

# The Kohe Leaf NEWSLETTER

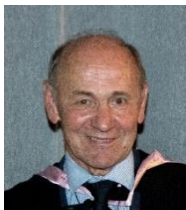
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**Words from the Principal:** Welcome to the final newsletter of the term, also the first digital newsletter of 2018. Our newsletter highlights some of the achievements and performances of our students on a variety of 'stages' throughout the country, from national to local competitions, our school has been represented in a range of activities and has seen some of our students receiving recognition.

## GOLD IN TAURANGA FOR OUR MUSIC STUDENTS



Congratulations to our triumphant school Jazz Band at the **Tauranga Jazz Festival**. They won a **Gold Award**, along with only 3 other outstanding bands: Tauranga Boys College, St Andrews College in Christchurch and Auckland Boys Grammar. They also won the **Best of Festival Trophy for the Most Outstanding Jazz Band**.

For more information about their success, please click on the link below for the NZHerald article on the festival

<http://www.nzherald.co.nz/index.cfm?objectid=12023305&ref=twitter>

## MANISHA TRADES HOCKEY STICK FOR FLOORBALL



At the end of October 2017, former student, Manisha Jeram was selected for the New Zealand U-19 Women's Floorball Team to compete in the World Championships (2 - 6 May, 2018) in St Gallen in Switzerland. The team will meet in Wellington before leaving on Friday 20 April to attend a training camp in Unterageri. Manisha is excited about the opportunity. We wish her well and look forward to hearing about her experience upon her return.

## ROWERS BEAT THE SNOW IN TWIZEL

A small squad of ten rowers competed at the NZ Secondary School Championships (Maadi Cup) on Lake Ruataniwha. Best performances were two B finals (NZ top 16), Girls U15 quadruple skulls (Meg Grey, Devon Benny, India Phillips, Gracie Dawson and Ann Cato) and NZ Boys U18 Novice double skulls. Jaymie Lensen, Braden Morrison.



**Are you interested in dance?** Whether you have danced all of your life or never before - **THIS IS FOR YOU!** Come along to our lunchtime dance group. For more details please see Mrs Swift and be part of something big for the future of DANCE!



**POLYFEST 2018 RESULTS** Our kapa haka group participated in Division 3 which is for new comers to Polyfest. They eventually came 12th in that Division. They did win the Mau Rakau Trohy for that Division. [Performance with weaponry]. Four boys only achieved this outstanding result. They placed 4th in Kaakahu [dress] for boys in that Division, again a great result within a division of 25 teams. A huge congratulations goes out to all of those who performed at Polyfest, a big thank you to all the teachers, students and whanau who provided such incredible support for our kapa haka group.



## PHS 2018 STUDENT PROFILES

In this section, we will profile one of our many student leaders, finding out their many inspirations, their talents and their place within our school. We ask them 5 questions. This edition, we have one of our head students.....KATE FRYER.

**Q1. What was your dream job growing up?** A teacher – Yes, I know... but now I live with a teacher and trust me, my dream career has definitely changed.

**Q2. PE or SCIENCE?** Science

**Q3. What would you most like to be remembered for at PHS?** Creating a positive environment in all aspects of school life, seeing people happy makes me happy!

**Q4. What was your first impression when you arrived at PHS?** As a Year 9, PHS seemed very BIG and everything seemed very daunting... but having been here for 5 years, it doesn't feel that big at all

**Q5. What do you see yourself doing in the year 2050?** In 2050, all going well I would love to have travelled and hopefully be a doctor.



Head student Kate Fryer

## PHS BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

In this section we profile the recent trips and outings across our faculties and learning areas, where our students extend their learning and experience beyond the classroom and school environment. For more stories and news items, visit [www.pukekohehigh.school.nz](http://www.pukekohehigh.school.nz)

### HISTORY STUDENTS HEAD TO THE CITY



Pukekohe High School historians took a trip last week to Auckland Central Library to take advantage of the research centre, archive and special collection. Both year 12 and 13s are working on their NCEA historical research projects. It was a great opportunity for our students to use the research facilities available at the Central Library to help with their projects and assignments.

For all our news stories, events, daily notices and celebrations, please also visit our website page, our new facebook page and also check out our electronic screen by the front Harris St entrance. [www.pukekohehigh.school.nz](http://www.pukekohehigh.school.nz)



'Music in the Square' in Pukekohe. Most of our talented school bands performed and entertained the crowds in the town square. It was a great experience and good preparation for the upcoming competitions.

### JUNIOR GEOGRAPHY STUDENTS TRIP

L1 Geography trip to Cornwall Park and One Tree Hill. Studying use of the area. A beautiful day for surveys and précis sketching.



