

E-LEARNING and BYOD UPDATE – MARCH 2018

We are pleased to see the proportion of students with BYOD this year – in Year 9 this sits at around 86% and in Year 10 at around 76%. For those without BYOD, the laptops available are being well used. What a change in scenery BYOD has brought to the classroom. The atmosphere of classrooms as we walk around the school are pleasantly calm, as we see whole classes engaging in a blend of online and co-operative activities.

In terms of access, all password resets have been completed. One of the issues that remains, is when students set a password, it must be one that they can remember, and that they indeed do remember it, keep it safe and secure. Too often, our network staff are resolving access problems that are a result of forgotten passwords.

Some students have had issues connecting their own devices to the wifi. Some tips to troubleshoot this before panicking:

- Make sure the region settings are correct. Need to be NZ and time zone set to Auckland, Wellington.
- Device needs to have the operating system files up to date. e.g. Windows 7 needs Windows updates applied.
- Apple devices need to have latest iOS, Android devices need latest Android operating system updates. You don't have to change the operating system, just need to run updates. Some very recent phones have more security options to select from.
- Select PEAP if available and no local certificate.

Students are reminded that devices stored in the lockers available for Physical Education, need to be collected at the end of the session. PE staff are finding some devices in the lockers at the end of the session, and there have been times when these are not collected for a couple of days.

To enable students to store devices securely at interval and lunchtimes and play sport freely, the old kitchen in the hall is set up as a secure zone. Staff will be present at the start and end of break-times to sign-in and sign-out students' devices. This is a trial and we will review how this is being used before making this a permanent fixture.

Finally, we encourage anyone who has a device at home, but has not brought it to school yet, to begin using it at school. The benefits for classwork are being enjoyed by many students. Thank you again, for your support in this exciting new development in curriculum at Pukekohe High School.

SCHOOL REMINDERS

START OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Our school day begins at 8:40 am, when the bell rings. All students are expected to be on the grounds by 8:40 am. Students then have sufficient time to get to class before teaching begins.

Please help us by ensuring that students are dropped off before 8:40 am, or leave home in plenty of time to get to school before the bell rings.

TRAFFIC AND STUDENT SAFETY

The school is still concerned about the level of road safety, particularly at the start of a school day when students are dropped off. Auckland Council will have parking enforcement officers patrolling on random days to enforce safe stopping. Fines are typically \$60 for illegal parking, such as parking on bus stops or yellow lines or double parking. We are keen to ensure that our students are safe but do not wish to see parents being ticketed unnecessarily.

We ask that you help with the following

- Drop students off well before 8:40 am and at least 100 m away from any school entrance.
- Arrange to collect your student from the same pick up point, well away from any bus stops. Note: Bus stops and the school staff car parks are not drop-off or pick-up zones.

PARENT PORTAL

REPORTING SYSTEM THROUGH MUSAC EDGE

We request your support as we update parent contact details to make the best use of our new Reporting system through **Musac Edge**. Please take a moment to update your preferred email address, in particular.

All the old PukekoheNET parent accounts will be shortly disabled, and replaced with the new parent portal on Musac Edge.

Why create an account to access the parent/caregiver portal?

This year we have moved to real-time, online reporting. This means that you can track your student's progress in real-time and see attitudes to learning across all subjects, as they are published twice each term.

Other benefits are:

- Tracking attendance
- Tracking NCEA progress
- Student timetables
- Monitoring financial transactions
- Online subject selection option

To access the **Parent Portal** go to parent.musac.school.nz

Your **Username** is the email address we have on file.

First time use ...

Select "I don't know my Edge password". A password will be sent to the email address we have on file. If this does not happen, it means we do not have your email address on file. Please complete the online form available on <https://www.pukekohehigh.school.nz/parent-info> (or give it to the vertical form teacher)

If you are still unable to access the parent portal, please email parentportal@pukekohehigh.school.nz with your name and the name of the student, or simply tell the Vertical Form Teacher. A temporary password will be sent to you.

COMPLAINTS POLICY

While it is always our goal to satisfy the needs and expectations of our learners, parents and caregivers, occasions do arise that may warrant the lodging of a complaint. The school has a Complaints Policy which outlines the procedures whereby a complaint can be laid, and how complaints will be investigated.

Complaints should be made in writing or in person by either:

- A letter to the principal stating the concern – or via email to exec@pukekohehigh.school.nz
- A request for an appointment with a senior manager to discuss the concern
- Matters of serious concern or urgency may be made in person

The policy in full can be found on the school's website: pukekohehigh.school.nz

TERM DATES FOR 2018

Term 1	31 January to Friday 13 April
Term 2	30 April to 6 July
Term 3	23 July to 28 September
Term 4	15 October to 13 December

FRANKLIN SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGY FAIR

All students in Y9 and Y10 should have started thinking and researching their ideas.

Students in Y11, Y12 and Y13 are welcome to submit entries.

