver certificate. In addition, the Concert Band was presented with the David and Ruth Cochrane Cup for Adjudicator's Choice.

Congratulations to all involved!

Pink Shirt Day



On May 21, the students supported Pink Shirt Day to support the Mental Health Foundation and we are pleased to say \$1,032.00 was raised through donations

Smoke Free Rock Quest

On 22 May, four bands with students Y9 through to Y13 represented PHS at the Smoke Free Rock Quest – South Auckland Regionals against 50 other bands from around the area. All of our bands played confidently and represented the school really well.

The Y13 band LATEM of Nik Meads, Tom Gordon, Devin O’Callaghan and Cameron Loving got through to the wider Auckland Regionals! We look forward to reporting on the outcome in the future.

Well done to all the bands and their supporters!



NISS Horse Trial

The Equestrian Team (Elizabeth McKenie, Toni Glossop and Maddie Stuart) had a successful, if very chilly, weekend away competing at the North Island Secondary Schools Horse Trials in Taupo late May. This event over two days involved a tough competition of some horse ballet called Dressage, creative colour pole jumping called Show Jumping and the jumping only for the fearless Cross country jumping the last day. It tests both mental and physical fitness of all riders and horses.

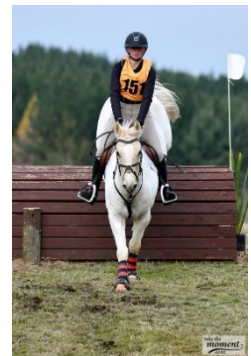
We overcome these challenges well coming away with our newest member Toni at second place in her category, as well as plenty of experience and exciting memories. A big thank you for the support of our amazing parents and teacher and support member Mrs van Der Merwe.



Elizabeth & My Havanna



Toni & Circle K Spot On



Maddie & Halcyon Beaudunnit

PHS Rowing and Maadi Cup 2021

The PHS rowing 2020/21 season came to an end late March at the completion of the Maadi Cup at Lake Karapiro. 31 PHS students participated this season as rowers and coxswains. While the season was a little interrupted with COVID lockdowns, it was very successful. Special mention to our girls under 15 doubles crew of Kyla van Rijs and Megan van Leeuwen who won gold at the North Island Club Champs, bronze at the North Island School Champs and were 5th in NZ at Maadi Cup.

At Maadi Cup our crews made 12 semi-finals, 6 “B” finals (top 16 NZ) and 1 “A” final (top 8 NZ). The rowers also had a very successful club season with excellent results at North Island and National level. At the club regattas there were medals gained at all levels (9 in total). Also, there were some very promising rowers in the Novice grade (1st year) to keep the successes rolling on as these athletes will become the future of the club.



GU15 - Kyla van Rijs and Megan van Leeuwen



BU16 doubles - Jack Siemelink, Cameron Presto & Coach Brett Henry



Girls Intermediate 8



Blnt 4 - Leanne Henry, Ann Cato, Jack Siemelink, Brad Morrion, Max Simelink, Brett Henry



U16 4 - Carl Preston, Dylan van Leeuwen and Ryan Dodds in action



Novice Girls Octuple in action

Interested in rowing? – Learn to Row – July 2021

In July Mercer Rowing Club (via which PHS row) will hold its free annual Learn to Row event. Spread over 4 Sundays (3-4hrs), it is an opportunity for you (and your parents) to learn all about rowing and the Club, and for you to get out on the water to see if this incredible sport is for you. The Club is looking for rowers and coxswains. A myth regarding rowing. It does not involve early morning training. It is after school and car pooling is organised to get rowers to the club normally for a 4pm start. The club has a great culture that is very supportive and welcoming of new rowers and their families. Talk to Mr Matchett for more information or check our website <https://www.sporty.co.nz> › mercerrowing

PHS Cross Country Champion

Junior Girl	Angela Marx	Junior Boy	Jack Haslip
Intermediate Girl	Armani Tohaia	Intermediate Boy	Leon Duke
Senior Girl	Caitlyn Marx	Senior Boy	Caleb Moxon

