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# PUKEKOHE HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## From the Principal's desk



Kia ora koutou katoa,

Once again, I would like to thank you for the support that you have shown our school as we face the current Omicron outbreak together as a community. This week saw the activation of our hybrid teaching and learning programme with the rostering of year groups of students to study from home. Our teachers have been planning for distance learning and are well-prepared to provide online learning materials. Over the coming weeks as we face the peak of this outbreak, students will continue to study through a mixture of onsite and distance learning. This ensures that we have enough teaching staff available onsite to keep our campus safe, and that learning programmes can continue.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our teachers who are working exceptionally hard to cater for students who are onsite as well as those students studying from home. We will continue to regularly communicate with you. If you have recently changed any of your contact details please update us on [info@pukekohehigh.school.nz](mailto:info@pukekohehigh.school.nz)

Due to lockdown last year, we decided to wait until after NCEA external examination results were released to calculate our top academic prize-winners. This meant that we could include the examination results in our calculations for these highly contested awards. We now have the pleasure to congratulate Jasmine Niederberger and Ben Walsham who share the prestigious Dux award as well as all the other award recipients listed on page 2 below.

It is wonderful to see such strong academic achievement and diligent work ethic in our students.

Ngā mihi,  
Rachel Hamlin  
(Acting Principal)

## Distance Learning Timetable

Please note the timetable below: ensure your contact details are up to date in our system as we continue to communicate any changes via email.

Monday 28/2/22 - **Year 10 & 13** students distance learning  
Tuesday 1/3/22 - **Year 10 & 12** students distance learning  
Wednesday 2/3/22 - **Year 10 & 11** students distance learning  
Thursday 3/3/22 - **Year 9 & 13** students distance learning  
Friday 4/3/22 - **Year 9 & 12** students distance learning

## Home Resources

We have uploaded a resource onto our website for Year 9 and 10 students who would like additional work.

This learning from home pack contains a variety of resources for students to choose to complete after they have engaged in their class learning on Teams.

You can find the link to this resource [here](#)





## Senior Prizegiving Awards

Congratulations to the following award recipients who have received the highest academic accolades in our school. These awards are a testament to their hard work and diligence over the year and they have set a shining example to their fellow students.

Dux Cup (Dux) – **Jasmine Niederberger** and **Ben Walsham**

Gemma Anderson Cup (Proxime Accessit) – **Jayde Picot**

Paul Hutchinson Trophy (Yr 11 Academic Excellence) – **Samuel Donovan** (below left)

Bun Barnaby Trophy (Yr 12 Outstanding Academic Achievement) – **Jimmy O’Keefe** (below right) and **Caitlin van Rijs** (below centre)

C.A. Neate Trophy (Yr 12 Outstanding Allround Student) – **Rocel Katuin** (right)

Ngā Hau e Whā Māori Committee Trophy – **Trenyce Gardiner**

Rambhai Memorial Trophy Top Indian Student – **Serena Ravji**

Tongan Committee Trophy Top Tongan Student – **Mono Taumoeofolau**



## Advice from our Student Leaders

With all the uncertainty around learning both at school and at home, it can be hard to stay focused on schoolwork and studying. The good news is that Leon and Nataleigh have some tips to help you out. The first of which is to make a Playlist of all the music that gets you in the zone for learning.

A good idea is to also set a schedule for each one of your subjects. This will ensure that you don't get bored or bogged down by one particular subject. Another good idea is to take regular breaks for water, food, mental wellbeing and time on your phone. However it can also be a good idea to time these breaks to ensure you don't get carried away or distracted.

Exercise or movement can be a great way to fill in time during these breaks, and will make you feel refreshed and engaged. It is also important to stay in contact with friends and family either over FaceTime or face to face, and we hope you all enjoy this year and we all know you have what it takes to do really well. Cheers, and good luck!

- **Natt and Leon**





## Sports Updates

### Swimming Championships 2022

The Pukekohe High School Swimming Champs were held on Friday 28th February at the Jubilee Pools. Well done to all of the students who competed, a great display of talent!

The winners are as follows:

Junior Girls Champion: Olivia Wheeler

Junior Boys Champion: Tyson Forbes

Intermediate Girls Champion: Kate Wheeler

Intermediate Boys Champion: Ryan Elliott

Senior Girls Champion: Tyler Chapman

Senior Boys Champion: Spencer Menzies

Fulton Swim School Open 100m Freestyle Trophy 1st Place: Ryan Elliott



### AKSS Head of Harbour Rowing

This event was split into two age levels to fit in with the Covid Protection Framework. The U-18 crews rowed at Lake Pupuke on Saturday 12 February.

