Pānui o te wiki

PUKEKOHE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Term 1 Week 8, 2023

Principal's Message

We are pleased to provide the opportunity to meet with your child's classroom teacher. The purpose of the term one parent/ teacher interviews is to:

- Share initial teacher observations of learning including progress and success in term 1.
- Discuss one area of focus that requires whānau support
- Gain a better understanding of the student through the voice of whānau

The interviews are being held during the last week of this term on the following days:
Monday 3rd April 3:10 pm - 7:30 pm
Tuesday 4th April 3:10 pm - 5:00 pm

We have an online booking system available. To make a booking go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz enter the code a74a8 and follow the instructions. Hub staff will have their doors open. We would appreciate you popping in to visit to celebrate the learning and progress made in Technology or the Arts curriculum.
Additionally, the learning support staff will also be onsite for you to discuss any areas of your child's learning.

We consider this hui a priority for you to attend to support your child. As a school, we value 100% attendance at our parent/teacher interviews. However, the classroom teacher can make a phone call home if this is better suited to your family situation. Please make direct contact with your classroom teacher for this to happen.

Term Two Teacher Only Day

On Monday 24th April, our school will join the Pukekohe, Waiuku and Tuakau Kahui Ako to work with the Ministry of Education to integrate the New Curriculum. The school will be open for instruction on Wednesday 26th April.

Franklin Arts Festival

Well done to the following students who had their artwork selected for display in the Franklin Arts Festival:
Jap Kaur, Calais Botica, Ella Naude Donovan Louw, Zara Waugh, Jaime Hepenstall, Ariella Cocker, Millie Rowlinson, Maia Evans, Haeun Park Matthew Luck and Scott Tupou.
Congratulations to Ella Naude for winning the Judge's Choice Award and a $50 prize.

Interzone Swimming

Well done to our swimmers who qualified for the Inter-Zone Swimming competition at West Wave in Henderson. You did the school proud and showcased our school HEART values. Congratulations to Jing Yang Chua and Jacob Forbes who qualified for the 100m freestyle final, and placed 4th and 7th respectively.

Zone Girls and Boys Tag

Our school boys and girls Zone Tag teams travelled to Ngati Otara Park, to compete in the Counties Zone Tag Competition on Friday last week.
Both teams had a great time they worked as a team and displayed some real skills.
Well done to both team and congratulations to the boys team for gaining their place at the competition.

ENVIRO Challenge

Our caretakers, Matua Ken, Matua Kevin and our kaitiaki Whaea Kirsty select our cleanest learning community each week. This week they have selected:

Sheppard

Tu meke tamariki

Ka Rangatira

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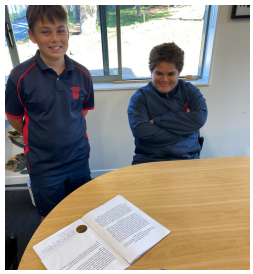

Music

The music programme at Pukekohe Intermediate is very fulfilling, with a number of opportunities from classroom sessions to individual tuition available to students.

The age range at Intermediate 10-13 is the perfect age for students to learn a number of musical instruments and, at Pukekohe Intermediate, individual or small group lessons are offered for Violin, Cello, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Guitar, Ukulele and Drums. It is great to see so many of our students taking advantage of quality tuition from our 'band' of talented musicians who provide their services as itinerant teachers.

A shortage this year of instruments available for hire has caused some frustrations but we are hoping that this will be rectified by the end of this term. It seems that the whole of Auckland has decided that they want to play music after the last three years of uncertainty due to the pandemic and school closures. Music is for a lifetime. It is well known that if you learn to play any one instrument that it is easy to learn another and another and it is a skill that never leaves you.

The school choir has been meeting all term and are working on the songs from the school's Major Production, Moana, which they take part in as the Chorus. This is a big task but an extremely rewarding one for these dedicated students. Terms 2 and 3 are going to be very busy productive times for all students involved in the music programme. Below are the number of students involved in our music lessons:

Guitar	67
Ukulele	20
Flute	7
Clarinet	6
Saxophone	12
Violin	13
Cello	4
Drums	13
Total	144

-Libby Griffin
Music Itinerant Coordinator

Camp

A friendly reminder, the bus for Camp A will leave the school no later than 6:45 am. Please ensure your child has packed dressed in suitable camp attire with a packed morning tea and drink. The camp gear list is on the following page.

