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PUKEKOHE HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



From the Principal's desk



Kia ora koutou katoa,

As we reach the mid-point of the term, it is an opportunity to reflect on the achievements of our students during what has been a challenging time for our community. Our students are adapting to learning through a combination of face-to-face classes onsite, and distance learning from home. I would encourage all students to maintain regular contact with their teachers via Microsoft Teams while distance learning or self-isolating. All classwork is posted on class Teams for students to access and engage with while they are at home.

This coming week, our Kaiāwhina (homeroom teachers) will be having conversations with each student to prepare them for the upcoming academic mentoring conferences which will occur on Thursday 24th March, and Friday 25th March. These conferences will be held online for whānau, students and the Kaiāwhina to meet and discuss goals and progress for each individual student. Detailed information about these conferences, including how to schedule an appointment will be sent home shortly.

In this edition of the newsletter, we have featured some of the fantastic examples of Art work created by our students and staff which are currently being exhibited within the community. The quality of these works is outstanding, and it is wonderful to see community partnerships supporting our students.

Well done to those that feature in our sporting section. It is encouraging to see sports events still going ahead and a great opportunity to make the most of the warm weather. I encourage students to get their nominations in for the Student Representative on our Board of Trustees. Today is the last day for nominations, which can be dropped off at the Student Centre.

Ngā mihi,
Rachel Hamlin
(Acting Principal)

Academic Conferencing

Academic Conferencing with your student's Kaiāwhina will be held in week 8 this term via video call. The dates for this are:

Thursday 24th March 2.20pm-7.00pm

Friday 25th March 8.20am-3.00pm

School will finish at 12.40pm Thursday 24th and there will be no classes on Friday 25th.

Please check your email for instructions on how to book these appointments.

Distance Learning Timetable

Monday 14/03 - **Year 9 & 12** students distance learning

Tuesday 15/03 - **Year 9 & 11** students distance learning

Wednesday 16/03 - **Year 10 & 13** students distance learning

Thursday 17/03 - **Year 10 & 12** students distance learning

Friday 18/03 - **Year 10 & 11** students distance learning



Deputy Principal Featured Artist

We are extremely lucky to have one of our talented Deputy Principals, Donna Tupaea-Petero, among the artists featured in the opening exhibition of the Hundertwasser Arts Centre.

Donna attended the University of Auckland's Elam School of Fine Arts in the late 1980s, graduating with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in 1994. She gained a Master of Māori Visual Art from Massey University, Te Papa-i-Oea/Palmerston North, in 2010. Her work often explores her whakapapa (genealogy), referencing Māori symbolism and the figurative form. Donna also has a long-held conceptual interest in mahi raranga (Māori weaving traditions) as a means of commenting on the roles of Māori women in both customary and contemporary Māori culture. An investigation into how we might reinterpret a traditional paint practice culminated in a series of neon / paint works which formed part of her Masters research.

Donna has been actively involved in secondary school art education for the past 25 years. As both an art teacher and arts advocate, her research has focused on improving educational outcomes for Māori through culturally responsive teaching that promotes equity and excellence. She is currently the tangata whenua representative on the Aotearoa New Zealand Art Educators Association and co-chair of the National Arts Education Alliance Association.

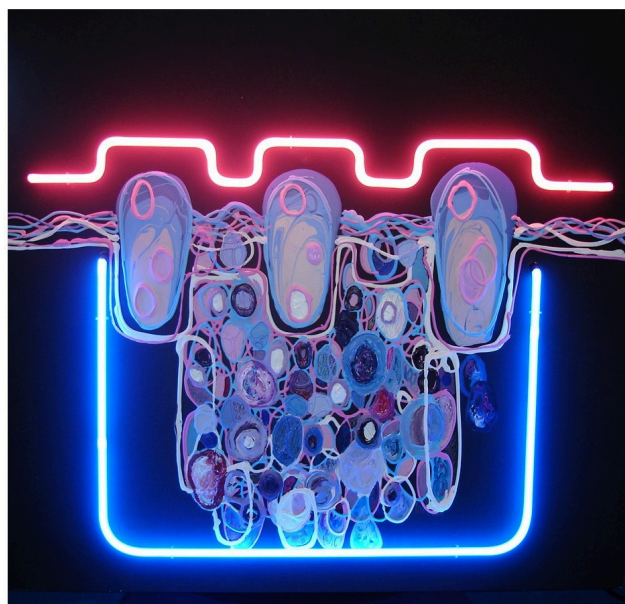
Print Art Wows at Auckland Maritime Museum

