



# Pukekohe Intermediate School

Aim High Whaia Nga Taumata

July 2021

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Term 2 is nearly at an end and it has been another very busy time at Pukekohe Intermediate. Term 2 finishes at 3:00 pm on Friday 9 July and Term 3 starts at 8.40am on Monday 26 July.

At the end of term, we say farewell to Mrs Jennifer Fong, Room 50 teacher, and next term, welcome Mrs Karen Ifopo as the new Room 50 teacher. The staff and students thank Mrs Fong, and we all wish her well for the future.

**Counties Power Consumer Trust election starting on 16 July** The Chairperson Christine Rupp is up for re-election and would appreciate your support. Christine organised our Hapa haka group to perform at a conference in November 2019 in Pukekohe where the school received a donation.

Go well  
Gary Sweeney  
Principal

## Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews were held during Week 2. Over six hundred school parents came along to meet with their child's teacher, HUB staff and language teachers. Our staff enjoyed meeting whānau and we thank you all for taking the time to meet with our staff.

## School Speech Competition

Our school speech finals were held on Monday 17 May. Congratulation to all our finalists. A special thank you to our judges Libby Griffin, Joc Roberts, Kate Shaw – past PIS speech winner, and PHS head students Jasmine Neiderberger & Joel Hawkins. Our judges commented on the very high standards of delivery.

The winners were:

Year 7:

1<sup>st</sup> Jackson Peters

*Why you shouldn't take life for granted*

2<sup>nd</sup> Tummeet Kaur

*Why you should get the Covid-19 vaccine*

3<sup>rd</sup> Lydia Coleman-Smith

*To vaccinate or not to vaccinate*

Year 8

1<sup>st</sup> Talia Chaney

*Being tidy stifles creativity*

2<sup>nd</sup> Hunter Albert

*The dangers of social media*

3<sup>rd</sup> Annalise Henderson

*Live life to the fullest*



## Franklin Schools' Pasifika Speech Competition

The Franklin Schools Pasifika Speech Competition was held on Wednesday 2 June in the newly opened Paerata School Hall. Students could compete in either the full or bilingual categories in the Tongan, Fijian, Samoan, Kiribati and Cook Island Māori speech contests. Organisers Lesieli Seaton and Rebekah Pearson, supported by St Joseph's School, Paerata School and Pukekohe Hill School, are proud that the event has continued to grow over the last few years, showing a heightened value of Pasifika culture and languages in our school communities.



Over 20 students from years 5 to 8 entered the competition. Nine students from our school entered. Congratulations to the following students who gained first place:

Y7 & 8 Cook Island Māori Bilingual - Sadie Tou - *Why we should have the option to learn a Pacific language*

Y7 & 8 Cook Island Māori - Ariana Greig - *Why be happy*

Y7 & 8 Tongan Bilingual - Manu Fakava - *Why teachers should speak more Pacific languages in school*

The judges all commented on the quality of the speeches and how proud they were of all the children, many of whom are second and third-generation New Zealanders. Images are loaded to the Franklin Schools' Pasifika Speech Competition website.

## Bully Free Week



The nationwide Bully Free week was supported by our school during Week 3 this term, with many wonderful student led activities. Chalk art, murals, window art, random acts of kindness, presentation at full school assembly, obstacle course, tug of war, T-shirt design competition and the Pink Mawhero shirt day. We raised \$472.70. Thank you to the student leaders for all the organisation. Continue to be up-standers not bystanders, continue to live our school values and be kind.

## Netball Fun Day

A netball fun day was held on Monday 28 June and what a fantastic day it was! The students were dressed in their LC colours and ready to go. Lots of laughter, fun and excellent sportsmanship was shown by everyone. It was great to have so much yummy food and the sausage sizzle was a hit. A big thank you to parents and teachers who helped with teams and organisation. The weather held out until the end but decided to pour with rain on the way back to school! You can see lots of photos on our Facebook page.



## Gumboot Day Mufti

Thank you to everyone who has supported the I AM HOPE Gumboot Day, by wearing their gumboots and donating a gold coin to such a worthy cause. All money raised from the day goes to I AM HOPE, who use the money to provide free counselling and support to kids.

