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PUKEKOHE HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



From the Principal's desk

Kia ora koutou katoa



As this is the last of our fortnightly newsletters for Term 1, I would like to sincerely thank our school whānau for your support during what has been a challenging time for our community. For the final week of term 1, we are all able to be onsite together. As teachers, we are looking forward to seeing all of our students back together. Opportunities are opening up again, and we are optimistic about being able to extend our learning outside the classroom as the year progresses.

In this edition of the newsletter we have featured some of the exciting things happening in our science department, and an update about the New Zealand Curriculum Refresh. Congratulations to the students featured in our sport section, it is great to see your achievements in many different pursuits.

As a school, we welcome back our principal Richard Barnett for term 2, after his sabbatical. As my time as acting principal comes to a close I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the obstacles we have overcome as school particularly with regards to covid. I am so proud of our students and staff for all of their hard work over this term.

Ngā mihi,
Rachel Hamlin (Acting Principal)

From the Board Chair

Kia ora koutou katoa

Next week, Pukekohe High School students return to normal, onsite timetables coming together at the end of this term, renewing their connections with their friends and teachers and getting used to being at school again before the holidays.

Managing the impact of Covid on the school and the community has been hard work, and the Board of Trustees would like to take a moment to say 'Thank You' to the school's staff for their work and dedication to their students. We understand the stress that Covid has placed on our community. The Board of Trustees would also like to thank our community for their support and patience. It has been a difficult period and the school greatly appreciates your efforts.

We don't know what will happen in the future, however at the moment the school is ready to return to normal operations next term, giving our students more opportunity to be successful. Regardless of what the future brings recent months have demonstrated that with a dedicated, well-led staff and a supportive community working together Pukekohe High School can manage anything.

Ngā mihi,
Ben Stallworthy (Board of Trustees Chair)



Chemistry Students Hard at Work

As featured on our newsletter banner this issue, our year 12 chemistry students in Mrs Haley's class are finding out the solubility of an ionic solid in a polar and non polar solvent.

The students then discuss the solubility of the solids based on the solute-solute forces, solvent-solvent forces and solute-solvent forces. This explains why some solids are readily soluble in certain liquids and why some are not.

A very interesting experiment, keep up the good work!

Careers

NZ Defence Force Presentation for Senior Students

Senior students enjoyed the NZ Defence Force Careers presentation on Thursday 31st March.

Members of the NZDF delivered a presentation on available roles and career opportunities with something for everyone.

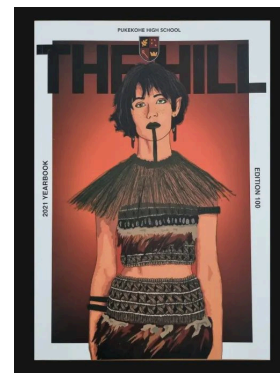
We will keep you updated on any future career presentations, please get in touch with careers if you have any queries on specific future pathways.



Magazine

There are still copies of our Hill Magazine from 2021 available at the Students Centre for \$20.

Don't miss out on owning a piece of Pukekohe High School history!



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!



Curriculum Update - Ministry of Education

The Ministry of Education have embarked on an important journey to review and refresh 'The New Zealand Curriculum'. The 'The New Zealand Curriculum' underpins teaching and learning for students in Aotearoa New Zealand English-medium schools from Year 1 – Year 13.

'The New Zealand Curriculum' is being refreshed to make sure every child experiences success in their learning, and that their progress and achievement is responded to and celebrated.

The refresh will be phased from now until the end of 2025, to help make it more manageable for schools to implement the refreshed curriculum.



Simultaneously, the Ministry of Education and teachers in schools across Aotearoa New Zealand are also working on the NCEA Review of Achievement Standards. This review will see significant changes to the way our students in Years 11 – 13 are learning and being assessed. The new standards are scheduled to be implemented in 2024 (Level 1), 2025 (Level 2) and 2026 (Level 3).

An important part of the new NCEA framework will be the new co-requisite Achievement Standards for Literacy and Numeracy. Currently, these are intended to be introduced in 2023.

At Pukekohe High School we have begun to strengthen our teaching for literacy and numeracy. We have initiated professional learning and development of strategies to support literacy and numeracy learning to ensure our students build the necessary skills across the junior school and into learning for NCEA.



Home-School partnership, effective relationships and effective practices are key factors that enable positive teaching and learning in literacy and numeracy. You can support your students' literacy and numeracy learning at home by:

1. Engaging with your student about what they are learning in class;
2. Promoting a positive attitude to literacy and numeracy;
3. Encouraging regular reading; and
4. Supporting your student with homework where possible.

If you ever have any questions or concerns about your student's learning. Please make contact with your child's Kaiaawhina (Form Teacher) or Kaitiaki Aakonga (Year Level Dean).

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Sports Updates

Downhill

Congratulations to Josh Mathieson (pictured right) who came 3rd in the Auckland Schools Downhill Mountain Biking Champs.

Josh was competing in the under 15 category. Well done on this achievement and best of luck with future competitions!



Swimming

Best of luck to our 13 students who have qualified for the Auckland Secondary Schools Champion of Champions event to be held at the West Wave Aquatic Centre on Wednesday 13th April.

A great achievement to have made it this far, we look forward to seeing the results from this event!

Hockey

Well done to the students who were selected for the 1st XI Boys Hockey team to tackle the Auckland Secondary School Competition beginning next term. This team will be coached by Reinier Veenhuijsen and Managed by Esther Williams. Best of luck for this competition and any future events!



Tennis

Congratulations to Jessica Nepia (pictured left) who was named the Intermediate Girls Champion at the Counties Manukau Secondary School Tennis Champs on March 29th.

We also had further success in this event, with Vaughn Cameron coming runner up in the Junior Boys division, Ronnie Woods coming third in the Senior Boys division and Daniel Shaw placing Third in the Intermediate Boys division.