Last year our Year 11 Art students participated in an exciting collaboration with artist Kate Parker which culminated in the production of an installation of our students' prints suspended in a large two metre high box. This work is currently on display at the Viaduct Harbour in Auckland as part of a large exhibition titled: **'I am Island and Sea'**. Lightboxes glow, the Earth speaks, and the voices of Tāmaki Makaurau's young people guide you through this wondrous exhibition by our students, artist Kate Parker and students from five other Auckland schools.

The Kaupapa of the exhibition is focused on the urgent plight of our environment, particularly some of our own native environments. It focusses on seabirds, endangered creatures and environments that need our attention. Our Year 11 Art students researched images and ideas, then produced original lino prints and dry point etchings to address this issue.

We hope you can make it as it is well worth a visit.

You can find out more about this exhibition by clicking [here](#).



(above) Donna Tupaea-Petero, *Pihepihe* (2007)
at Wairau Maori Art Gallery



(above) Anastasia Bowler, Jordyn Corbett, Hannah Davis, Alesha Harris, Hayven Edwards, Ella Hunt, Charlotte Mackinven, Orlando McLean, Taniora Moana, Bree Phoenix, Matiu Pomare, Charlotte Reid-McMillan, Keziah Tarapa, Nyle Turuwheua, Madison Thorn, Abbey Van Lieshout, Zoe Freeman, Aryan Singh, Molly Butler, Sachini Kodituwakku, Slade Chitty, Maia Mackey De Thierry, Aria Slaney, Petrina Schlaepfer, Caspar Wackrow, Jorja Bryant, Layla Grey, Meralisi Toom, Nisha Van Dijk.



Top Scholar Exhibition

Congratulations to Nyle Turuwhenua whose artwork is currently on display at the opening of the Top Art 2022 Exhibition in Wellington.

It is a huge achievement for Nyle to be awarded Top Scholar in Print Making across the country. Nyle's portfolio is due to tour the country later in the year.

Franklin Art Festival Success

A number of students embraced the opportunity to take part in the Franklin Art festival exhibiting a variety of drawing, painting, printmaking and photography as part of the Youth section, which is on display at the Franklin Centre and the Pukekohe Town Hall this week.

Year 13 student **Nyle Turuwhenua** took the top prize in the Youth section (\$1000) for her photograph 'Hikoi for Harmony' and also gained a merit award for her woodcut print 'Huia and Tui'.

Art teacher and Year 11 Kaitiaki, **Kylie Waitai**, is also exhibiting three of her paper cut drawings of native birds.

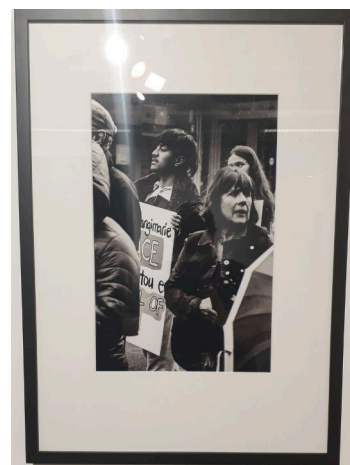
Up and coming artist **Logan Hooper** is also exhibiting two artworks he completed in Year 10, a pencil drawing called Greek Deities and a lino print called Psychedelic Vision.

All works are for sale and the show closes this Sunday at lunchtime. It would be great to support our students by attending and purchasing their art. Congratulations to all our students and teachers involved in the festival.

