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PUKEKOHE HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



From the Principal's desk



Kia ora koutou katoa,

As the school year begins, it has been a pleasure to welcome our new and returning students to school. After a very disrupted end to the year for all in 2021, our students have returned to school with a sense of positivity and enthusiasm about learning onsite. Our Year 9 students were welcomed to the school with a virtual pōwhiri, and were supported to familiarise themselves by our Year 12 and 13 peer support leaders.

From the end of next week, during Term 1 we will continue to provide you with the 'Traffic Light' engagement reports which we commenced during lockdown last year. In addition to any communication you may have with subject teachers, these reports will give you an indication of your student's engagement in their subjects. Our priority for this term is to ensure that our students are in-class, engaged in their learning, and making the most of every opportunity that our school offers them.

This year we have introduced a 'Hauora Habits' class for one hour each week for our year 11 students. This class will focus on providing academic mentoring, well-being, and life skills support for students as they enter their first year of NCEA. We know that the transition from being a junior to a senior student is an important time, and this class will provide a further opportunity to support students to be healthy, happy and successful young adults.

Ngā mihi,
Rachel Hamlin
(Acting Principal)

Senior Leadership Team

As pictured above, left to right:
 Denis Murphy: Business Manager
 Meghan Ashford: Assistant Principal (Term 1)
 Donna Tupaea-Petero: Deputy Principal
 Rachel Hamlin: Acting Principal (Term 1)
 Suzanne Powar: Deputy Principal
 Renee Neville: Deputy Principal
 John Cook: Assistant Principal (Term 1)

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Absences

Please remember to phone or email our attendance line if your student is to be absent from school for any period of time.

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Donna Tupaea-Petero

Introducing our new Deputy Principal, Donna Tupaea-Petero

Ko Taupiri me Matawhaura oku maunga
Ko Tainui me Te Arawa oku waka
Ko Waikato te awa, Ko Rotoiti-i-kitea a Ihenga te moana
Ko Waikato me Ngāti Pīkiao oku iwi
He uri ahau no Ngāti Tīpa, Ngāti Kawiti ratou ko Ngāti Tamateatutahi
Ko Te Kotahitanga, Ko Nga Tai e Rua, Ko Tapuaeharuru oku marae
Ko Pōtatau Te Wherowhero raua ko Pīkiorangi oku Rangatira
Ko Donna Tupaea-Petero toku ingoa.

I am very excited about returning to work in my own rohe, and joining the staff, students, whanau and wider community of Pukekohe High School. I have spent the last 25 years as an art educator, education facilitator and school leader and am looking forward to the new opportunities in this role. My research interests include Mātauranga Māori and equitable education for all – mahi that I am really looking forward to sharing. When I have spare time, I love getting into my Maara Kai or dabbling in my own art practice. Kia Ora tatou.



Top Print Award - Nyle Turuwhenua



Pukekohe High School is pleased to acknowledge the outstanding achievement of Nyle Turuwhenua as Top Scholar in the NZQA Printmaking subject examination in 2021.

Nyle sat Level 3 Printmaking in 2021 as a Year 12 student and gained Excellence for her portfolio. Her portfolio and an eight A3 page workbook were marked for Printmaking scholarship and she was selected as the Top Scholar in Printmaking in the country.

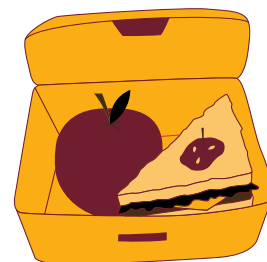
Her work will also tour in the NZQA Top Art exhibition later this year throughout New Zealand.

Over the summer Nyle also participated in the Corbans Estate summer school with New Zealand Māori artist Faith McManus, focusing on multi-plate woodcut printmaking. Congratulations Nyle on your talent and hard work gaining this national recognition.

School Lunches

School Lunches are available every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at intervals from the catering room. Students can come along, no sign up, booking or payment required.

A variety of meals will be available throughout the week. Meals offered could include butter chicken, stroganoff, beef chilly, pizza, pasta, etc. The meals will be **available from week 4**. All students are welcome.





Sports Updates

Head of Harbour Rowing

This weekend we have 32 students rowing in the Auckland Secondary Schools Head of Harbour Rowing Championships at Luke Pupuke. The schedule has been amended and the crews are competing over the 2 days to accommodate Covid restrictions. Good luck to all our rowers!

2022 New Zealand Rowing Championships will be held at Lake Ruataniwha, Twizel next week. Due to the Red setting, there won't be any spectators at the event.

We have 3 students competing for their respective Clubs – Mercer Rowing and Counties Manukau Rowing.

Chelsea Grey will be competing in Womens' Senior Quad, Club Single Sculls, Jack Siemelink will be competing in Mens' Under 22 Double Sculls, Club Double Sculls, and Club Quad Sculls, and Dylan van Leeuwen will compete in Mens' Club Double Sculls and Single Sculls. We wish our rowers well in their quest for National achievements.

Franklin Junior Sports Awards

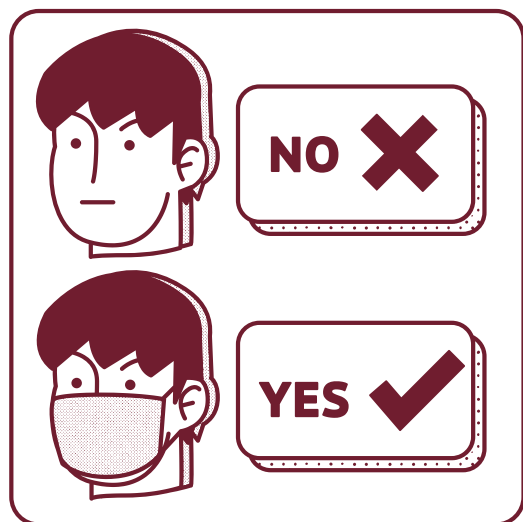
On Sunday the awards will take place to recognise the finalists from last year. The MCs for the awards are our former students Abby Crane and Caitlyn Marx.

Students from the school who were selected as finalists are; Amy Hunter – Clay Target Shooting, James Swift -Clay Target Shooting, Kaelan Paranihi - Athletics, Liukhane De Thierry-Rhind - Rugby, Cohen Brady-Leathem – Rugby.

A reminder that all **sports registrations** are able to be done through the Pukekohe High website. pukekohehigh.school.nz/sport/ As teams and events are sanctioned to begin, My Vaccine Passes will need to be sighted by the Sports Coordinator.



Mask Requirement



No mask, no entry.

All staff, students, and any visitors must wear a mask when inside unless they have an official exemption. An exemption should be supported by a letter or medical certificate from a health practitioner or GP. Students should show these to their Kaitiaki Aakonga who will then issue them with a school exemption card. This can be shown if requested.

Staff and students are encouraged to wear their masks at all times, inside and outside, unless eating or exercising. At these times, social distancing should be observed. Masks must also be worn on public and school transport/ buses.

Masks should be worn correctly, fitting tightly over the mouth and nose and opened to cover the chin. Some will be made available from staff for students who forget to bring a mask.

We are aware that mask-wearing brings challenges, please be assured that our current restrictions are to ensure the health and safety of our students, staff, whaanau and everyone in our wider community.