

# Newsletter



**PUKEKOHE HIGH SCHOOL**

**Issue Two, 07 February 2025**

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Teena koutou e ngaa whaanau,

I would like to acknowledge the positive start to the school year made by students throughout the school. Thank you to whaanau for your support.

Please see below and keep safe to refer to regarding important information about upcoming events here at Pukekohe High School.

## School Athletics Day | Friday 14 February

We are looking forward to hosting our full-school Athletics day on Friday February 14th. All students are expected to attend and take part in this whole-school event. There will be house-based fun activities as well as competitive athletics events throughout the day. See below for details:

**Venue:** Navigation Homes Stadium, Pukekohe

**Arrival and departure:** 8:45am start. Students are to go directly to the stadium where they will assemble in their Whānau Rōpū classes. Rolls will be taken by Kaiaawhina. At approximately 2:30pm students will be dismissed from the venue. Entrance to the venue is at Gate D. There will be a drop off area available for vehicles.

Students will not be allowed to leave during the day unless they have a leave pass organised prior.

**Gear:** Mufti/House colours. Hat and sunscreen. Please Note: NO Face Paint and feathers are allowed to be brought into the stadium.

**Sign-ups for events:** Students should complete the link that has been sent to your year level teams page/notice board for competitive events. This link will close on Tuesday 12 February at 12pm. House-based activities require no sign-ups.

**Food:** There will be some food available for purchase at the venue. Students are encouraged to bring their own food and a bottle of water for the day. Extra water will be available at the stadium.

**Spectators:** Whaanau are welcome to attend as spectators. We will have a designated seating area for spectators in the stadium.

**School busses:** Usual bus students will arrive at school as normal and assemble outside the library. They will be escorted down to the stadium by staff. At the end of the event bus students will be escorted back to school to catch their bus home at the normal time.

## 2024 Scholars Celebration

We are looking forward to celebrating our 2024 Scholars and their academic achievement. Invites have been sent to students and whaanau to attend this event on Thursday 20 February starting at 6.00pm in the Hall.

## Year 9 Whaanau Evening

The Year 9 Whaanau open evening is Thursday 20 February 4.00pm – 6.00pm outside N Block. Further information will be sent to families closer to this event.

## Late-to-School System

As with last year we are working hard to encourage all student to attend school on time in the morning. This enables a smooth start to the school day and for all students to participate fully in the learning from the beginning of period 1. The first bell rings at 8:40am with the second bell at 8:45am signalling the start of lessons. All students are expected to be at their classroom for period 1 by 8:45am.

## School Values – Recognising MANA

Our school values of Manaakitanga, Kotahitanga, Aarahitanga and Puumautanga sit at the heart of what we do. We are pleased to share a repackaging of these values as Pukekohe High School's MANA values. Over the course of the year, students and whaanau will be introduced to a range of student recognition initiatives to celebrate members of our school community who are living these values.

Currently, students can be recognised for displaying school values through our values recognition system on KAMAR. In addition to this, students can now receive a physical MANA card. A MANA card can be given to students by a staff member to recognise one or more of our school values. We encourage students to share their MANA cards with their whaanau (look out for a small yellow card!) before dropping these off to the student reception for house points this term.

We look forward to celebrating continued success and embodiment of our school values here at Pukekohe High School.



Ngaa mihi  
Murray Saunders  
Tumuaki | Principal