

Pānui o te wiki

PUKEKOHE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Term 2 Week 1, 2022



Welcome back to term two

Tēnā koutou katoa, kia orana, talofa lava, faka alofa lahiatu, malo elelei, namaste, bula vinaka, ni hao.

Welcome back to term two. We trust your child is settling back into school life. This week we have welcomed 12 new students and their whānau to our school.

Staff, students, our mana whenua, Ngati Tamaoho, gathered in the town hall on Monday morning to officially welcome our new staff and acknowledge Janine Fryer our Deputy Principal of Teaching and Learning.

We are looking forward to Janine's creative ideas, new initiatives, and the positive impact this will have on our teaching and learning programmes.

It is both an honour and a privilege to be appointed the new principal of Pukekohe Intermediate School.

I know I have big shoes to fill after Mr Sweeney's 22 years of service and leadership to the school.

As you are all aware, our school motto is Aim High - Whaia Ngā Taumata.

It is not only our school motto but a vision we have for all members of Pukekohe Intermediate School.

"To set our sights high and make every effort to reach our goals".

A challenge I have for our students is to make the most of the many opportunities the school offers.

-Set your goals for learning and persevere to ensure you are making good progress, reaching your targets and even surpassing your initial goals.

-Trial for a sports team in the hope of representing the school at Counties Zone, Auckland Inter-Zone, or even competing at the AIMS Games in Tauranga.

-Learn a musical instrument, and put yourself forward to be selected for the school orchestra or compete in the school drum battle.

-Join kapa haka or Pasifika and perform at the multicultural festival and our school assemblies.

-Learn a new language and use it in your daily conversations or challenge yourself to enter the Franklin or Auckland speech competitions.

You may have already set your sights high and aspire to see your name printed on one of our honours boards in the school hall, for the most improved student, top academic student, outstanding leadership, outstanding service, top sportsperson, Māori or Pasifika academic achievement.

I would like to end with a whakatauki, **Whāia te iti kahurangi, ki te tu ohu koe, me he maunga teitei.**

Seek the treasure that you value most dearly, if you bow your head, let it be to a lofty mountain.

Rebekah Pearson
Principal

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School HEART Values

Our HEART focus this term is *Being a positive member of our Community*.

This starts with a real spotlight on uniforms.

The students have all been taken through the expectations for wearing our school uniform in different settings and times of the day.

The staff are actively spotting students wearing the correct uniform.

Has your child received a token for this?

Learning around our school

Teaching and learning programmes are back in full swing this week, with students presenting their speeches to the class, sports trials happening at lunch break, and students beginning their new Hub class this term.

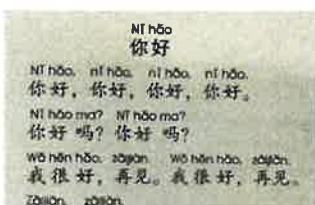


Our students are enjoying being with their peers and participating in the many opportunities available to them this term under the orange traffic light.



We are looking forward to fewer restrictions and returning to school life that is a bit closer to normal.

After school Chinese language lessons



Nǐ hǎo, huān yíng nǐ 你好, 欢迎你

This Monday afternoon, we held our first Chinese after school class, which was well-attended. These lessons will be taught by Wenbo Wu (Alice), a current staff member.

The class has now reached capacity with 20 students enrolled.

The class will operate 3:20 - 4:20 pm each Monday in Room 14.

Lessons will focus on language acquisition taught through song, dance and art.

At the end of the year, students will sit a Youth Chinese Test (YCT).

This is a standardised international Chinese proficiency exam and is the most widely recognised exam for assessing the Chinese proficiency of primary-aged students.