



PUKEKOHE HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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From the Tumuaki

Whiria te taangata, whiria te angituu

Weave the people, create success

Teenaa koutou e ngaa whaanau,



I would like to extend my greetings to everyone as we pass the halfway point in term 2. As we have been saying to students throughout this term, we are well into the business end of the learning and assessment programmes for the year. Focussing in on our learning - be that at junior level with the preparation for junior exam week in week 7, or at NCEA level with the recently completed literacy and numeracy Common Assessment Activities (CAAs) and ongoing internal assessments - is critical at this time of year.

An important part of students maximising their chances of academic success is for them to have a sense of ownership over their education. This should include attending every class, asking questions of teachers about the learning, having an understanding of upcoming assessment opportunities and preparing for these accordingly, engaging with the subject selection process and events like subject selection evening and opportunities to link with the Careers Department. As teaching staff, we also have our obligations to help students succeed. If students, families and staff are working together the sky will be the limit in terms of what can be achieved.

To support learning and achievement, we have a number of events coming up later this term and early next term that I would encourage students and families to get in behind. The first of these, mentioned above, is our junior examination week. Details for this week are communicated later in the newsletter. Needless to say, I would encourage all students to prepare well and showcase their learning, knowledge and skills through this week. This is followed in the last week of the term with junior parent-teacher conferencing. Senior conferencing takes place during the first week of term 3. Opportunities for support for students with their schoolwork outside of timetabled classes are shared later in this newsletter.

Alongside the work going on in the classroom, I would also like to express my pride in the continued excellence and dedication shown by hundreds of Pukekohe High School students in the many extra-curricular pursuits that are undertaken by our students. From Rockquest participants to our winter sports teams, to our musicians who performed the last post at Anzac ceremonies in our region, to our Hip Hop crew who featured recently on Seven Sharp, you continue to do the school proud. This applies not only to what the students are producing but the way that they are conducting themselves. Following a recent visit of a senior Art class to Tiritiri Matangi island, the educational officer on the island contacted me and commented that *'the students conducted themselves with respect and integrity. The volunteers who led them on the guided walk during the morning all commented on what a wonderful group of young people they were. They were particularly impressed with how well they focused, listened, and demonstrated respect throughout'*. While all of us are not always perfect all of the time, this sort of sentiment is often expressed to me by members of our community who interact with the young people of Pukekohe High School.

Wishing everyone the best for the remainder of term 2.

Ngaa mihi nui

Murray Saunders | Tumuaki / Principal

Uara | Living Our Values

Mana Values

This term, we are celebrating our MANA value of Kotahitanga as a school. The value of Kotahitanga is about connection, unity and a shared sense of belonging. Kingi Taawahiao said "Ki te kotahi te kaakaho ka whati, ki te kaapuia e kore e whati." This translates to "If there is but one reed it will break, if it is bunched together, it will not." Our students have been exploring what Kotahitanga looks like in the classroom, in their houses as well as in the wider school community be it through supporting one another at homework club, dressing up to show support for Pink Shirt Day, participating in house activities or showing up for their sports, cultural and leadership teams.

Next time you visit the school, look out for our new MANA values signage that has been installed. We look forward to building the physical presence of these values across the school campus and supporting all of our students and staff to embody our values of Manaakitanga, Kotahitanga, Puumautanga and Aarahitanga.



Ako | Quality Teaching and Learning

NCEA Common Assessment (CAA) Literacy and Numeracy Exams

Last week, our Year 11 students, along with selected Year 12 and 13 students took part in the national Literacy and Numeracy Common Assessment Activities (CAAs). These assessments are a key part of ensuring all students meet the foundational standards required for future learning, employment, and everyday life.

We are extremely proud of the effort and maturity shown by our students during the exams. Their positive attitude and determination were evident across all sessions. A big thank you also goes to our staff, who provided outstanding support and helped create a focused and encouraging environment throughout the week.

Initial feedback has been positive, and we look forward to receiving official results later this term. These outcomes will guide our next steps in supporting students' progress and success in these essential areas.

Junior Exams – Week 7 Schedule

In Week 7, our Year 9 and Year 10 students will participate in a series of mid-year exams across core subject areas. These assessments are an important part of tracking academic progress and supporting student learning goals.

Exam Timetable Overview

Exams will take place during Periods 1 and 2 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Subjects being assessed include:

- Year 9: Maths, Science, English, Social Studies
- Year 10: Maths, Science, English, Social Studies

Students will attend their usual whaanau roopuu classes each morning from 8:45 to 9:00am before heading to their scheduled exams. All other periods will continue as normal, with interval beginning at 11:10am each day. Please note that Wednesday will follow a normal timetable, with the usual late start and no junior exams on that day.

We encourage all students to prepare well, get plenty of rest, and bring the necessary equipment for each exam. These assessments are a valuable opportunity to demonstrate progress and build confidence ahead of end-of-term reporting.

