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PUKEKOHE HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



From the Principal's desk

Nau mai, haere mai!



I would like to extend my warm welcome to all students and whaanau as we begin the 2022 school year. Pukekohe High School has been a part of this vibrant community for 100 years, and we look forward with excitement to the opportunity to work together with you to continue to provide high quality education for all. The school's roll is currently 1899 students, and we know that there is a lot of further development under way in the Pukekohe area. To meet our projected roll growth, construction will commence in 2022 on a new ten classroom building as a part of our wider campus redevelopment.

As we face the challenges which Covid-19 brings, our teachers are planning exciting teaching and learning programmes which integrate the digital tools that have become so important in this new normal. We would like you to rest assured that as we welcome our students back to school, we are carefully following all Ministry of Health Guidelines and will continue to update you as we respond to the unfolding situation.

Our start to the school year will be staggered by year level, in order to allow for quality academic mentoring to occur. It is important that students attend school on the first day for their year level, so that we can support them to confirm courses which will allow them to meet their future goals.

We are very fortunate to have appointed Donna Tupaea-Petero as a new Deputy Principal this year. Donna joins us from Alfriston College where she has been working as a Deputy Principal. Donna comes with an extensive background in school leadership. We also wish our Principal Richard Barnett well as he takes a well-deserved sabbatical during term 1. John Cook and Meghan Ashford will step up to the positions of Acting Assistant Principals during this time.

Ngaa mihi
Rachel Hamlin
(Acting Principal)

Return to School Dates

Term 1 has a staggered start for different year levels as outlined below:

Year 13s Only: Wednesday February 2nd, 8.45am*

Year 12s Only: Thursday February 3rd, 8.45am*

Year 10s & 11s Only: Friday February 4th, 8.45am

Year 9s Only: Tuesday February 8th, 8.45am **

*Year 12 & 13 may leave at 12:40 if they have completed course confirmation.

**Year 9 students will receive more details about their first day and welcome to the school over the coming days.

ALL YEAR LEVELS COMMENCE WEDNESDAY 9th FEBRUARY

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School Bus Changes 2022

This year will see some changes to our school transport as the Ministry of Education transitions to a new contract with bus operators. The school bus operator is changing on some of our routes. We are working closely with our school bus operators and the Ministry of Education to ensure that the transition to the new school bus operator goes well.



To make sure that the start of the school year goes as smoothly as possible, **please familiarise yourself with the information found on our website: pukekohehigh.school.nz/school-buses/**

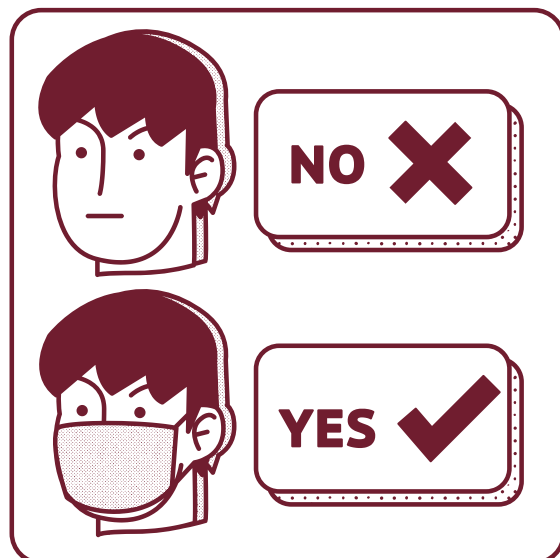
As always, please either stay with your children while they are waiting for their school transport in the morning or keep in contact with them to make sure that they are picked up safely.

Returning to School at Alert Level Red

All students must wear face coverings. Please ensure that you bring a mask with you each day. Replacement masks are available at the office should you lose or break your mask during the day.

We are encouraging social distancing at break times and vigilance during the current outbreak. We will communicate any changes to you directly as they are announced from the Ministry of Education. Please remember to do the following:

- Regularly wash and thoroughly dry your hands and use hand sanitiser.
- Sneeze and cough into your elbow.
- Social distance where possible
- **If you have cold, flu or COVID-19 symptoms, stay home and get a test.**
 1. Contact the school to advise of your absence on 09 237 0198 or on www.pukekohehigh.school.nz/report-an-absence/
 2. Teachers will be posting work on Microsoft Teams. Make sure you are communicating online with your teacher and are able to access and complete classwork at home.



Covid-19 Vaccinations for Co and Extra-curricular Activities

As we are open for on-site learning during alert level red, we need to ensure we are adhering to the Covid-19 Protection Framework (CPF) as advised from the Ministry of Education.

Students do not need to be vaccinated to attend school, however vaccination may be required to participate in certain co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. We will advise which activities require full vaccination status at the time of signing up. We will endeavour to suggest alternative activities in the place of those requiring vaccination.

The preferred proof of vaccination is:

- Vaccine Pass
- A Vaccination Certificate (issued from the Ministry of Health)
- My Covid Record (image must include the students full name)
- A letter from their GP (with both vaccination dates)

We cannot accept the purple vaccination card given at the time of vaccination. Please contact the organiser of the activity to arrange sending the vaccination proof through.