PHS Squash Champion

Junior Girl	Steme Clarke	Junior Boy	Joshua Voykovic-Rakiraki
Senior Girl	Jemma Gold	Senior Boy	Joel Hawkins

NISS Athletics Championships

- **Junior Boys 80m Hurdles:** Christofell Greyling, silver medal
- **Intermediate Boys Triple Jump:** Kaelan Paranihi, gold medal
- **Intermediate Boys High Jump:** Kaelan Paranihi, gold medal
- **Intermediate Boys Long Jump:** Kaelan Paranihi, silver medal

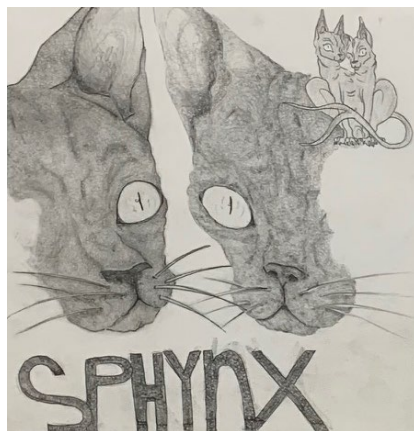
CMSS Cross Country Championships

- **Junior Boys Team:** Jack Haslip, Nicholas Strickland and Jake Walden, 2nd

2021 Art Works



Logan Hooper, Y10



Rebekah Brown, Y11



Mhitsuwai Mahinay, Y11



Athea Ramos, Y11



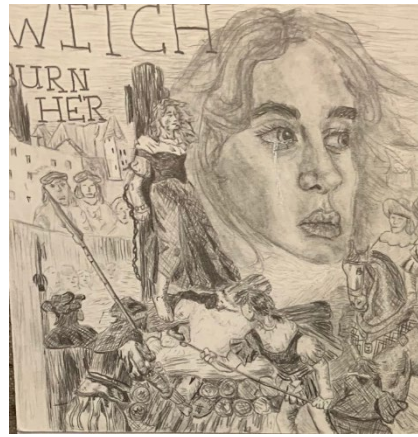
Emma Witten, Y11



Jorja Paaton, Y11



Megan Jamieson, Y11



Izzy Ferguson, Y11



Chelsea Mills, Y12

Students at Work

L2 Horticulture students beautifying our school garden beds with some mahi and aroha:



Y10 Toi Whakaari completing their unit standards in Manu Taratahi and Tiitii Toorea



PHS Staff Te Ara Reo Noho Marae

Last weekend a group of 30 teachers and support staff from Pukekohe High School attended a noho marae (overnight stay) at Nga Tai E Rua in Tuakau as a part of the Te Ara Reo Maaori course staff are enrolled in through Te Waananga o Aotearoa. The weekend was a wonderful learning experience, where we engaged in workshops in related to karanga, mihi (formal speaking), language structures and we even learned to sing and perform the actions to the waiata ā-ringā 'E Minaka Ana'. We would like to thank our kaiako from Te Waananga o Aotearoa and Nga Tai E Rua for their manaaki of our roopuu their warm welcome and hospitality. We thoroughly enjoyed our



experience and have come back to school inspired to use our growing Te Reo Maaori in the classroom and across our kura.

Notices



Just a reminder for the school Centenary celebrations that the 100 Voices Project nominations are still open through the form at [Microsoft Forms](#) or collect a paper from the school office or emailed to you. Email us at centenary@pukekohehigh.school.nz.

Registrations will officially open at the end on June through the website or the PHS Centenary facebook so keep an eye out!

Important Dates for your Diary

- 8 – 11 June Spirit Week
- 9 June Whaanau Aawhina Roopuu Hui
- 9 June Year 11 to 13 Parent Subject Meetings
- 16 June PHS Open Day Evening
- 21 June Board of Trustees Meeting
- 24 June Year 11 to 13 Parent Subject meetings (**school finishes at 1.40pm**)
- 9 July End of Term 2
- 19 July Board of Trustees Meeting