

Pānui o te wiki

PUKEKOHE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Term 3 Week 2, 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 the school has enjoyed celebrating Cook Island Language Week. This year's theme for Epetoma o te ro Māori Kūki 'Āirani is 'Ātuitui'ia au ki te Oneone o tōku 'Ui Tupuna, which means, Connect me to the Soil of my Ancestors.

Our student Pasifika leaders and lead teacher Karen Ifopo organised various activities for staff and students to participate in across the week, including classroom language and learning activities. The Pasifika leaders held a dance workshop and they also had fun filming daily videos to teach new words and phrases in Cook Island Māori. They also filmed a short Cook Island dance they were learning with Whaea Tracey.

Congratulations to Sadie Tou from Te Pua learning community. Sadie represented the school at the annual Auckland Cook Island Speech and Dance Competition held at Manurewa Intermediate.

Sadie presented her speech in 100% Cook Island Māori and took great pride in her Cook Island language and culture. A special mention to Moana Grieg for supporting Sadie with her speech preparations.

Kia Manuia! Our Year 8 students were visited by Richard Barnett, the Pukekohe High School Principal and Senior students; Mia Peters, Leon Duke, Rocel Katuin, Nataleigh Hokai. The students talked about their experiences at the high school and the many opportunities offered to students.

William Pike

On Tuesday our twenty William Pike Challenge students from Rutherford LC went to Adrenalin Forest in Bombay for a day of challenging high ropes courses. The students were challenged mentally and physically and many overcame fears to complete very difficult courses. They should be very proud of the way that they encouraged each other and pushed themselves during the three hours of climbing. A big thank you to the wonderful staff at Adrenalin Forest and our parent helpers for supporting us with this trip.

Inter-Zone Girl's Hockey

The girl's hockey team had a fantastic day in the sunshine representing Counties Manukau at the Auckland Championships on Thursday. The team won two pool games, losing the third game to St Cuthbert's College 3-0. They made the semi-finals which was a hard-fought game, winning 2-1. The girls played the final against St Cuthbert's College. They played with skill and determination ending the game 1-1. They went into a penalty shootout. This ended at 3-3, which meant it was a sudden death penalty shootout. We got two shots in and unfortunately missed the next shot. We are so proud of the girls' efforts and perseverance! Congratulations team.

Uniform (update)

Our students have requested permission from our school board to wear gender-neutral black socks. We are pleased to announce that this request has been accepted. We will transition black socks must be plain with no insignia or label showing. We congratulate our student HEART leaders for sharing their voices with our management team and school board.

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Our Papatūānuku

An Art and Literature Competition for Young People Passionate About Our Planet

This is the inaugural competition to ensure our kids voices are heard about their love and their concerns for Mother Earth. It is a meaningful competition with the winning art and literature going into a gorgeous book to represent our kiwi youth voice at COP 27 (United Nations Climate Change Conference), in Egypt, November 2022. This competition connects perfectly with our overall theme at Pukekohe Intermediate this year of Kaitiakitanga - Protect and nurture our environment and it will in turn, protect and nurture us.

A big congratulations to two of our students whose art work has been selected for inclusion in the book.

First Place - Illustration Section for Years 6 - 8, Jeanne Gatimel, Year 7, Room 19

WHERE THE WIND GROWS - This painting is about renewing our energy and making it sustainable for everyone. Our world has become dominated by petrol and fossil fuels. If we add windmills and other great power-saving inventions we can change that and make our world better for everyone.



Third Equal Place - Illustration Section for Years 6 - 8, Daisy Stallworthy, Year 8, Room 31
WINDOW - My piece is inspired by our New Zealand native bush. This painting represents the beautiful bush and clean air that is slowly being polluted. Looking through the window you can see a large factory pumping chemicals and smoke into the air, destroying the environment. Native trees, animals and plants frame the window to a destroyed Aotearoa. Save our country from a future of pollution.



EPRO8

Engineering Problem solving Innovate 8
An engineering and problem solving challenge that incorporates circuitry.

First place: EPro9 - Riley, Mitchell, Louie and Vincent chose the road marking challenge. This involved creating a machine to specific criteria that would mark a straight line down a road, then to mark an intermittent line down a road.



Finally, they had to use the machine to write the word STOP in block letters.

Equal 4th place: The NOOBS - Aiden, Carlos, David and Edison.

This team chose the vending machine challenge and had to create a cabinet to specific criteria. Then an automated spiral so the machine would dispense. This then had to dispense at intervals of 1 minute. Finally, they had to set the machine so it would take coins to activate the machine.



What's on next week?

Term 3 Week 3

(Monday 8th August- Friday 12th August)

Maths Week

Monday

Ice Cream Fundraiser

Tuesday

Pubertal Change Evening

Wednesday

NMSSA Testing

Ice Cream Fundraiser

Thursday

NMSSA Testing

Friday

NMSSA Testing