



Pukekohe Intermediate School

Aim High Whaia Nga Taumata

September 2021

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Term 3 is nearly at an end and what a rollercoaster of a term it has been! The term started as normal, with lots of learning and school activities like cross country, Mary Poppins rehearsals, Kiwi Competitions, AIMS teams practising hard for the AIMS games later in the term, preparing for our Y6 parent information evening, and much, much more!

And then, on Tuesday 17 August, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern announced that a person in the community had contracted the Delta strain of Covid-19 and New Zealand was once again put into a Level 4 lockdown. Back to distance learning! Five weeks at Level 4 – lots of online learning, Google Meets, learning packs delivered, working from home, and spending time with whānau. On Wednesday 22 September, Auckland finally went down to Level 3, which still meant distance learning for most of our students, with some children of essential workers attending school on-site. Then Friday 1 October, it was the end of term and a well-deserved, two week holiday break.

Congratulations and thank you to our students, staff and school community for again rising to the occasion, staying home in your bubble, and helping the country get through this. I know it has not always been an easy road, but together we are getting there.

I would like to say a huge thank you to the staff for all their efforts behind the scenes.

Pukekohe Intermediate students had plenty to keep them busy during the lockdown. Visit our Facebook page – Pukekohe Intermediate School Approved – to see the many activities and learning opportunities our students undertook during this time. Well done to you all.

Term 3 finishes at 3:00 pm on Friday 1 October and Term 4 starts at 8.40am on Monday 18 October.

Go well
Gary Sweeney
Principal

From the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees

On behalf of the board, I wish to inform you that we have received Gary Sweeney's resignation as Principal of Pukekohe Intermediate School.

Gary has been the Principal at Pukekohe Intermediate School for an incredible tenure of 21 years. The Board would like to officially thank Gary for the incredible job he has done during this time. Gary has had a huge impact in making Pukekohe Intermediate the amazing school that we are all proud to be part of. We will miss you!

The Board wish Gary all the best for his retirement. Gary's last day will be April 14th 2022. Details for a formal farewell will be confirmed closer to the time.

Stacey Davis, Laura Anderson, Dave Cockerton, Karl Lindner, Robert Davis
Pukekohe Intermediate Board of Trustees



Cook Island Speech Competition

On 3 August, Sadie Tou and Ariana Greig competed in the Auckland Intermediate Schools Kuki Airani Reo Maori Competition at Manurewa Intermediate. This event was well-attended by Auckland Intermediate Schools. Sadie gained a participation award for her speech, Who am I? Arianna Greig won first place in the Year 7 & 8 competition and overall winner of the year 7 & 8 competition. Sadie will return to the competition next year to defend the title. Well done and congratulations to both girls – you represented the school, your family and community wonderfully and we are all very proud of you!



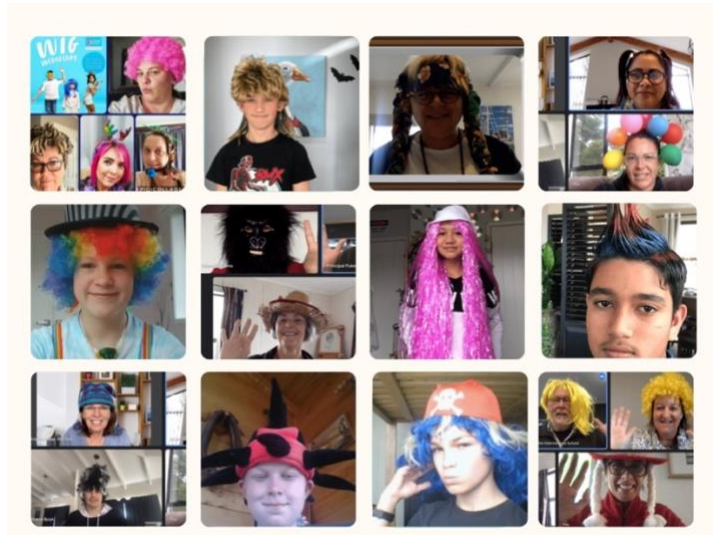
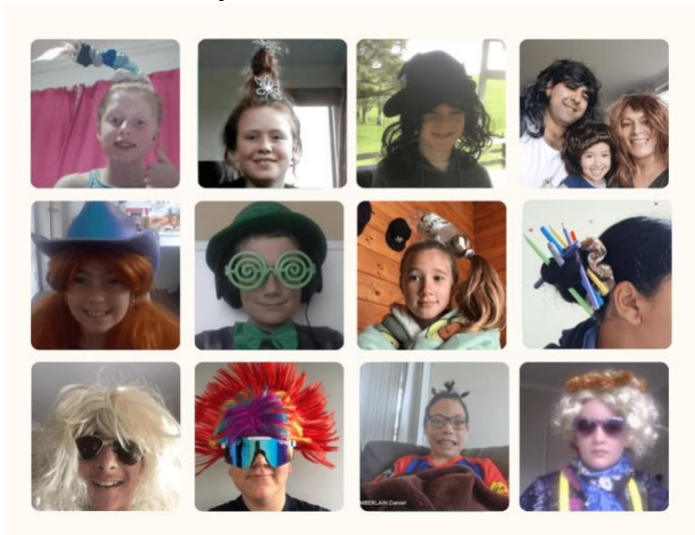
Child Cancer Foundation Wig Wednesday

Thank you to all the students, staff and whanau who supported the Child Cancer Foundation by wearing a wig and wacky hairdos during online learning on Wednesday 8 September. We know there are families in Pukekohe who need the Child Cancer Foundations support. Learning Community Student Leaders had planned a range of activities for the day but had to make adaptations to continue to support this national appeal. Gold Coins will be collected from students upon our return to Level 2.