Bell Times

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
	Staff Brief 8.30				Staff Brief* 8.30
Whānau rōpū	Bell at 8:40 8.45 - 9.00 Year 9 Assembly	Bell at 8:40 8.45 - 9.00 Year 10 Assembly	Staff Professional Learning 8.30 - 9.15	Bell at 8:40 8.45 - 9.00 Year 11 Assembly	Bell at 8:40 8.45 - 9.00 Year 12/13 Assembly
Period 1	9:05 - 10:05	9:05 - 10:05	9:20 10:15	9:05 - 10:05	9:05 - 10:05
Period 2	10:10 - 11:10	10:10 - 11:10	10:15 - 11:10	10:10 - 11:10	10:10 - 11:10
Interval	11:10 - 11:30	11:10 - 11:30	11:10 - 11:30	11:10 - 11:30	11:10 - 11:30
Period 3	11:35 - 12:35	11:35 - 12:35	11:35 - 12:35	11:35 - 12:35	11:35 - 12:35
Period 4	12:40 - 1:40	12:40 - 1:40	12:40 - 1:40	12:40 - 1:40	12:40 - 1:40
Lunch	1:40 - 2:20	1:40 - 2:20	1:40 - 2:20	1:40 - 2:20	1:40 - 2:20
Period 5	2:25 - 3:20	2:25 - 3:20	2:25 - 3:20	2:25 - 3:20	2:25 - 3:20

Uniform

The Uniform Shoppe, Pukekohe stocks our uniform. Please see their website for details: www.theuniformshoppe.co.nz
7a Glasgow Road, Pukekohe

For information about our uniforms, please visit our website: www.pukekohehigh.school.nz/school-uniform/



BYOD Information

As a school we don't believe that mandating a particular device is necessary, and because individual student needs differ, this can be a complex question to answer. We do, however, suggest you consider carefully the following minimum specifications for a suitable digital device at Pukekohe High School:

- Standard Intel/AMD processors with 1 Ghz and above, Apple- Standard
- 128 GB (Windows/Apple) Hard Disk
- 4 GB RAM
- Wireless networking capability
- 5 hours of use from one battery charge
- Windows 10 home (Not in S mode), Apple Mac OS
- Large screen (7.9 inches minimum) enough to work with documents in order to create and edit content
- The ability to run a web browser (e.g. Chrome, Firefox, Internet Explorer) that will allow it to access Internet and other learning resources
- Video Camera Capability – To perform online classes during lockdowns
- Is lightweight, but robust enough to handle daily use
- Is in a protective carrying case
- The school will provide an account for Office 365 for all students. This can be installed on up to five devices and will give access to all MS Office 365 in a web browser or on their device
- Given the above guidelines we suggest you consider using a full function Windows laptop
- For Chromebooks – Intel Celeron Dual Core / Quad-Core above, 1 GHz above, 4Gb RAM, 64 Gb Hard Disk, Wi-Fi, Camera

Important Notes:

- Chromebooks are compatible with our network. If you already have one from your previous school, please bring it.
- Please discuss this with your Kaiaawhina or Kaitiaki Aakonga if there is a concern about having a device, or alternatively, you can email byod@pukekohehigh.school.nz



Term Dates

Term 1: Wednesday February 2nd (see front page for staggered start dates) – Thursday April 14th (Public holidays: Monday 7th February Waitangi day)

Term 2: Monday 2nd May – Friday 8th July (Public holidays: Monday 6th June Queen’s Birthday, Friday 24th June Matariki)

Term 3: Monday 25th July – Friday 30th September (Public holidays: nil, Teacher Only Day: Friday 16th September)

Term 4: Monday 17th October – Wednesday 14th December (Public holidays: Monday 24th October Labour Day)

Kaitiaki Akonga (Year Level Deans)

Year Level		Kaitiaki Akonga (Year Level Deans)
Year 9	He Kaakano The Seed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs Ashlee Ross • Whaea Monique Henry Email: 9Kaitiaki@pukekohehigh.school.nz
Year 10	Kia Tupu To Grow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs Debbie Rapson • Whaea Kahiwa Moeau Email: 10Kaitiaki@pukekohehigh.school.nz
Year 11	Kia Hua To Prosper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr John Cook • (Mrs Esther Williams – Term 1) • Mrs Kylie Waitai Email: 11Kaitiaki@pukekohehigh.school.nz
Year 12	Kia Puawai To Sustain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs Hester Myburgh • Mr Steven Langdon Email: 12Kaitiaki@pukekohehigh.school.nz
Year 13	Tuu Rangatira To Stand as Leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Rebecca Howard • Ms Morgan Hogg Email: 13Kaitiaki@pukekohehigh.school.nz

Amokura (Student Leaders) 2022



From left to right:

Leon Duke - Kaunihera Hauora Well Being Council

Nataleigh Hokai - Kaunihera Akoranga, Learning Council

Mia Peters - Kaunihera Maaori, Maaori Council

Ashania Ali - Kaunihera Pacifika, Pacifika Council

Rocel Katuin - Kaunihera Toi Me Ahurea, Arts & Culture Council

Ryan Spick - Kaunihera Haakinakina, Sports Council

Stationery Lists

We encourage students to have the required stationery as early as possible, to get the best start on their learning journey at Pukekohe High School. Timetables will be available to be viewed on KAMAR from **Friday 28th January**. Please be aware that there may be minor changes to the timetables during the course confirmation process.

For more information on Stationery including where to purchase, see: www.pukekohehigh.school.nz/stationery-lists/

All students will be using a device as part of their learning across all areas. We ask for whaanau support to ensure that devices are included in all school bags in readiness for learning. Covid-19 has shown us that having access to devices is essential. Please discuss this with your Kaiaawhina or Kaitiaki Aakonga if there is a concern about having the required stationery or devices.