Junior Parent Conferences – Week 9

Our Junior Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday 24th June from 2:30pm to 7:00pm in the School Hall and Massey Block. These conferences provide an important opportunity for kaiako, aakonga, and whaanau to discuss recent academic progress, share insights from Engagement Reports and recent assessments, and set goals for the rest of the year.

Each interview will be a 10-minute conversation between the subject teacher, student, and whaanau. Bookings open on Monday 10th June via SchoolPoint.

We encourage all whaanau to attend and partner with us in supporting every student's learning journey.

Hokule'a Leadership Programme

A small group of Year 13 Pasifika students had the privilege of attending the *Hokule'a* Leadership Programme, hosted by Victoria University of Wellington.

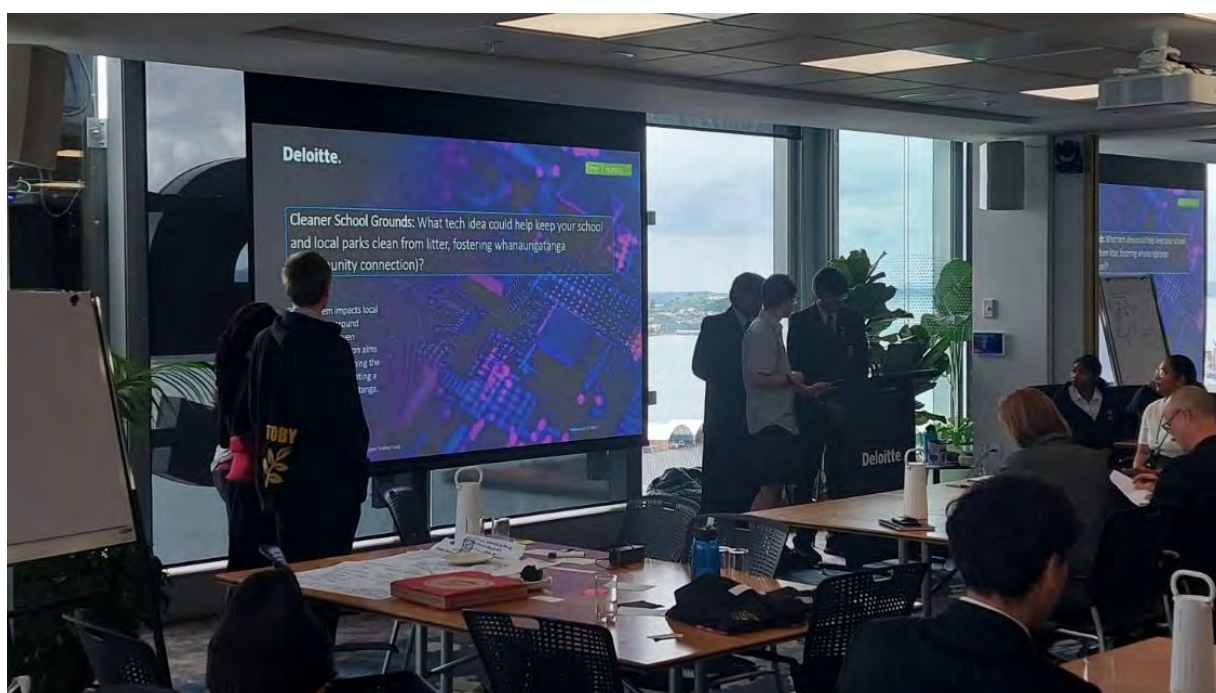
The programme offered an insightful introduction to university life, featuring powerful testimonies from current Pasifika students navigating tertiary study. Our *ākonga* received valuable guidance from the university's Pasifika advisers, who shared in-depth advice about the transition from secondary school to university.

The students left feeling inspired and eager to learn more. Thank you, Victoria University, for a meaningful *talanoa* and for empowering the next generation of Pasifika leaders.



Tech for Good Hackathon

On Friday May 23, a group of six digital technology students – Jacob Luscombe, Charlee Larsen, Ibrahim Umar, Ashneil Sunil Kumar, Toby Nelson, and Alishia Mungwariri, accompanied by our HOD Digital Technologies Mr. Hari went to the Deloitte Building in Auckland City to take part in a **"Tech for Good Hackathon"** event where they worked with and competed against students from nine other high schools in Auckland. The students worked very well together as a group and obtained working knowledge of the Amazon Web Service platform.



Clubs/Tutorials (Curriculum)

Please see below for the range of clubs and activities being offered to students of all ages across a range of areas.

