



Pukekohe Intermediate School

Aim High Whaia Nga Taumata

February 2022

2022 Term Dates

Term 1	Thursday 3 (Y7)/Friday 4 February (whole school) - Thursday 14 April
Term 2	Monday 2 May - Friday 8 July
Term 3	Monday 25 July - Friday 30 September
Term 4	Monday 17 October - Wednesday 14 December

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers
Kia ora koutou

A very warm welcome to our 2022 parent and student community! We have started the year with 726 students enrolled and the school has been a busy place for the past two days. Students have returned with a great deal of excitement, with new classes, old & new classmates, and meeting new teachers.

As we continue to face the challenges with Covid-19, our teachers are planning exciting programmes for students and are looking forward to meeting the students and implementing these programmes. Be assured, as we welcome children back to school, we are carefully following all Ministry of Health Guidelines and will continue to keep you up to date.

If your child comes home with a concern, please contact their class teacher in the first instance, or Deputy Principals, Ms Heather Garrett h_garrett@pukekoheint.school.nz or Mrs Rebekah Pearson r_pearson@pukekoheint.school.nz. Staff emails are on our website under the Our School > Our Staff tab.

Staff 2022

School Leadership

Gary Sweeney	Principal		
Heather Garrett	DP: Pastoral & Behaviour	Rebekah Pearson	DP: Teaching & Learning

Classroom Teachers

R1	Leah McNaughten	R3	Kay Hume
R4	Jody McCort	R5	Kelly Andrew/Joc Higham
R11	Amanda Johns	R12	Sue Rogers
R13	Laura Padayachee		
R18	Kim Woolliams	R19	Sharon Boon
R21	Renel Fassom	R22	Ally Davidson-Harford
R28	Steph Baldwin	R30	Trish Kable
R31	Elisa Callaghan	R33	Lorraine Devaney
R36	Jilly Leger	R37	Amanda Brocas
R39	Ange Barlow	R40	Laura Anderson
R44	Nicola Gibson	R45	Diana Jolly
R46	Lynette Slee		
R47	Rebekah Gage	R48	Karen Ifopo
R49	Patsy Pickup	R50	Grace Hare

Specialist Teachers & Support Teachers

Janine Fryer	Hub Leader	Nicola Hamill	Science
Kerrie Marks	STEAM	Lynda Sharp	Food, Health & Nutrition
Pip Williams	Visual Art	Freya Wolfe	Digital Makerspace
Sharon De Kock	Performing Arts	Matt Collins	Music
Renton Brown	Music	Hayley Smith	ESOL
Raewyn Austin	LS coordinator	Wendy Gamman	SENCO

Support Staff

Brenda Ferguson	Student Centre	Jade Wati	Student Centre
Stacey Hurunui	Enrolments admin	Kirstin Grant	Resources / IT
Judy Fowlie	Accounts and Enrolments	Yolene Williams	Principal EA/RTLB & FAS admin
David Allan	Teacher Aide	Bev Callander	Teacher Aide
Vicki Leuschke	Teacher Aide	Lynaire Miller	Teacher Aide
Leoni Robinson	Teacher Aide	Noha Salama	Teacher Aide
Stephanie Tekeu	Teacher Aide	Alice Wu	Teacher Aide
Ann-Maree Woods	Sports co-ordinator		
Ken Hiku	Caretaker	Kevin Platt	Caretaker

Returning to School Under Red Light Alert

As we are open for on-site learning during the red traffic light setting, we will be adhering to the Covid-19 Protection Framework (CPF) as advised by the Ministry of Education. We will communicate any changes to you directly as they are announced by the MoE.

Students do not need to be vaccinated to attend school. Student's must wear a face mask while inside, unless they have a mask exemption. Please ensure that your child brings a mask each day. Replacement masks are available if a child loses or breaks their mask during the day. We will be encouraging social distancing at break times and vigilance at all times. Please remember to do the following:

- Regularly wash and thoroughly dry your hands and use hand sanitiser.
- Sneeze and cough into your elbow.
- Social distance where possible
- **If you have cold, flu or COVID-19 symptoms, stay home and get a test.**

How to wear a face mask properly



Absences

If your child is absent, you have a number of ways of letting the school know:

- text your child's name, room number & reason for absence to 027 862 1371
- email through the contact link on our website - www.pukekoheint.school.nz
- email admin@pukekoheint.school.nz

If your child is absent from school, we would appreciate it if you could let us know on the morning of the absence. If you know beforehand, please write a note to your child's teacher or email the school. If we have not heard why a child is absent, we will text or phone the primary caregiver of the child as stated on our records. It is difficult when we have wrong contact details for parents. It is your responsibility to inform us whenever your contact details change.

If we receive no explanation for an absence, it will be recorded as unexplained. After ten days, all unexplained absences are automatically changed to truant.

Before and After School Pick Up

Under the red traffic light setting, students will enter and leave school through designated gates, dependent on which Learning Community they are in:

- Batten Edinburgh Street gate
- Hillary Bledisloe Park gate (Harris Street)
- Lomu Queen Street gate beside the memorial stones
- Ngata Queen Street gate beside the bus bay
- Rutherford Queen Street gate beside the bus bay
- Sheppard Edinburgh Street gate
- Te Paea Queen Street gate beside the memorial stones

Gates will open at 8:15 am in the morning and 3:00 pm in the afternoon.

Please do not collect your child from the staff car park on Queen Street. This is an out-of-bounds area for students and can easily become congested.

School Bus Bay: Please do not park or wait in your car in the school bus bay on Queen Street from 8.00-9.00 am and 2.40-4.00 pm. We have buses coming and going in that time frame, and it can make parking for school buses very difficult.

School Bus Transport Changes

This year will see some changes to our school transport as the Ministry of Education transitions to a new contract with bus operators. The school bus operator is changing on some of our routes. We are working closely with our school bus operators and the Ministry of Education to ensure that the transition to the new school bus operator goes well. Please familiarise yourself with the information found on our website.

As always, please either stay with your children while they are waiting for their school transport in the morning or keep in contact with them to make sure that they are picked up safely.

Visiting the School

If you need to come into school, please come to the Admin window on Queen St and we will assist you. The school is very security conscious and we require all visitors to sign in at the Student Centre.



Messages for Students

Please help out our office staff by making after-school arrangements with your children outside of school hours. We realise that things come up during the day, and sometimes after-school plans change, and we will endeavour to pass on all urgent messages. However, please be aware that the school is a very busy place and sometimes tracking down a child within the school can be difficult and time consuming. Please do not email the school admin with a message for your child. The email is not constantly monitored and your message may not be seen in time to deliver to a student. Please phone the Student Centre. Thank you for your co-operation.

Go well
Gary Sweeney
Principal