The results are as follows:

Div 1 Results:

2nd Caity Foote, Caitlin van Rijs (Girls U-18 Double Sculls)

2nd Sasha Robinson, Emma Hedley, Caitlin van Rijs, Caity Foote + Matt Morrison (Girls U-18 Coxed Quad Sculls)

3rd Cameron Preston (Boys U-17 Single Sculls)

3rd Emma Hedley, Sasha Robinson (Girls U-18 Double Sculls)

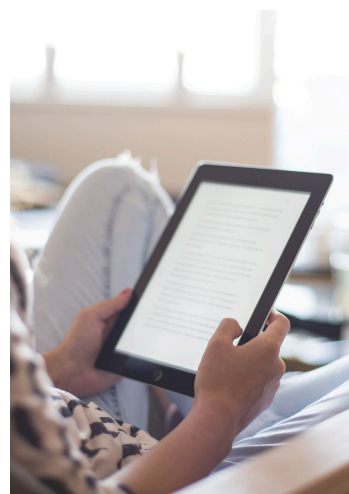
3rd Liam Mould, Jimmy Steenson, Cohen Robinson, Daniel Nota + Riley Jenkins (Boys U-18 Novice Coxed Quad Sculls)

4th Ryan Dodds, Cameron Preston, Karl Kolmer, Anton Schutte + Matt Morrison (Boys U-17 Coxed Quad Sculls)

Unfortunately, due to circumstances the U-16 and U-15 crews regatta (Saturday 19 Feb) has been postponed.



## Accessing Online E & Audio Books



With our students now learning from home, it is a great time to refresh everyone on the wide range of e & audio books our Library has on offer. These can be downloaded to your phone, tablet or laptop.

Students can borrow two at a time, for two weeks. They can be renewed if no one else has reserved them. Once the two weeks is up, the audio or ebook disappears from your device.

To access them, download the **ePlatform** app from Google Play, App store or Windows Store. Once you have the app, search for Pukekohe High School Library and sign in. Your username is your school computer login number. The password is also your computer login number.

You can then browse or search for a book to read or listen to.

For further help, go to: [lovereadingeplatform.co/help/guides](https://lovereadingeplatform.co/help/guides)





## Careers



### Leadership Course

The first week of school saw over 20 senior students attend an interactive, motivational two-day Leadership Course run by Industry Training Solutions. The course was a success and students received 12 credits in total. Skills gained included breaking down barriers that prevent great opportunities and for those that have natural leadership skills more guidance was provided.

### Defence Force Information Evening

Thursday 10th March 2022, 6:30pm-8:00pm Defence Careers, Level 1, Westfield Manukau City 1 Leyton Way MANUKAU Please note, spaces are limited therefore anyone interested needs to register their interest by emailing [manukaurecruiting@defencecareers.mil.nz](mailto:manukaurecruiting@defencecareers.mil.nz) not later than Tuesday 8th March. Your Covid Vaccination Passport will need to be presented on arrival. FOLLOW OUR EVENTS ON FACEBOOK AT: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/NZDefenceCareers/events/>

### Fencing Job

Local fencing company looking for a school leaver to join the team. Contact Sean Giddy 0211234501 to find out more information.

### Learner License

Do you know you can get credits for your Learners License? Come to the Careers Centre to find out more.

## BOT Student Representative Nominations Now Open for 2022



### Do you want to make a difference in our school?

Then why not stand for election as the Student Representative on our School Board?

As a board member, you'll learn new skills, be able to have your say on important issues and make a positive contribution to our school and community.

For more information, go to [www.trustee-election.co.nz](http://www.trustee-election.co.nz).

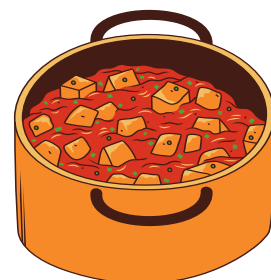
Nominations close on Friday 11 March 2022.

## School Lunches

School Lunches are available every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at interval 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 chilli, pizza, pasta, burgers etc.

**All students are welcome.**





## Peer Support

During the past two weeks, over 60 Year 12 and 13 students have been leading our 2022 Peer Support Programme. Peer Support aims to build connection between senior students and the new Year 9 students in our school. The peer support training day was on the 27th of January. Our senior students had a great day, learning about the programme and the activities they would be leading.



When the Year 9 students arrived on the 8th of February, our Peer Support leaders were there to meet them, escorting them to their whaanau roopu classes. The Peer Support leaders then spent the day facilitating games, activities, school tours and a whaanau roopu competition in the afternoon.

Senior peer support leaders will be attending year 9 whaanau roopu classes once a week for the first term, to strengthen the peer relationships and give our Year 9 students another support network they can use if they have questions about high school.

Big thanks to all senior students who have given up their time to support our Year 9 students and support their transition to high school.

## Jayde Picot - Campbell Tyson Scholarship

Congratulations to Pukekohe High School leaver Jayde Picot who received a Scholarship from Campbell Tyson Chartered Accountants to go towards her Commerce Degree at Canterbury University. Jayde was top of accounting in 2021 at Year 13 level and we wish her all the best with her continued studies.

Jayde is pictured right with Kirsty Bullen, Managing Director of Campbell Tyson Pukekohe.



## Pukekohe Vegetable Growers Association Scholarship Winners



Well done to Shreya Wallabh & Keegan Neate recipients of the 2022 Pukekohe Vegetable Growers Association Scholarships!

Both of these scholarships are worth \$2000 to contribute towards future studies. Shreya and Keegan are both studying Horticulture at Massey University.



## 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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