| Name | Day/Time | Place & Teacher in Charge |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| ARTS | | |
| Big band (junior jazz band) | Monday WR and interval | Blue room (GW) |
| Choir - Beginners to advanced all welcome, Y9-13 | Wednesday after school | Blue Room (KNK) |
| Songwriting Club | Thursday after school | B6 (Jessie – singer songwriter coach) |
| Wind band (Jnr orchestral band) | Thursday WR and interval | Blue room (Mr Tonga) |
| CULTURE/LANGUAGES/PERFORMANCE GROUPS | | |
| Indian Dance group | Every day Q2- lunch time | Contact (KR) Ms Kaur |
| Kapa Haka Training | Monday's 3:30pm – 8:30pm | S15 (CHJ) |
| LITERACY | | |
| Extension English for Y10-11 | Wednesday during Lunch | M6 (OLC) |
| Scholarship English | Wednesday 3:20pm-4:20pm | M9 (BLS + OLC) |
| NUMERACY | | |
| Calculus Scholarship Group | Thursday before school 7:30am – 8:30am | A3 (GHV) |
| Maths Club | Thursday after school 3:30pm – 4:30pm (Wk 8) | A3 – (GHV) |
| Year 12 Calculus Extension Grp | Tuesday before school 7:30am – 8:30am | A3 (GHV) |
| OTHER | | |
| Christian Fellowship | Friday lunch times | H3 |
| Debating | Thursday lunch (by prior arrangement. Check notices on Debating teams page). | M3 |
| Duke of Edinburgh Award | Meetings as required. Gold (WB) & Silver (AN). | (HY) |
| Filipino Club | Friday lunch times | H3 |
| Leos Club (Jnr Lions) | Friday lunch times | C3 (CLC) |
| LGBTQIA+ | Ask a teacher the location | WNJ & CLC |
| Model United Nations | By arrangement via Model UN Teams page | MDJ |
| School Meals | Every day – lunch times | H1 – (JC) |
| Toastmaster – Public Speaking | Thursday after school 3:20 – 4:20pm | C6 (CLC) |
| Wāhanga Homework Club | Friday afternoons (3:30-4:30pm) | Te Hikoi - Marae |
| ZINE club – Art/Comic/Stories | Wed interval (contact Bryn Giddens on Teams) | B4 |
| SCIENCES | | |
| E-pro8 | Tues & Wed after school (until challenge ends) | A3 (BCM & PG) |
| Level 3 Biology & Scholarship Group | Wed Lunchtimes Fortnightly – Even weeks | S4 – (HN) |
| Lvl 3 Chemistry Scholarship and optional L3 Chem standard | Wed after school- Every week | S11(MC) |
| Lvl 2 Chemistry Tutorial | Mon at lunchtime – every week | S8 (SG) |
| Lvl 3 Chemistry Tutorial | Tue at lunchtime-every week | S8(SG) |
| Senior Biology Tutorial/Drop-In | Wed Period 1 – every week | S4 (HN) |
| Senior Science Puuhoro tauira | Wed period 1- every week | G2 (TI) |
| Senior Physics Tutorial | Thursday before school – every week | S3 (SMM/JNO) |
| Science Tutorials Y9, Y10 & Y11 | Wed lunchtime and after school – every week | S2 (VL) |
| SPORTS | | |
| Badminton | Tues and Thurs Lunchtime | Gym 2 |
| Boys Lacrosse | Monday nights | Nixon Park (PLG) |
| Distance Running Team | Tuesday 3:30pm-4:30pm, Friday 7am-8am | Sports office foyer (JNO) |
| Girl's Football | Tuesday 3:20pm-4:30pm | Top football field (BTP) |
| Girl's Lacrosse | Mon or Tues Training – 3:20pm – 5:00pm (alternate each week) | Field (JHT) |
| Girls Rugby | Mon and Wed – 3.30pm -5.00pm | |
| Hockey XI Girls & Boys Training | Tuesday's 7am – 8am | (CHJ) |
| Kiiorahi Juniors | Wed & Thurs 3.30pm-4.30pm | Top Field (HRN) |
| Kiiorahi Seniors | Tues & Fri 3.30pm 5pm | Top Field (HRN) |
| Squash | Monday's 4.30pm | Franklin Squash (GRJ) |
| Tumbling gymnastics | Wednesday 3.20-4.10pm | Small gym (AS) |
| Waka Ama – boys | Mon & Fri 5.30-7pm Sat & Sun 10am-2pm | Tuakau Waka Ama (HRN) |
| TECHNOLOGY | | |
| E Sports | Thursday After school. 3.30pm - 4.45pm (Teams link) | B9 – (BCM) |
| Robotics | Monday after school | T6 - SQU |
| Tech Crew | Tuesday at interval | Hall (KYA) |

Tarawera Field Trip

On Friday 2 May, the Year 12 Earth and Space and General Science classes travelled down to Rotorua. Students have been learning about the geological processes that have produced the volcanically active area between Whaakari White Island and Mount Taranaki. They have been particularly interested in the events that led up to the 1886 eruption of Mount Tarawera and the resulting changes to the landscape. The first stop of the day saw students taking a guided tour down the Waimangu Volcanic Valley, where they took in the active geothermal areas and discussed the formation of the rift valley during the eruption. Students then travelled to Lake Tarawera where they collected rock samples, photographed and identified them as part of their internal assessment. Well done to these students for representing our school so wonderfully and a big thank you to Mr Gosai, Ms Tonorio, and Dr Simmonds for supporting this trip.



