

Pānui o te wiki

PUKEKOHE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Term 2 Week 3, 2022



Principal's Message

Tēnā koutou katoa, Kia orana, Talofa lava, Faka alofa lahiatu, Malo elelei, Namaste, Aslam Alaykom, Bula vinaka, Ni hao.

This week we held our first full school assembly in the town hall. During this assembly I spoke to the school about the Living Memorial at the Queen Street entrance. This nature trail is part of the Auckland First World War Heritage trail.

During an ANZAC day ceremony in 1925, the students at Pukekohe School placed laurels/ wreaths at the feet of 27 trees planted on the school grounds to commemorate the school's old boys who gave their lives during WW1.

Individual stones were later placed at the base of each tree. This memorial was rededicated in April 2006, and the stones were restored and reset in the wall outside the school on Queen Street.

I challenged our students to be a kaitiaki (a guardian) for our school nature trail, to ensure it remains for future generations to enjoy.

Excellence certificates

These were presented at assembly. Congratulations to the following students:

Addisyn McKay
Ashlee Seamer
Ayla Mullen
Finn Dowdall
Levi Nelson
Lily Field
Mele Ofa He Mo'oni Isileli-Fo'ou
Nile Smith
Toby Thorn

I encourage all of our students to Aim High- Whaia nga taumata, and make the most of their intermediate experience.

Bullying-Free Week

The student learning community leaders planned a variety of activities to encourage our students to make a stand against bullying.

Monday - LC Pink Displays
Tuesday - Random Acts of Kindness
Wednesday - Bully Free Video (Assembly)
Thursday - Pink Tug of War
Friday - Pink Shirt Day

Our Arts leaders planned a Mā Whero t-shirt competition. The top twenty designs are displayed in the student centre.

Congratulations to our place getters.
1st place - Emma James
2nd place - Janat Devi
3rd place - Shilah Robinson

As a school we value this spotlight on bullying - free week and the discussion students have with one another and our staff. **Bullying prevention is everyone's business.**

We want our school to be an inclusive and accepting school environment where everyone feels a sense of belonging.

We encourage our students experiencing bullying to talk with their whānau and their classroom teacher. Alternately, students can use Stymie to report issues that are concerning them and reach out for help on behalf of their peers or themselves.

Rebekah Pearson
Principal