### ART STUDENTS GO BUSH



Four art classes walked to Roseville Park to make art in the bush environment. Students were split into three groups and rotated around 3 different workshops. They made environmental sculptures using found fallen natural matter and digitally recorded the process and end result. They did photography tasks that involved provided props which students created narratives around by placing them in the environment. They did drawing using a range of materials ink, pastels, charcoal and pencil. They created frontage surfaces that they drew over. The students and teachers loved the learning outside the classroom.



## SCHOOL BALL EDGES CLOSER



The countdown has begun for this magnificent event. It is the highlight of the senior school year. All year 12 and 13 students are eligible with their partners of the same year, or older. Your attendance is expected to be 90%+. Please complete the necessary forms which are on the website under the Student Life Tab. All forms and purchasing of tickets (\$125) are due to the Student Centre by 13 April 2018.

The buses depart at 6.00pm and 6.15 pm and return from Eden Park at 11.30 and 11.45 pm returning students to school.

The theme this year is Vegas - come and enjoy the glamour!!

**As an extra, the high school also won an online competition run by The Edge FM to have some School Ball extras such as a photo booth, DJ and Flower Wall. Over 5000 people online voted via our school Facebook page. Thanks for your votes.**

### NZ U18 Girls 7's Trial Camp

From Left: Terina Wallace (Wesley College), Emily Kitson (Waiuku College) and Tahina Heta (Pukekohe High) have been selected to participate in the NZ U18 Trials to take place in Wellington over the weekend. The girls have made the top 30 players in NZ for their age and have an awesome opportunity to make the team that will play at an International Tournament.



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## OTHER RECENT NEWS



### PHS GIRLS TAKE OUT AUCKLAND AFL CHAMPS 2018



A massive congratulations to our Girls' AFL squad who took out the title of Auckland AFL Champions FOR 2018. Great work girls on such a huge achievement and great honour for PHS.

### COME AND JOIN JUNIOR DRAMA CLUB



Year 9 and 10 drama club. They meet every Tuesday lunchtime and work on creating new performances each week. Already they are showing off their talents, making creative and funny skits.



Please visit our new Facebook page, where you can see more upcoming news, events, achievements and celebrations.

[www.facebook.com/pukekohehighschoolnz/](http://www.facebook.com/pukekohehighschoolnz/)



## TAMMY AND BLAISE AMBASSADORS TO THE PRIME MINISTER



In January 2018 Tamsin Heremaia, Blaise Nathan, Clarissa Taylor and Shanayah Irving attended a Polyfest Leadership Conference. They were pronounced Cultural Leaders for Polyfest 2018 at the end of it. They were the only Maori to attend. There are photos of them with Kevin Mealamu the All Black. Prior to Polyfest they each received an invite to join a small group of leaders who would act as ambassadors to Jacinda Ardern on Friday 16 March. Only 6 students were selected. Tamsin and Blaise were two of them. At Polyfest, they escorted Jacinda to every stage, sharing a meal and interacting with her while they walked. On each stage she introduced each student to the community present AND they got a selfie with the PM. Well done girls.

### PHS STUDENTS BECOME UNITED NATIONS YOUTH AMBASSADORS

Kara Irwin and Emma Sears - Yr.11 are now our United Nations Regional High School Ambassadors for 2018. This is the first time students from Pukekohe High have made an application to join this programme. For more info on this story, please visit

<https://www.pukekohehigh.school.nz/news/phs-students-now-united-nations-youth-ambassadors/>



### MT ROSKILL EXCHANGE CUP

**RETAINED** The annual sports exchange between PHS and Mt Roskill took to the fields, indoors and out, and was hotly contested across all of the sports disciplines. After all of the wins/draws and losses were accumulated, it was announced that the exchange ended in a draw. This meant that PHS retained the Cup as the current holders. Well done to all of the teams, coaches/managers involved. For more images please visit the website or facebook page.

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### BELLA, A DRESSAGE CHAMPION AT THE NZ 2018 HORSE OF THE YEAR SHOW



Year 11 student Bella Small of Pukekohe High School, managed to find time within her busy academic schedule to achieve something truly special. Bella was a winner and Dressage Champion at the recent NZ Horse of the Year Show which takes place in Napier every year. For more details on this story and further information, visit

<https://www.pukekohehigh.school.nz/news/bella-small-a-national-dressage-champion/>

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### The annual Franklin Leaders Forum

took place in the Stephenson Lounge at the Franklin Arts Centre this week. Head Students from PHS hosted other Head Students and leaders from most of the schools in the Franklin region. Much discussion was had about leadership, sharing collective issues, initiatives and creating connections. Our Head Students Eleanor Cato, Shey Eva, Angus Eason and Kate Fryer did an amazing job at facilitating and leading this forum.