Dissection Week



The Year 12 Biology students have just wrapped up their unit on the circulatory systems of insects, fish, and mammals. As part of preparation for the report they have **written about each animal's system**. Students took part in the annual dissection week. Students were able to spend hands-on time exploring the circulatory systems of locusts, fish, and sheep. We were fortunate to receive a cow heart from a member of the science department, which a couple of very keen students enjoyed dissecting. Thank you to the science technicians for sourcing all of the biological material for us!

Auckland Writers' Festival

"I particularly enjoyed The Auckland Writers Festival it was an incredible experience to have an opportunity to listen to such talented authors. I particularly enjoyed the different lineup of speakers, including a poet and two novelists each bringing different perspectives on storytelling and culture. The speakers showed us the deeper meaning of a text and how that idea inspired them. This is an amazing literary event and I would recommend to anyone!" (Phoebe Sayer)



Amokura Leadership Day – Massey High School

As head students at Pukekohe High School, we had the privilege of attending a Leadership Day held at Massey High School—an experience that not only strengthened our leadership skills but also allowed us to form new friendships with fellow student leaders from other schools. Throughout the day we took part in engaging workshops, team building activities, listening to inspiring stories and exchanging experiences that shaped our understanding of leadership. It was an incredible experience deepening each and every one of our own understandings of what it means to lead with purpose, with these new leadership skills, we look forward to embrace them in our roles at Pukekohe High.



Year 11 Art Students Visit Tiritiri Matangi Island to Support Endangered Species Conservation

On Thursday 22 May, twenty-four Year 11 Art students embarked on a memorable trip to Tiritiri Matangi Island, a renowned bird sanctuary nestled in the Hauraki Gulf. This visit aimed to revive a previous project and strengthen our ongoing relationship with the island by creating artworks to raise funds for the vital conservation efforts led by dedicated scientists and volunteers. As **one of New Zealand's oldest environmental sanctuaries, Tiritiri Matangi is teeming with wildlife** rarely seen on the mainland. The island is home to 87 species of birds and other native creatures such as the wetapunga, tuatara, and gecko. Our students gained invaluable firsthand experience observing these threatened species in their natural habitats and enriched their understanding the crucial role of collective kaitiakitanga (guardianship) in preserving our native taonga (treasures).

The day began bright and early with a 7:11 am train to Britomart, followed by a scenic ride aboard the Explorer Ferry to the island. Upon arrival, we explored the shoreline and native bush guided by knowledgeable volunteers, culminating in a visit to the **lighthouse at the island's summit** — a prime spot to observe the special Takahe. Throughout the walk, we spotted numerous native birds, some skilfully camouflaged within the bush, others darting in and out of feeding stations or hopping along the paths. One poignant highlight was learning about the challenges facing the Little Blue Penguin population. Unfortunately, many chicks have perished from starvation in their roosting boxes this past year. Global warming has forced parent penguins to swim further afield to find food, increasing the time between feedings and sadly leading to a decline in chick survival. To cap off our enriching experience, we were fortunate to witness a small pod of dolphins swimming alongside our ferry as we approached Gulf Harbour on the return journey — a breathtaking finale to an inspiring day.

Our Year 11 Art students, alongside peers from other art courses, are now busy creating beautiful lino prints and other artworks, which will soon be available for purchase. These pieces also form part of their NCEA coursework. When this project was first launched, we raised \$2,000 for Tiritiri Matangi, **prompting the island to name its next Takahe chick "Pukekohe" in our honour.** We eagerly look forward to sharing these artworks with you soon. By purchasing these unique creations, you will help support the protection of our native taonga and endangered species. Stay tuned for more details — exciting updates are on the way!



Level 3 Psychology Students Take Learning Beyond the Classroom

Wednesday 28th May, our enthusiastic Level 3 Psychology students are stepping out of the classroom and into the real world to conduct their own psychological research—testing theories around memory and speed of processing. This exciting hands-on project forms part of their final internal assessment for the year, worth 6 NCEA credits.

After weeks of preparation, these budding researchers are ready to put their learning into action. They've designed their own experiments, crafted materials, built data collection tools, and explored the psychological theories that underpin their investigations. With a goal of gathering data from at least 40 participants, our students are not only applying academic skills but also ensuring their research is ethical, rigorous—and most importantly, fun!

This real-world research experience is a fantastic example of how Psychology at Pukekohe High School blends critical thinking with creativity and personal initiative. We're proud of the dedication and enthusiasm our students have shown—and we can't wait to see the insights they uncover!



Ethics Olympiad

On Friday 23 May, three of our senior students represented Pukekohe High School in the Ethics Olympiad competition. Sorchia De-Viell (13MLK), Ayla Stichbury (13DVM), and Mia Raven (13BLS) spent the day breaking down ethical dilemmas. They partnered with teams from schools across Aotearoa to discuss specific cases and consider issues through the lenses of different ethical theories.

The day was the culmination of a term and a half of preparation, research, and respectful debate. Mr Silk and Mrs Olson were incredibly proud of how our aakonga conducted themselves throughout the day.

Excitingly, Pukekohe High School received an Honourable Mention in the competition, which is a huge feat.