(far right)
Nyle Turuwhenua,
Hikoi for Harmony

(right centre)
Logan Hooper, Greek
Deities

(right) Logan Hooper,
Psychedelic Vision



(left)
Kylie Waitai,
Native Birds
paper cut drawings

(right)
Nyle Turuwhenua,
Huia and Tui





Sports Updates

Junior Rowing Regatta

Congratulations to all the rowers that competed at the AON Junior Regatta on the 26th & 27th of February at Lake Karapiro. The A Finals are the top 8 crews while B finals are in the top 16 crews. The results are as follows:

A Finals

- 3rd Liam Mould, Jimmy Steenson, Cohen Robinson, Joshua Mathieson + Riley Jenkins (Boys U-15 Coxed Quad Sculls)
- 4th Megan van Leeuwen, Ashley Pryor, Kyla van Rijs, Emerson Foote, + Daniel Nota (Girls U-16 Coxed Quad Sculls)
- 5th Chelsea Grey, Megan van Leeuwen, Ashley Pryor, Sasha Robinson + Daniel Nota (Girls U-17 Coxed Quad Sculls)
- 5th Ryan Dodds, Cameron Preston, Anton Schutte, Ryan Kuhn + Riley Jenkins (Boys U-17 Coxed Quad Sculls)
- 6th Chelsea Grey (Girls U-17 Single Sculls)
- 6th Ryan Kuhn, Karl Kolmer, Ryan Dodds, Alexander Sharp + Matt Morrison (Boys U-17 Coxed Four)
- 7th Liam Mould, Jimmy Steenson, Cohen Robinson, Daniel Nota + Matt Morrison (Boys U-18 Novice Coxed Quad Sculls)

B Finals

- 1st Ava Rule, Abby Jones, Amber Assink, Elizabeth Sharp + Georgia Pritchard (Girls U-18 Novice Coxed Quad Sculls)
- 1st Kyla van Rijs, Sasha Robinson (Girls U-17 Double Sculls)
- 3rd Daniel Nota, Joshua Mathieson (Boys U-18 Novice Double Sculls)
- 4th Cameron Preston (Boys U-17 Single Sculls)
- 4th Caity Foote, Caitlin van Rijs (Girls U-18 Double Sculls)



Junior Cricket

The Junior Boys Cricket Team (Y9&10) are currently playing in a T16 after school competition on a Wednesday against teams from other secondary schools in Counties.

Week 1 saw them play Rosehill College at the Karaka Sports Complex, Week 2 was against Waiuku College (photo below) at Colin Lawrie Fields. Both games were played in great spirit with both old and new players to the team getting an opportunity to develop their cricketing skills and enjoy the positive team environment. It has been great to watch these boys enjoy themselves at a time where so many sporting events are not happening. Thanks to the parents who are supporting the team, as well as Mrs Hainsworth, and Harry Williams for his umpiring.

A selected team hopes to be able to play in the Northern Districts Tournament in Term 4, which we qualified for last year.





Black Sticks Glory for Past Pupil

Congratulations to former pupil, Deanna Ritchie who has been named in the 2022 Vantage Black Sticks Hockey team for New Zealand. We wish Deanna and the team a successful season.

Careers

Term 1 University Liaison Webinars

All Year 13 students are welcome to join the university webinars this term. The webinars are designed as an introduction to tertiary education where students can ask questions and explore some of the options on offer for 2023. If you are thinking about, or interested in any tertiary study, then these visits are a great way to gain information about what each different tertiary institution has to offer.

If the webinar you want to attend falls while you are in class, please stay in your class to attend the session (remember your headphones) and inform your kaiawhina you will be attending a university webinar. For further information, times, dates and links refer to MS Teams or social media.



Fencing Job

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

Last Day for Student Nominations!



Do you want to influence the future of our school?

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

As well as having a voice on how our school is governed, being a school board member will provide valuable knowledge and experience for your future - it will look great on your CV!

For more information, go to 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.

