

Newsletter



PUKEKOHE HIGH SCHOOL

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From the Principal - Richard Barnett

Nau mai, haere mai!

Welcome back to all our returning students and whaanau and a very warm welcome to those students and their families who have joined Pukekohe High School for the start of what we hope will be a five year journey. The school's roll is currently 1850 though that may change slightly over the next few weeks before the official Ministry count on 1 March.



This year we are aiming to publish a newsletter at least every three weeks during the year rather than termly, in order to keep our community better informed about all of the events and activities taking place in our kura. Later this term we are also launching a new website, again with the intention of keeping the Pukekohe High School community informed about everything taking place in the high school.

As you are aware, one of the key changes that we have made this year is in our system of pastoral care, by moving to a horizontal, year level structure. The names and contact details of each of the ten Kaitiaki Aakonga (Year Level Deans) are included. With the Kaiawhina (Form Teacher) for your daughter or son, these teachers are responsible for overseeing the pastoral care of all students in their year level, including academic progress. We are confident that this move will enable the school to better meet the needs of each year level in their distinct stages of high school life.

I would like to reinforce the expectation that all students are to remain on school campus during the school day this year. This is for a number of reasons, including the health and safety of all our

students, our continuing drive on regular attendance and punctuality, and the benefit of having our Year 13 students interacting with their younger peers.

I am delighted to welcome the following new staff to Pukekohe High School. At a time when the recruitment of teachers in Auckland can be extremely difficult, Pukekohe High School is fortunate to have been able to recruit a large group of capable teachers.

Miss Meghan Ashford Head of Science Faculty, **Miss Sneha Srinivasan** Head of Physics, **Mrs Jody Lafaele** Science, **Miss Venini Thaver** Assistant Head of Faculty English, **Miss Callayne Eru**, **Mr Shan Dissanayake** English, **Miss Rebecca Howard** Mathematics, **Miss Rosanna Walton** Social Sciences, **Miss Maria Kim** French, **Mrs Esther Williams** Learning Support Coordinator, **Ms Lhara McCown** Technology Soft Materials, **Mr Henry Ludlam** Technology Hard Materials, **Mr Michael Anderson** Physical Education & Outdoor Education, **Marija Dimitrijevic** Itinerant Music, **Miss Morgan Hogg** Art LTR, **Miss Rhiannon Sheridan** Drama T1.

Ngaa mihi

Upcoming Events

February

6	Te Raa o Waitangi - school closed
7	Staff Only Day - no students at school
10	Board Meeting
10	PHS Athletics Prelims
11	Portrait ID photos catch-up
13	PHS Athletics Champs
15	Head of Harbour Rowing
17/24	CMSS Orienteering series
18	PHS Swimming Prelims
19	Y13 YES Business Studies trip
21	PHS Swimming Champs
26	CMSS Athletics Champs
27/28	Academic Conferences
29	AKSS Waka Ama

March

2	CMSS Swimming Champs
2/9/16	CMSS Orienteering series
4	Canterbury Uni Liaison visit
6	ID photos catch-up
7	Duke of Edinburgh - Bronze
9	Board Meeting
10	Lincoln Uni Liaison visit
11	PHS Tennis
12	WINTEC Liaison visit
13/14/15	NISS Rowing
16	AUT Liaison visit
18/19/20/21	Polyfest
19	Clay Target Shooting
25	AKSS Athletics Champs

2020 Term Dates

Term 1	30 January to 9 April
Term 2	28 April to 3 July
Term 3	20 July to 25 September
Term 4	12 October to 8 December

Kaitiaki Aakonga (Year Level Deans)

In 2020, we will see several key changes taking place at Pukekohe High School. Each of these will strengthen our capacity to better support our learners in their pursuit of excellence. For students and whaanau there will be new organisational labels and language to get accustomed to, as well as new personalities to get used to.

We list below the key roles and labels you will need to be familiar with this year.