Level 1 Geography Trip | Waikato awa hikoi

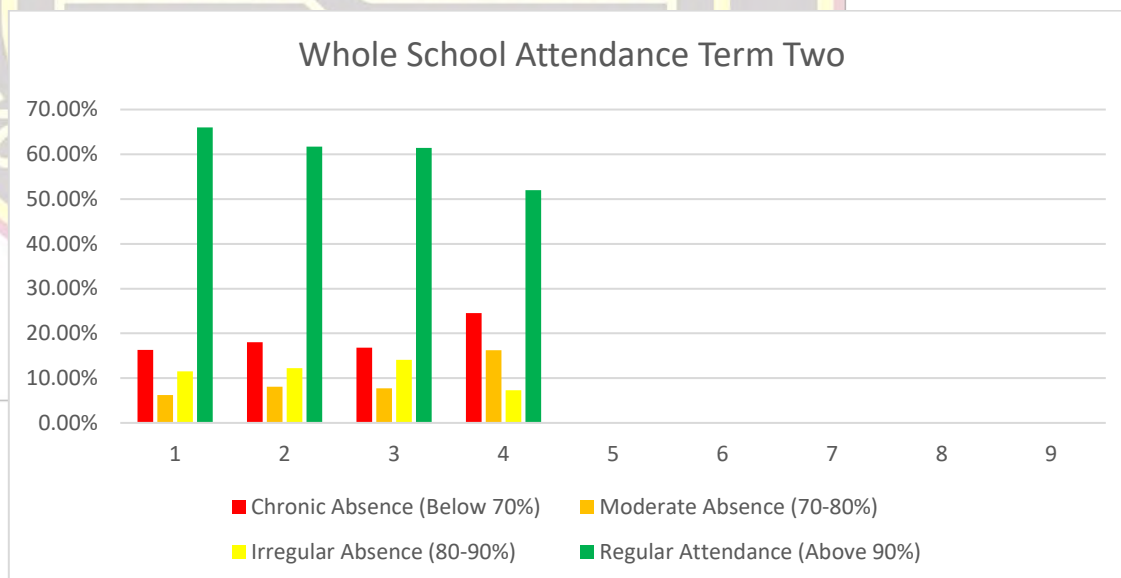
Our Level 1 Geography students recently embarked on a two-day exploration of the Waikato River, delving into its historical, cultural, economic, and environmental significance. They **engaged with Ngāti Tamaoho Trust at Les Batkin Reserve, toured the Ohakuri Dam with Mercury Energy to learn about hydro power, and explored tourism on the river through the Huka Falls River Cruise.** Throughout the trip, our students displayed exceptional Manaakitanga, showing respect to guest speakers and embracing new perspectives. Their Kotahitanga was also evident as they collaborated during activities, supporting one another at every learning opportunity.

We wish them the best of luck as they now apply their newfound knowledge and experiences in their upcoming Geography assessment – 1.2 Exploring an environment using data.



Te Pae Oorite | Equitable Opportunities and Outcomes

Attendance



We continue to encourage all of our students to strive for regular attendance at school. As you can see from the term 2 attendance statistics this is the time of the year where attendance tends to decline. This is a result of a number of things, foremost among these absences due to illness.

Being a short term, with only four school weeks remaining, we urge students to make the most of every day of their learning by being at school and in class. Parents can continue to support positive attendance by tracking this through the weekly engagement reports and through the Kamar parent portal.

Outstanding Success at the Tauranga Jazz Festival

We are incredibly proud to celebrate the achievements of our PHS music **students at this year's Tauranga Jazz Festival!**

PHS Stage Band earned a prestigious **GOLD** award, showcasing their exceptional talent and hard work.

PHS Jazz Combo also delivered a fantastic performance, receiving a **SILVER** award for their efforts.

A huge congratulations to all our dedicated musicians for these fantastic results.



A special shoutout to Oliver McKay and Logan Topp, who were selected for the Honours Band. This elite group represents the top 20 youth jazz musicians in New Zealand. Their final performance was a powerful display of commitment, dedication, and next-level musicianship. Well done to all involved.

Matamata Music Festival

The Matamata Music Festival was an incredible showcase of talent and teamwork this year, and Pukekohe High School truly shone on stage. Our Concert Band delivered a polished, expressive performance that earned them a well-deserved Gold award—proof of their dedication and hard work. Meanwhile, our Wind Band battled fierce competition to bring home the Bronze, an outstanding achievement especially given how many of our Year 9 students were taking part for the first time. Seeing those newcomers rise to the challenge, blend seamlessly with the more experienced players, and gain confidence in front of a large audience makes these results even more meaningful. **It's a testament to everyone's commitment**—students and teachers alike—and sets an exciting tone for the rest of our music season!



Careers Highlights

STAR Holiday Courses

During the recent school holidays, several students took part in STAR-funded short courses to explore careers in the tourism and aviation industries.

Five students attended a two-day Flight Attending course at the International Travel College, where they experienced a fast-paced program that gave them insight into the real-world responsibilities of flight attendants.

