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PUKEKOHE HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



From the Principal's desk



Kia ora koutou katoa

What a week it has been, the weather has certainly been wet and wild. This is a good opportunity to remind students about having appropriate warm school uniform. Our uniform is available at the Uniform Shoppe on Glasgow Road, or please get in touch with the year level Kaitiaki Ākongā if you require assistance with this. We want to make sure that all of our students are warm and healthy as the temperatures drop.

As we have hopefully passed the peak of this current COVID-19 outbreak, more of our staff have been able to return to work on campus. This has meant that we are now able to have more students onsite, and will move to only rostering one year level home each day. It is still very important that on the day students are distance learning, they are engaging with classwork on Microsoft Teams.

This edition of the newsletter features some of the wonderful sporting opportunities our students have been able to participate in. As a school, we have a very strong sports department, with a large range of sports for our students to enjoy. I would encourage our students to make the most of all that the school has to offer, and congratulate those students featured below.

We are also very excited about the launch of a new Pasifika Horticultural Programme. Working in partnership with other local schools and community groups is a valuable way for us to enhance the educational experiences we are able to provide for our students.

Ngā mihi,
Rachel Hamlin
(Acting Principal)

Distance Learning Timetable

Monday 28/03 - **Year 9** students distance learning
Tuesday 29/03 - **Year 10** students distance learning
Wednesday 30/03 - **Year 11** students distance learning
Thursday 31/03 - **Year 12** students distance learning
Friday 01/04 - **Year 13** students distance learning

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Sports Updates

North Island Secondary Schools Rowing

Congratulations to our 23 crews that competed at the AON North Island Secondary School Champs at Lake Karapiro between the 11th-14th March. Out of these crews, (singles, doubles, quads and eights) 9 made the finals. Outstanding effort from our girls teams with medal finishes.

The silver medal winning girls under-17 quad team are pictured on our newsletter banner from left to right: Sasha Robinson, Emma Hedley, Megan Van Leeuwen, Chelsea Grey, Riley Jenkins (cox), Brendon Grey (coach).

Some great results for this regatta and huge thanks to the coaches; Brendon Grey, Brett Henry and Jim Matchett for continuing to support our school rowing crews.

A Finals

Silver Girls U-17 Double Sculls – Sasha Robinson, Emma Hedley

Silver Girls U-17 Coxed Quad Sculls – Chelsea Grey, Megan van Leeuwen, Emma Hedley, Sasha Robinson and Riley Jenkins

Bronze Girls U-16 Coxed Quad Sculls – Megan van Leeuwen, Ashley Pryor, Kyla van Rijs, Emerson Foote and Riley Jenkins

6th Boys U-15 Coxed Quad Sculls – Jimmy Steenson, Cohen Robinson, Liam Mould, Joshua Mathieson, and Matthew Morrison

8th Boys U-17 Double Sculls – Cameron Preston, Jack Siemelink

8th Boys U-17 Coxed Four – Jack Siemelink, Karl Kolmer, Ryan Kuhn, Alexander Sharp and Daniel Nota

B Finals

2nd Boys U-17 Coxed Quad Sculls – Cameron Preston, Jack Siemelink, Karl Kolmer, Ryan Kuhn and Daniel Nota

2nd Boys U-18 Coxed Quad Sculls – Jimmy Steenson, Cohen Robinson, Liam Mould, Joshua Mathieson and Matthew Morrison



C Finals

1st Boys U-17 Single Sculls – Cameron Preston



Emma Hedley, Sasha Robinson,
Brendon Grey
(Silver, U-17 Double Sculls)



Emerson Foote, Kyla Van Rijs, Ashley Pryor, Megan Van Leeuwen, Riley Jenkins (cox),
Brendon Grey (coach)
(Bronze, U-16 Coxed Quad Sculls)



Sports Updates

Double Athletics Gold

On Tuesday 22 March, Day 3 of the Auckland Secondary Schools Athletics was held at Mt Smart Towers Track.