Students choose 1 of the following categories:

1. Communicating Science and Technology – theme this year is 'Today's problems, tomorrow's solutions', take a photo and use it in a poster. Must be done individually.
2. Technology device – design and build an original device that would make everyone's life better. Must be demonstrated working. Can work in pairs from the same class but amount of work must reflect the work of two people.
3. Experimental Investigation – carry out an experiment and complete a full write up. Must not involve animals, humans can be used but only with written permission which must be submitted. Can work in pairs from the same class but amount of work must reflect the work of two people.

Deadline is Friday 25 May.

Teachers will select the best entries to go forward to the Franklin Science Fair, June 11-14.

HEALTH CENTRE NOTICE

MUMPS

We have recently had a confirmed case of mumps within the school.

Mumps is an acute viral illness spread through the air by breathing, coughing and sneezing and through contact with infected saliva (sharing food, fluids or kissing).

Symptoms include: pain in the jaw, fever, headache and swelling of the glands around the face.

It can take between 12 and 25 days after catching mumps to become sick, and infectious from up to 1 week before swelling appears until 5 days after.

Please keep your child at home for 5 days after the swelling has appeared and longer if they remain unwell.

Mumps can be confirmed by a blood test at your doctor.

Call 0800 611 116 Healthline for advice. Healthline has translation services available 24/7.

Contact your family doctor to confirm family members have been immunised against mumps,

ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS 2018

<u>Junior Girls</u>		<u>House</u>
Champion	Caitlin Foote	J
2 nd =	Mikaela Hawley Bronwyn Mitchell	D D

<u>Junior Boys</u>		
Champion	Jayden Flanagan	P
2 nd	Caleb Moxon	J
3 rd	Stanley Grace-Dare	B

<u>Intermediate Girls</u>		
Champion	Briar Warren	J
2 nd	Caitlyn Marx	M
3 rd	Sarah Carpenter	J

<u>Intermediate Boys</u>		
Champion	Aditya Sharma	P
2 nd	Titanian Palei	M
3 rd =	Loyal Henwood Devan Gardiner	J J

<u>Senior Girls</u>		
Champion	Hayley Marx	M
2 nd	Aleisha Neary	D
3 rd	Tahina Heta	J

<u>Senior Boys</u>		
Champion	Zac Dell	P
2 nd	Rawinder Singh	M
3 rd	Angus Eason	D

Records
Stanley Grace-Dare Jnr Boys' Shot Put
13.09m (2015 Zac Dell 12.41m)

Hayley Marx Snr Girls' Javelin 27.99m
(2007 Sharon Hair 26.40m)

1st Jellicoe 2nd Massey 3rd Day
4th Perkins 5th Blake

SWIMMING CHAMPIONS 2018

<u>Junior Girls</u>		<u>House</u>
Champion	Mikaela Hawley	D
2 nd	Maia Clare	P
3 rd	Ernestine De Bruin	B

<u>Junior Boys</u>		
Champion	Ethan Langit	M
2 nd	Leon Duke	M
3 rd	Jayden Lobb-Harris	B

<u>Intermediate Girls</u>		
Champions=	Tavarnya Howe	P
	Jasmine Niederberger	D
3 rd	Abbey Swain	M

<u>Intermediate Boys</u>		
Champion	Nathan Hickmott	P
2 nd	Blake Elliott	P
3 rd	Richard Petty	M

<u>Senior Girls</u>		
Champion	Bella Perham	D
2 nd	Kiana Swain	M
3 rd	Hayley Marx	M

<u>Senior Boys</u>		
Champion	Zac Dell	P
2 nd	Cameron Woods	P
3 rd	Robert Wormald	B

Fulton Swim School Trophy
Zac Dell 58.97s

Records
Kiana Swain 50m Snr Girls' Fly 30.69s
Mikaela Hawley 50m Jnr Girls' Fly 32.75s

1st Perkins 2nd Massey 3rd Day
4th Blake 5th Jellicoe

TENNIS CHAMPIONS 2018

<u>Junior Girls</u>		<u>House</u>
Champion	Taylor Gillard	M
2 nd	Benika Vandermeer	D
3 rd	Yasmin Brady-Leathem	J
4 th	Bronwyn Mitchell	D

<u>Junior Boys</u>		
Champion	Sam Shaw	M
2 nd	Caleb Moxon	J
3 rd	Logan McCort	D
4 th	Alex Wright	B

<u>Intermediate Girls</u>		
Champion	Olivia Fausett	B
2 nd	Ella Barwick	B
3 rd	Briar Warren	J
4 th	Olivia van Tiel	P

<u>Intermediate Boys</u>		
Champion	Cohen Brady-Leathem	J
2 nd	Trent McNaughten	M
3 rd	Cameron McRobbie	B
4 th	Keegan McCort	D

<u>Senior Girls</u>		
Champion	Simone Wallace	J
2 nd	Chloe Marthe	B
3 rd	Simone Moxon	J
4 th	Brianna McCort	D

<u>Senior Boys</u>		
Champion	Sam Pascoe	J
2 nd	Bradley Allen	M
3 rd	Angus Eason	D
4 th	Cameron Woods	P

1st Jellicoe 2nd Massey 3rd Blake
4th Day 5th Perkins

Feedback

The school would appreciate feedback from parents, guardians and students on items in this newsletter or on other school issues that you wish to raise. Send your comments to feedback@pukekohehigh.school.nz