Four students completed a Tourism Short Course, gaining hands-on experience across four different tourism sectors. Highlights included visits to WETA Workshop, SkyCity's three hotels, and a talk with AJ Hackett.

Student Feedback:

"It was an incredible day visiting WETA Workshop, exploring SkyCity's three hotels, and having a chat with AJ Hackett!"

"The tourism course was both enjoyable and highly educational. We gained valuable insights into how the tourism industry operates in New Zealand and had an unforgettable experience. It was also a fantastic opportunity to meet many wonderful people and connect with students from across Auckland."



Waikato University Open Day – May 2025

Over 50 senior students attended the Waikato Open day to learn about the different study options, attend lectures, meet current students and staff while experiencing Waikato student life firsthand. Open Days are the perfect chance for students to gain a better understanding of what university life and get a glimpse into the future.



International Student Testimonial

My Experience in New Zealand

By Larissa, 15 years old – Brazil

Hi! My name is Larissa, I'm 15 years old, and I came from Brazil to live an unforgettable 6-month experience in New Zealand. From the moment I arrived, everything felt so different, but also exciting. The landscapes were unbelievably beautiful – mountains, beaches, green fields... it felt like I was in a movie!

At first, I was a bit scared and homesick, since it was my first time being so far away from my family for so long. But soon, I was warmly welcomed by my host family, who treated me like part of the family from the very first day. With them, I learned so many new things, from cultural habits to local recipes I had never tried before.

School was also a big part of this journey. It was challenging to get used to speaking English in the beginning, but little by little, I became more confident. I made amazing friends from all over the world, learned to communicate better, became more independent, and started trusting myself more. Every day was a new discovery – both about the world and about myself.

These 6 months went by so fast, but they left a lasting mark on me. I'm going back to Brazil with a heart full of memories, missing everything I lived here, and knowing that I've grown so much as a person. New Zealand is now part of who I am, and I'm truly grateful for having had this opportunity.



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Moments in New Zealand

Pukekohe High Electrical Core – Industry Engagement with Vertical Horizon

We enjoyed an outstanding industry engagement session with our students, featuring senior representatives from Health & Safety in Germany alongside New Zealand's training team.

Omexom—formerly Electrix for many years—led a guest lecture on diverse career pathways in the electrical

distribution sector, complemented by their recruitment and induction video. During the session, several students volunteered to don industry-standard PPE and gain hands-on experience with equipment such as voltage detectors and power-circuit distribution boxes.



PHS Dance (Royal Family Workshop)

Over the holidays, our PHS Hip Hop Crew made their debut, competing in College Dance Crew Championships and placing 5th out of 8 Auckland schools.

Within this event we also won a workshop with *The Royal Family*—New Zealand's world-renowned hip hop dance crew. We had the privilege of two Royal Family dancers coming to Pukekohe High School to teach a workshop for our students earlier this week. An amazing opportunity for our students to learn from the best, build confidence, and strengthen our **dance whānau**. We're so grateful for this incredible experience right here at PHS.



Year 12 RYDA Day

On Thursday 08 May, 120 Year 12 students attended the annual RYDA Road Safety Day at the Franklin Baptist Church.

At RYDA, students attend six interactive sessions where they were challenged to change the way they think about road safety; participating in a stopping distance demonstration, learning about the safety ratings for cars, devising personalised driving strategies, gaining an understanding of their individual risk profile, leading an investigation into a real life crash and hearing from a survivor of a very serious crash and the impact it has had on their life, as well as getting tips from road safety experts on how to protect themselves, their friends and family.



Sports Update

Apollo Projects New Zealand Age Group Swimming champs were held 13-17th April at the Hawkes Bay Aquatic Centre

4 students from Pukekohe High School qualified and were representing Pukekohe Swimming Club.

New Zealand top 10 placings below:

Meeka Mills (13-year-old girls)

- 3rd NZ 100m Backstroke
- 4th NZ 50m Backstroke
- 4th NZ 200m Backstroke
- Relay placings: 4th, 5th, 5th & 8th in NZ

Jing-Yang Chua (14-year-old boys)

- 7th NZ 50m freestyle
- Relay placings: 5th & 8th NZ

Daniel Smith (16-year-old boys)

- 10th NZ 50m breaststroke
- 7th NZ 100m breaststroke
- 7th NZ 200m breaststroke

Talia Chaney

- Relay placing 9th NZ



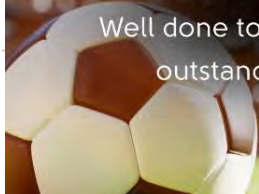


Record-Breaking Win for PHS First XI Boys Football

Our First XI Boys Football team made history last week with a massive 15-0 victory over Strathallan - one of the biggest score lines ever recorded at Pukekohe High School.

A special shout-out to Kian Tapper who scored an incredible 7 goals, and Tom Scott, who added 3 goals to the total.

Well done to the entire team on an outstanding performance!



Congratulations

CLAY TARGET SHOOTING

We started with a foggy day in Taupo on Thursday 8 May, with a mild temperature of 8 degrees and no wind. A great turnout with 159 shooters over 33 squads, made up of 33 Girls, 50 Juniors and 76 Senior Boys.