Kaelan Paranihi competed in the Senior Boys High Jump and Triple Jump. Although there was a bit of wind, it was on his back for both events.

While the high jump starting height was 1.65m, Kaelan did not begin his jumping until 1.75m, where he cleared each height on his first jump.

Gold Medal Senior Boys High Jump 1.85m
Gold Medal Senior Boys Triple Jump 13.60m

A massive congratulations to Kaelan on this outstanding effort!



Tennis Championships

Our championships were played at the Counties Tennis Centre, on Wednesday 23 March.

Both the Junior Girls and Senior Boys finals went to Tiebreaker finishes.

Junior Girls' Champion Kayla Roux
Runner-up Emma Lane

Junior Boys' Champion Vaughn Cameron
Runner-up Tom Scott

Intermediate Girls' Champion Jessica Nepia
Runner-up Abby McCort

Intermediate Boys' Champion Matt Chiesa
Runner-up Daniel Shaw

Senior Girls' Champion Yasmin Brady-Leathem
Runner-up Shelby Whitley

Senior Boys' Champion Ronnie Woods
Runner-up Ben Fausett

Well done to our Tennis Champions and good luck when you get to compete in the Counties Manukau Secondary Schools Champs!



above: Jessica Nepia (Intermediate Girls Champion)
below: Ronnie Woods (Senior Boys Champion)





Sports Updates



Clay Target Shooting

The first of the monthly shoots was held yesterday at the Auckland Metropolitan Clay Target Shooting Club. This shoot was hosted by Pukekohe High School, Waiuku College, Kings' College and Tuakau College.

With all the disruptions caused by Covid, it was great to see schools represented with 66 shooters taking part.

Well done to all our shooters and congratulations especially to the new shooters who have joined the team this year.

Single Rise Trophy Round

Our teams, Pukekohe 1 and Pukekohe 2 drew equal points and were tied for second with Waiuku College. Unfortunately, instead of having a shoot-off, the placings were worked out on a count back system, which put Waiuku 2nd and Pukekohe 2 3rd with Pukekohe 1 in 4th.

Teams Points Score

Pukekohe 1 placed 2nd in the Points Score on 258 points just 3 points behind the overall winner.

Girls Team

Tylah Swatton and Emma Lane placed 2nd in the girls Team competition.

Robert Fry 3rd First Year Shooter

Robert Fry 8th Junior Shooter (Y9/10). Robert shot a perfect 20/20 in his first round.

Amy Hunter 5th Ladies Competition



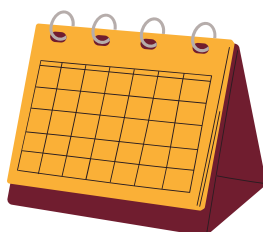
**Boy's Football
Muster**
Wednesday 30 March
3.45 - 4.45 p.m.
PHS Fields



Save the Date

As the seasons start to change, keep an eye out for try-out notices or get in touch with our sports coordinator with any queries.

We have lots of sports on offer, something for everyone!



**Boy's First X1
Football Trial**
Wednesday 6 April 22
3.45 - 4.45 p.m.
PHS Fields





Pasifika Horticulture Programme

Mr Matthews and 4 students attended the launch of Akongoue on Wednesday 16th March.

This is a new programme set up by the Tongan Youth Trust, MPI and NZSTI.

Participating schools include Pukekohe High, Wesley college, Papakura High school and Orere college.

Students will be attending the programme every Wednesday. If there any Level 2 or 3 students who might be interested in this programme, there are places available – see Mr Matthews.

Programme Vision & Purpose

·For Pasifika youth and their Kainga (families) to prosper by identifying horticulture as a career that offers progression to tertiary studies, employment, diversity, mobility, and financial reward.

·To engage the Pasifika youth and their Kainga to appreciate and consider the land as a source of life, connecting them with the cultural and indigenous knowledge of previous generations.

