

Pānui o te wiki

PUKEKOHE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Term 2 Week 8, 2022



Principal's Message

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

Matariki Celebrations

Mānawa maiea te putanga o Matariki – Celebrate the rising of Matariki

Across our school students and staff are excited about the first ever celebration of Matariki as a public holiday this week.

A variety of activities organised by the Māori student leaders and lead Māori teacher Ange Barlow kept everyone busy. During lunch breaks participated in a variety of activities to celebrate Matariki including:

- Maui matau
- Titi torea
- Takaro card games
- Pukana competitions
- Harakeke

Learning communities competed in Matariki Horohopu sports.

Students in Food Technology classes inspired by our Matariki celebrations have created nutritious dishes using

everyday ingredients; including the Matariki pancake stack using a Weetbix base.

It was an early rise on Wednesday morning for our learning community student leaders in recognition of Matariki.

Student leaders left school at 5:40 am and walked to the top of Pukekohe Hill.

By 6:20 am the Matariki cluster was shining magically in the north-east sky. The air was crisp and the dawn horizon was simply perfect.

The students performed our school karakia and waiata, a special moment of reflection.

On the way back down the hill, the students and Mrs Fryer watched the sunrise acknowledging that getting up early really was worth it.

Back at school, everyone enjoyed a famous breakfast club hot chocolate along with the traditional weetbix and marmite on toast.

Winter Uniform

During the winter terms students can wear the following uniform items:

- black stockings
- navy blue track pants
- navy blue beanies
- a scarf in school colours; red, white, or navy. These are not worn in the class.

Please ensure all uniform items are clearly labelled with your child's name.



Girls' Hockey

Our Girls Hockey team had a fantastic day playing hockey in the sunshine on Tuesday. They worked really well as a team to score lots of goals, conceding only one.

They were undefeated for the whole day, winning the zone competition and will go on to represent Counties at the Auckland Champs in a few weeks time.



School HEART Values



A variety of movies have been watched across the school for our reward. Some learning communities are on their second LC reward.

Tu meke tamariki!

Our focus for the final two weeks of the term is empathy.

Empathy is seeing with the eyes of another, listening with the ears of another and feeling with the heart of another.

How has your child shown empathy for another person this week?

Safety at the school gate

Students entering the school on Queen Street have two gate options. Please ensure your child uses a gate rather than walk down the school driveway.

Please do not drop off or pick up your child from the staff carpark.

It is everyone's responsibility to keep our kids safe

Keep our children safe ... and park safe.

Please play your part by:

- Observing the parking restrictions near the school
- Using the school crossing
- Choosing safety over convenience at all times

Please ensure you do not stop on yellow lines or double-park around the school. Parking like this can block the view of motorists making it hard for students to safely cross the road.

Safety on the school bus

When boarding a bus students must:

- Wait well back on the footpath, away from the road edge.

- Wait for the bus to be completely stationary before boarding.

The PHS buses can only be boarded after the 3:20 PHS bell. Students will be expected to wait sensibly on the footpath until this time.

If it is raining students will have the option of remaining on the shuttle bus until the 3:20 bell.

Our school expects exemplary behaviour while waiting for the bus at Pukekohe High School.

Hara Mura

On Tuesday afternoon Room 18 had a Zoom meeting with our Japanese sister school, Hara Mura Junior High School in Japan.

Our two schools have had a connection for over 20 years, and although neither school has been able to send students to visit for a while, it was wonderful to have a conversation about the two towns and begin making some comparisons.

It was an opportunity for our students to gain some knowledge about life in Japan as the Japanese students practised their English skills and learned a little about life at Pukekohe Intermediate School.



What's on next week?

Week 9

(Monday 27th June - Friday 1st July)

Monday

Science Fair - all projects submitted
Matariki lunch time activities

Tuesday

William Pike Challenge - Mount
William Walk

Wednesday

Netball Fundraiser
Hub Outside schools - Show and Tell

Friday

Matariki lunch time activities

2023 Pukekohe High School Enrolments

Online enrolments are now open for students attending Pukekohe High School next year.

Online enrolments are done on the Pukekohe High School website at www.pukekohehigh.school.nz

You will also find an online prospectus and school virtual tour.