Thank-you to the parents that traveled to Taupo, for their help and support, without parent support we would be limited on the number of students we could take to competitions.

- Emma Lane - 3rd Girls after a shoot off 82/90

- Carter Kilian & Emma Lane - 1st Mixed Pair with a combined score of 165/180

- Tyler Matthews - achieved his 25 badge after his personal best competition score 80/90

- James Harvey - achieved his 25 badge after only his 3rd school competition with an amazing score of 80/90 placing him 6th= in the Juniors

The competition was very high in the senior boys competition, and the scores reflected this, Carter Kilian was Pukekohe's top shooter for the day with a score of 83/90 placing him 14th= in the senior boys.

Pukekohe High 1 came 6th in the team Competition with a combined score of 381/450.

Next shoot is on 19 June in Matamata.

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Sport Fees Reminder

As a school we are reliant on the payment of sports fees to help cover the operational costs for the more than 30 sports that are offered at Pukekohe High School.

Fees invoices have been sent to the families of all students participating in school sports. Payment options are included in the invoices.

We thank families for helping us to continue to offer a strong and robust sporting programme.

Haapori | Community Highlights

Meet our Teachers | Nea Brink



Miss Nea Brink brings boundless energy and creativity to Pukekohe High School—both inside and beyond the dance studio. As our dedicated Dance Teacher, she not only fosters a positive learning environment in the classroom, teaching across multiple styles within the curriculum, but also champions our dance students competing at national and international levels, earning a **prime-time spot on TVNZ's Seven Sharp with our extra-curricular school dance**. A passionate advocate for Pasifika achievement, Nea plays an integral role in a team supporting our Pasifika students across the school as they celebrate and share their cultural heritage and create a sense of belonging at **Pukekohe High School**. Her **"all-in" attitude shines through in every corner of school life—whether she's staying late to supervise training for a dance or cultural event or cheerfully stepping up to support the girls' rugby team as team manager on game day**. **Nea's commitment to lifting everyone around her makes her a true driving force in our community.**

Meet Phoebe Sayer | Pukekohe High School Student Board Representative



Kia ora, my name is Phoebe Sayer and I'm a year 11 student at Pukekohe High School. I am proud to say that I am the student representative on the school board, which gives me opportunities to contribute to decisions that shape our school community.

I am actively involved in four sports teams for school and other extracurricular activities. I bring the same passion for teamwork to my role as student representative.

I believe that every student's voice matters, so please feel free to reach out to me with any ideas or concerns you have with our school here at Pukekohe High School.
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"EMBRACING INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY, AND CELEBRATING MATARIKI TOGETHER."

MATARIKI



PUKEKOHE
HIGH SCHOOL

19 JUNE

5PM - 9PM

PUKEKOHE INDIAN ASSOCIATION HALL

COMMERCE STALLS, WHĀNAU STALLS, KAI AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE,
PERFORMANCES THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT

Message from our School Community Officer, Senior Constable Lisa Ross

Our role as School Community Officers is to support our parents, caregivers and teachers in keeping students safe.

You may have seen in the news lately there have been a couple of reports of suspicious activity arounds schools within Tāmaki Makaurau.

This is a good reminder to our students and parents about what to do when these types of situations arise or if you witness any unusual or suspicious behaviour in or around the school area.

We want to encourage our young people to speak to a trusted adult if something doesn't feel right. Open communication is a key step in helping us respond quickly and appropriately to matters reported to Police.

We encourage anyone who may be feeling unsafe or have concerns about any unusual or suspicious behaviour, to call Police on 111. For non-urgent concerns you can visit <https://www.police.govt.nz/use-105> and report an incident online.

Thank you for working with us to keep our school community safe.

PTA

The PTA look forward to collaborating with parents, teachers and the community to support the education and well-being of students. We will typically be focusing on fundraising and organising social events advocating for school initiatives that will help improve the learning environment and bring the school community together.



Farewell to Logan Soole

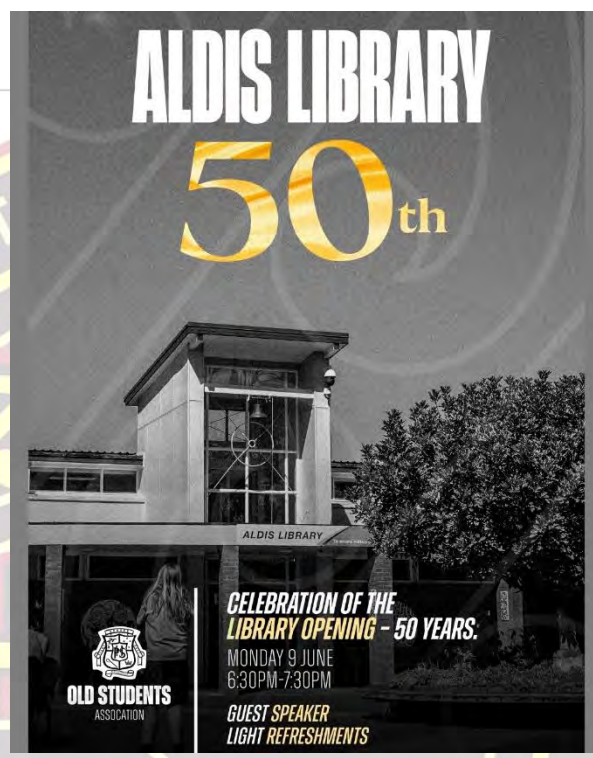
We have been privileged to have Logan Soole, Franklin board member, on our Board of Trustees here at Pukekohe High School. A past head boy and valued alumnus of the school, Logan has contributed back to our school and wider Franklin community in many meaningful ways. Logan's voice has been an important one in our school and community and we were privileged to attend his farewell speech with some of our student leaders. We wish Logan well for his next endeavours and know that his impact will endure in the lives' of the students and community members of Pukekohe High School.