## Auckland Writers' Festival

On Tuesday 11 May, Mrs Fryer and Mrs Higham took 50 students into city to the Auckland Readers & Writers festival. It was an absolute pleasure for our students to hear the following authors speak and present their journey of becoming accomplished authors: Brian Selznick, Shilo Kino, Jesse O, Ben Brown - Te Awhi Rito NZ Reading Ambassador.



## Franklin Time Capsule



'Reflections' is our community's reflections, accompanying Denise Matene's exhibition 'Kia Kaha Puke', about the first COVID19 lockdown last year. It is open until 22 July at the Franklin Arts Centre Community Gallery. A short film made by students Ariana Greig, Vincent Watson, Honey Schaumkel and Jayden McLaren, is available to view. There is space for

visitors to add their own reflections of the time. A huge thank you to Tracey Gayner for coordinating this project. Also, Lynda Sharp for organising the Hub Cafe students to sell their baked goods to raise funds for the school Breakfast Club.

## Breakfast Club

The 2021 Breakfast Club has continued to go from strength to strength throughout Term 2. We would like to extend a huge, special thanks to the following people:

- The whanau of Tristan Mitchell, Ashlee Seamer, Vincent Ashley, Mrs Elisa Callaghan, Jesse Banfield and Sam Carter for their generous donations;
- Jackie, who dropped off a bag of groceries at the Student Centre;
- The Lamont whanau for their donation of sausages, which will be appreciated at one of our big cook-ups!
- Sam Harris, our newest volunteer;
- Geneva Richards – appreciated your volunteering while home briefly from Sydney.

If you have anything you may be able to donate to our club, we would greatly appreciate it. If you are able to help Mrs Sharp and Moana for 30 minutes in the morning, one day a week, we would love to see you! It is a really special way to start your day. All are very welcome.



## 2021 PIS Drum Battle



On Friday 2 July, the school Arts Leaders held a musical extravaganza! The 1<sup>st</sup> ever Pukekohe Intermediate School Drum Battle was an exciting event where we witnessed the incredible musical talent at our school!! Staff and students were mesmerized and awestruck. Many chilled out on the beanbags and enjoyed the sounds in the sun while others jumped up and down as if they were attending a rock concert. Congratulations to the winner, Kaliova Lumuni, and well done to all participants. A big thank you to our school Arts leaders, Mrs Balaban, Mr Collins and Whaea Pip for organising this impressive event.

## Environmental Group

As part of a bigger project focusing on the Monarch Caterpillars and Butterflies, our enviro leaders have planted swan plants in the area where there are established caterpillars. They have also planted flower seeds to specifically attract monarchs back to the area. Monarch butterflies are threatened in NZ by their dependence on swan plants. Without these plants, the butterflies could not breed here.

The leaders have had great fun exploring the swan plants and found a few caterpillars who were still around even though it's winter. They even found a freshly hatched male butterfly, who they took to a safe sunny spot.



## Payments to the School

Our bank is phasing out the use of cheques by 1 July 2021. This means the school will no longer accept any payments made by cheque. You can still pay at the student centre with cash or eftpos, or payments can be made online. Please contact the school if you need our bank details.

## Term 3 Dates

### July

Wed 7 Early finish 12.30 pm  
Fri 9 Last day Term 2  
Mon 26 Start of Term 3  
PTA meeting 7 pm

### August

Tue 3 Girls' zone netball  
Fri 6 School cross country  
Tue 10 Boys' zone netball  
Thu 12 AIMS Domino Pizza fundraiser  
Tue 17 Zone cross country  
Fri 20 Mufti day  
Mon 23 BoT meeting 5.30 pm  
Mon 30 Y6 parent information evening  
Tue 31 Boys' zone league

### September

Mon 6-Fri 10 NZAIMS games  
Wed 15 Girls' zone league  
Mon 20 BoT meeting 5.30 pm  
Tue 28 Zone basketball

### Fri 1 October

Last day of Term

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Thursday 12 August 2021  
5pm - 8pm

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