Year Level Profile		Kaitiaki Aakonga (Year Level Deans)
Year 9	He Kaakano The Seed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mrs Carol Mulcahy• Mr John Cook Email: 9Kaitiaki@pukekohehigh.school.nz
Year 10	Kia Tupu To Grow	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mrs Hester Myburgh• Mr Stephen Langdon Email: 10Kaitiaki@pukekohehigh.school.nz
Year 11	Kia Hua To Prosper	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms Hine Smith• Mr Robert Cooper Email: 11Kaitiaki@pukekohehigh.school.nz
Year 12	Kia Puawai To Sustain	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mrs Amelia Bodman• Mr Steven Granshaw Email: 12Kaitiaki@pukekohehigh.school.nz
Year 13	Tuu Rangatira To Stand as Leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mrs Marilyn Masemann• Mr Sione Niupalau Email: 13Kaitiaki@pukekohehigh.school.nz

We wish you well for all that 2020 holds and look forward to celebrating our combined successes throughout the year.

2020 Student Leaders

Congratulations to:

HEAD STUDENTS

Olivia Fausett, Kara Irwin, Christian Grant and Richard Petty.

PREFECTS

ARTS

Javan French, Abby Howard, Amber-lee Kelliher, Charlotte Newman - Richard Petty.

COMMUNITY LEARNING

**Ethan Campbell, Kukenga Chiyesu, Chelsea James, Tayla Spooner - Ruiha Bhana.
Alexander Coleman-Chaiman, Seth Green, Ayla Johnstone, Salome Watson -
Olivia Fausett.**

SPORTS

Amber Knight, Jenna Lowe, Olivia Roberts, Aidan Trow - Christian Grant.

WELLBEING

Cassandra Pitsillides, Skylar Ryan, Meg Stevens, Alec Thomas - Kara Irwin.

STUDENT REP MAAORI PASIFIKA

**Ruiha Bhana
Blaise Nathan
Amani Stunneberg**



Explaining Justified Absences

Manaakitanga - We are prepared.

What do I do if I need to leave school for an appointment?

- Students with sighted and signed permission to leave school during the day must present this to staff at the Student Support Centre and sign-out using the electronic Student Register.
- When students return to school, they must go to the Student Support Centre and sign back in using the electronic Student Register.
- Students being collected from school, must be met by a caregiver registered on the school system at the Main Office.
- The only gate students may leave from during the day is Gate 3: Harris Street. Please don't make arrangements to meet students at another other area of the school.

What do I do if I am not at school because I am sick?

Parents/caregivers must phone or email the school's attendance line:



☎ **237 0198 / 237 0117 x264** - When students return to school, they should bring a signed note from home explaining the absence for the Kaiaawhina (Form Teacher)

✉ **attendance@pukekohehigh.school.nz** explaining your absence.

What do I do if I have missed an important assessment or an NCEA assessment due to illness?

- Parents/caregivers must ring the school's attendance phone number 237 0198. It is also helpful to phone the school and leave a message for the Faculty Leader or teacher of your subject/assessment.
- When students return to school, they bring a signed note from home explaining their absence for the Kaiaawhina (Form Teacher) and a medical certificate if they have missed an NCEA assessment.

What do I do if I know I am going to be away from school for more than two days?

- Students will need to apply for leave from school.
- Students bring a note from home explaining the reason for the leave request and pick up a form from the Student Centre.
- Students take this form around to their teachers to see how the absence will impact upon learning while the student is away.
- Students return the form to the Student Centre.
- A Senior Leadership Team person will approve/decline the leave request of up to FIVE days.
- If it is accepted, it is the student's responsibility to catch up on any missed work and assessments in their own time.

PUKEKOHE HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM

The Uniform Shoppe
7A Glasgow Road
Pukekohe
Phone 09 239 1310

BLEDISLOE PARK SPORTS CENTRE PARKING

In 2020 there is no student parking available in Bledisloe Park Sports Centre. Cars belonging to people who are not customers of the Sports Centre may be towed at their owner's expense.