Aldis Library Turns 50!

We are thrilled to announce Dita De Boni as our guest speaker for the 50th anniversary of the Aldis Library. Dita is the daughter of the late Judy De Boni, a much-loved and respected English teacher at Pukekohe High School. With over 20 years of experience as a reporter, producer, and journalist, Dita has made her mark across major media outlets—including the New Zealand Herald, TVNZ, and Radio New Zealand—covering business, current affairs, and general reporting. **We're honoured to welcome her back** to help us celebrate this special milestone.

Join us for this special occasion to reconnect with past students, hear from guest speaker Dita De Boni, and enjoy **some light refreshments**. We'd love to see you there as we celebrate this **important milestone in our school's history** and the enduring legacy of the Aldis Library.



Pukekohe High School Leo's Update

Pukekohe High Leos have had a busy start to the year, completing projects and planning more ahead. **We've submitted paperwork for our official Lions International charter and will soon join over 7,200 Leo clubs in 150+ countries.**

In Term 1, we supported Tuakau Kindergarten's Duck Race, helped Pukekohe East School with their Harvest Festival, and volunteered as guides for the Beautification Trust's *Eye on Nature* Day. A highlight was our Tech Night with the Pukekohe Lions, bridging generations through shared stories and skills.

This term, we took part in the ANZAC Day parade and helped lay a wreath with the Pukekohe Lions. We also spent a Friday afternoon being tidy Kiwis, picking up litter around school.

Next up, we're piloting *Yarn with a Youth*, connecting with aged care residents at Palms Village in June and Possum Bourne in July.



Congratulations Alumni Student Jack Haddon Wins 2025 Pukekohe Young Grower Title



Former Pukekohe High School student and current Crop manager Jack Haddon has won the Pukekohe 2025 Young Grower regional title.

Haddon, who oversees the cauliflower and cabbage operation for Balle Bros, pitched his skills against three fellow contestants to take the title on Friday 23 May.

He will now go on to compete against six other regional winners in Horticulture New Zealand's national Young Grower of the Year competition, to be held in Christchurch in September.

"Thanks to their dedication we can celebrate the skilled young people who are pursuing careers in the sector and raise awareness of those career opportunities to others."

Thank you

We kindly thank all the following sponsors for their continued support on behalf of the entire Pukekohe High School community. Through your generous support, our students have been able to gain invaluable resources, learn, thrive, and grow in an inviting environment.



We appreciate your support and partnership in our journey.

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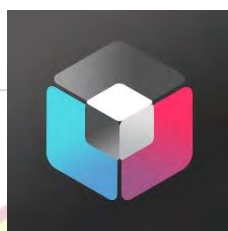
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Cleaner wanted!

We have a team of dedicated cleaners who work 3 hours per day each, Monday to Friday during term time. We are looking to add more people to the team. Cleaning is carried out after school finishes for the day and hours are usually 3:15pm-6:15 pm.

Duties for all cleaners include cleaning sinks and toilets, rubbish removal from classrooms, offices etc, vacuuming, dusting, hot mopping floors and filling paper towel dispensers.

Start date is immediate and training will be provided. A Police Check will need to be passed.

Please contact Business Manager Denis Murphy on 09 237 0117 ext. 223 or email your application and CV to jobs@pukekohehigh.school.nz



Important Dates

Week 6

- **Monday 2 June | King's Birthday** – School CLOSED
- Tuesday 3 June | Under 80% Attendance Ball Consideration Forms & Partner Forms Due
- Wednesday 4 June | Open Day | 2026 Year 9 Enrolment

Week 7

- Monday 09 June | Library 50 Anniversary Celebration
- Monday 09 – Friday 13 June | Junior Exams

Week 8

- Thursday 19 June | Matariki Celebration | Pukekohe Indian Hall
- Friday 20 June | Matariki | School CLOSED

Week 9

- Tuesday 24 June | School Finishes 1.40pm - Parent Teacher Conferences 2.30pm - 7.00pm
- Thursday 26 June | Dance Showcase
- Friday 27 June | End of Term 2, normal finish time.