What's on next week?

Term 1 Week 9

(Monday 27th March - Friday 31st March)

CAMP WEEK

Monday
-CAMP A (leave school)

Tuesday
-CAMP A
- Te Reo with Whaea Donna Barlow

Wednesday
-CAMP A (leave camp)
-CAMP B (arrive at camp)

Thursday
-CAMP B
-Mason Ave Kindy trike-a-thon (3:30pm)

Friday
-CAMP B (arrive at school)

Pukekohe Intermediate 2023 Year 8 Camp

Ngaruawahia Youth Camp
Mon 27th March – Wed 29th March - Camp A
(Rutherford, Te Puea, Batten, Hillary)
Wed 29th March - Friday 31st March - Camp B
(Ngata, Sheppard, Lomu)

We meet at school AT **6:45 am** on Monday/Wednesday and return approx. 4pm Wednesday/Friday.

PLEASE NAME ALL PROPERTY!!
Compulsory Items: Sun Hat, Backpack and a named Drink Bottle (Plastic).
Morning tea in a plastic bag not a lunch box.

CLOTHING:

- 2 warm jumpers or polar fleeces
- 3 T Shirts **(no singlet tops)**
- 2 pairs of shorts
- 1 pair of long trousers **(not jeans)**
- 2-3 pairs of socks
- Appropriate underwear
- Togs, t-shirt or rash shirt to swim in
- Beanie, thermals (optional – but it can get cold at night)
- Rainproof jacket (a pocket jacket will do)
- **A sun hat**
- A pair of sneakers or closed-toe shoes (These will most likely get wet/dirty).
- A pair of jandals/slides/slip on shoes to wear around camp.
- Sleeping bag or Blanket.
- Pillow.

PERSONAL:

- 2 towels
- Toiletries including; soap, toothpaste, toothbrush and a comb deodorant.
- Any medication clearly labelled (to hand in on arrival to school Monday morning)

EQUIPMENT:

- **Backpack/ school bag (to carry to each activity)**
- **Named Water/Drink Bottle (Plastic)**
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen
- Plastic bag for dirty or wet clothes
- Torch (optional)

DO NOT BRING: Mobile phones, ipods or any devices or electronic equipment, including apple watches and smart watches, money or extra food (This includes lollies and chocolate).

COMMUNITY NOTICES

PUKEKOHE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Seasons for Growth

Supporting children and young people through family change and loss

"Seasons For Growth is a grief, loss and change programme for children dealing with challenges in their lives e.g separation, divorce, death or other big family changes.

Our next Afterschool Programme starts in Term 2, in May. It will run during the week from 4pm-5pm over 8 weeks of the school term, at St Andrews Church hall in Pukekohe.

A Parent Programme also runs at the same time. For enquiries or enrolments please phone/text Marisa Skilton on 021 142 5812, office on 238 7228, or contact me at seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz.

For more info go towww.pukekohecommunityaction.co.nz/seasons."

Thank you for your continued support.

Leukaemia and Blood Cancer NZ Fundraiser

In 2013, my wife Bonnie was struck down with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma Cancer. After 7 months of Chemo treatment every 2 weeks and doctors having grave fears due to the severity of her cancer, she is still by myside today.

As a way of me giving back, on May 20th 2023 myself and my fellow Firefighters from Patumahoe Volunteer Fire Brigade, will be taking on the Firefighter Sky Tower Stair Challenge to not only challenge myself but to raise funds for Leukaemia and Blood Cancer NZ.
The Sky Tower has 51 flights of stairs, 1103 steps in total to climb the 328 meters.

It's a race to the top and I will be wearing full Firefighting Level 2 gear including been donned and started with a breathing apparatus or BA (the same as we wear into a structure fire)
I'm doing this to raise funds for those who are going through or have been through the journey, that Bonnie went on.

Everyday 8 children and adults in New Zealand are diagnosed with a type of blood cancer.

My goal is to make it to the top with air still in my cylinder and a good placing for my age group.

Any support for myself, my team and Leukaemia and Blood Cancer NZ would be greatly appreciated.
Click the link below and follow the steps.
https://firefighterschallenge.org.nz/harley-baker
The link is secure and Leukaemia and Blood Caner NZ will send a tax deductible receipt.