Child Cancer Foundation

Every week in Aotearoa, three families are told the heart-breaking news that their child has cancer.

- *Child Cancer Foundation is dedicated to supporting families every step of the way.*
- *Each newly diagnosed family is connected with a Family Support Coordinator, who is there to provide them with one-to-one support in the specific areas they need it.*
- *Child Cancer Foundation is currently supporting around 1,400 families through their journey with childhood cancer.*
- *The Foundation needs to raise \$6 million each year to continue providing vital support to Kiwi kids with cancer and their families.*



School Cross County

Due to some horrible weather on Friday 6 August, we postponed our School Cross Country to Wednesday 11 August. Thankfully the weather held out for us and we were able to hold the event. Well done to everyone who participated on the day – your effort was fantastic! Congratulations to the winners (in order 1st-10th):

Y7 girls: Kassidy Murray, McKenna Hunt, Bessie Vincent, Charlotte Boyt, Sailor Lee, Claudia Skilton, Amber Anderson, Ava Smith, Sophie Tong, Katie Howe

Y7 boys: Oliver Anderson, Damian Markiewicz, Heath Cook, David Hughes, Lucas Sandhu, Turama Mokena, Lewis Kerr, Tristan Mitchell, Aidan Davies, Jonah Letcher

Y8 girls: Olivia Wheeler, Drew Murphy, Talia Chaney, Hayley Terrill, Annaleah Beloe, Isabelle Rowe, Isabella Evans, Katie Chamberlain, Brylee Millar, Grace Siriatt

Y8 boys: Daniel Smith, Zack Meads, Lenny Hender, Jamie Henry, Luca Morrison, Tyson Forbes, Izaiah Sakisi, Levi Psaros, Sterling Speedy, George Hainsworth

On Tuesday 17 August, our cross country runners went on to represent our school at the Counties Zone event, where all four Pukekohe Intermediate teams placed first.



Round the City ASB Auckland Marathon Fundraiser

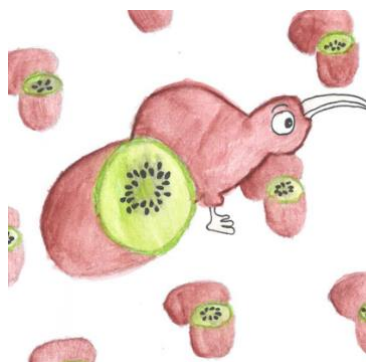
Amaia Grevers-Smith from Room 12 is taking part in the **Run the City ASB Auckland Marathon** running with the Barfoot & Thompson Kids Marathon team. It is taking place on the 31st of October 2021. Amaia has already been training hard for the past 6 weeks. The Charity she is fundraising for is the Auckland City Mission. Click on this [link](#), or copy & paste the link below to your browser, to visit Amaia's fundraising page. Let's see if we can help her reach her target.

https://aucklandmarathon21.grassrootz.com/auckland-city-mission/amaia-grevers-smith?utm_source=gr-email&utm_medium=email&utm_content=control&utm_campaign=First%20donation&utm_term=Workflow&vero_id=fundraise-r-67671&vero_conv=RPXTW_rFPukmw3Xjk2CY2vK2PkdQfGQCKZwJUgOmezcjoUvt6P8xk9-sTKVJpJ33gwZ2cV5Y6NICNUMDjx06-BhT0zPYVnlPyp63q5VIAMc%3D

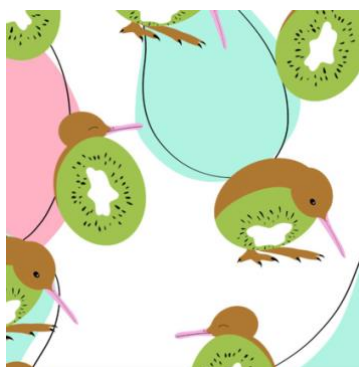


Congratulations

Congratulations go to two of our talented students Kayla & Emma who won prizes in the **Kiwi Beeswax wrap design challenge**



Emma



Kayla

Term 4 Dates

Events are subject to change or cancellation depending on Covid levels

October

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| Mon 18 | Start of Term 4 |
| Mon 25 | Labour Day - school closed |
| Tue 26 | Zone basketball (<i>only if at Level 1</i>) |
| Thu 28 | Zone volleyball (<i>only if at Level 1</i>) |

November

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| Wed 3 | Zone touch (<i>only if at Level 1</i>) |
| Mon 8-Fri 12 | School athletics – daily events |
| Mon 15-Fri 19 | Positively Pasifika week |
| Mon 22 | BoT meeting |
| Tue 23 | Zone athletics (<i>only if at Level 1</i>) |
| 29 Nov-2 Dec | Mary Poppins production week |

December

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| Tue 7 | Y8 leavers social PHS Y9 orientation |
| Wed 8 | PHS Y9 orientation |
| Tue 14 | Y7 prize giving Y7 finish |
| Wed 15 | Y8 prize giving Y8 finish |