·An opportunity to bring family, youth, and schools together to share and journey in this industry.

·Provide the Pasifika youth with tools and skills to become life-givers for their families and expand their vision beyond sowing and planting. To become future entrepreneurs.

Programme Outline

·The programme will introduce a range STEM subjects, including: practical horticulture (health and safety, planting, harvesting, packing/grading)

·biodiversity/security, green technologies and sustainability
·engineering related technologies

·business, sales, marketing and digital technologies

·manufacturing, logistics, and research and science

·NZQA credits contribute toward the Primary Industry Pathway for Level 2
·Learners can achieve up to 43 contributing credits to NCEA Level 2.

·Additional industry credentials such as Site Safe, Growsafe and First Aid will be offered.

·Learners will be exposed to a network of industry employers and have the opportunity to participate in authentic industry activities and engage with employers re further learning and employment opportunities.

·Learning will include classroom and practical based activities 1 day per week in a safe, inclusive learning environment with mentors to assist.



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.

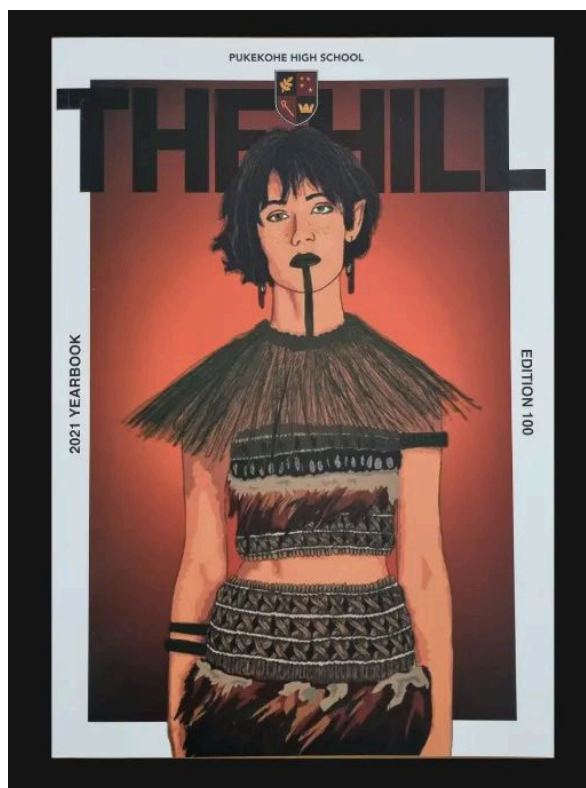
A variety of meals will be available throughout the week. Meals offered could include butter chicken, stroganoff, beef chilli, pizza, pasta, burgers etc.

All students are welcome.





The Hill Magazine 100th Edition



Students can now purchase copies of our Hill Magazine from 2021 from the Students Centre for \$20.

Don't miss out! This amazing magazine recognises the spirit of our students and their achievements over what was a challenging year.

Filled with photos, stories and awards across all departments, the magazine is a testament to our school spirit; a celebration of the wonderful diversity at Pukekohe High School.

A great way to see what subjects and opportunities are on offer throughout the year, and of course, room for friends' to sign at the back!



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, social media or check the school calendar on our website.

NZ Defence Force Presentation for Senior Students

Senior students are welcome to join the NZ Defence Force Careers presentation next **Thursday 31st March at 11:00am** sharp in the hall. With 109 exciting roles available, there really is something for everyone, whether it be the Army, Navy or Air Force. Come along and be inspired, maybe one day you may have the honour of representing New Zealand wherever you go and gain a career along the way. Please come to the careers centre and request a permission slip prior to attending.

STAR Courses for Senior Students

STAR courses are designed for students to explore career pathways and help them make informed decisions about their schooling and future work or study. If you are interested in finding out more about what STAR courses are on offer please contact Mrs Jolly or come to the Careers Centre.

