

Newsletter



PUKEKOHE HIGH SCHOOL

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From the Principal

Kia ora koutou

School property

Work is underway on the new teaching block, which will provide much needed space for our students and staff. The architect's design of the completed building is below. The building is not due to be opened until February next year but it will be interesting to watch progress in the meantime and to plan for how best our students and community will be able to use this exciting new space.



As part of the preparation of the site, the construction company has to install new stormwater channels. Over the next few weeks this will involve fencing off the grass area between the old Science block and Harris Street. Students will need to keep away from this part of the school as this is completed. The site will be fully fenced with appropriate signage.

PPTA Industrial action

Thank you for your patience as we work through the issues from the Post Primary Teachers' Union action on relief. I can confirm that we will **not** need to roster senior students home next week. We will continue to keep this under review and to keep families informed in the weeks ahead.

Please note that the school will be closed to all students on Thursday 16 March due to the one-day PPTA strike. This is a national strike that will affect all state secondary schools.

Gold coin donation for Cyclone Relief

The school held a non-uniform day today and most students dressed in vibrant House colours raising approximately \$2,000.

Congratulations

To Rushil Patel for his anime-inspired artwork and an excellent interview on One News. It is so good to see and recognise the individual achievements of our students. Links to this story are on the school's social media channels.

Welcome

To Gordon Paulsen who took up his role as Sports Director working alongside Shey Eva, Sports Coordinator. Gordon brings a wealth of experience to his role having previously worked at Epsom Girls' Grammar School and in a senior coaching role with Auckland United. Please encourage students to take up the many sporting opportunities on offer in our school.

Ngā mihi,

Richard Barnett
Principal