

Newsletter



PUKEKOHE HIGH SCHOOL



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From the Tumuaki

Teena koutou e ngaa whaanau,

This newsletter comes to you as we pass the midway point in term one. As with any start to the school year students and staff have been busy getting programmes of learning underway, participating in school events and engaging with the various co-curricular activities on offer. It has been pleasing to see students settling into their classes and the positive and welcoming feel that we have around the school campus.

At the first Board of Trustees meeting of the year held in February a new [school strategic plan](#) was ratified, alongside the 2025 annual plan. These set out the long-term goals for the school as well as the priorities for the year ahead. Our long-term goals focus on:

- Promoting quality teaching and learning
- Ensuring that we have equitable outcomes and opportunities for all of our students
- Promoting and living our school values
- Developing and deepening connections with our community

In addition to these, in 2025 we are focussing on:

- Further developing an engaging curriculum for our students
- Working with students to raise their self-awareness around their learning and progress
- Celebrating our school values
- Partnering with local groups and industries to provide opportunities for our students

As a staff, we are excited and committed to working towards these goals. I would like to thank those in the school community who contributed their ideas last year to help inform the design of these key documents and encourage everyone to have a read of these.

In week four of the term, we welcomed whaanau of new Year 9 students into the school. Thank you to those who were able to attend and for taking the time to meet our staff and tour the school with your child. That week, we also celebrated our top scholars of 2024 at our Scholars Awards Evening. Further details of this event are communicated later in this newsletter. I would like to acknowledge all of the students who came across the stage and, in particular, those who received NZQA scholarships last year. 14 subject scholarships were achieved by six Pukekohe High School students in 2024. This is a tremendous achievement putting these students up there with the best in the country in their subject areas. This was far-and-away the best set of results for the school at NZQA scholarship level in a number of years. My thanks to staff for supporting these students to get to the level that they did.

We are looking forward, in week 7 of the term, to welcoming families into school to participate in our first Academic Conferences of the year. This is the first formal opportunity for students and whaanau to meet with Kaiaawhina to discuss student goals, academic programmes and progress to date. At these conferences, Kaiaawhina will have academic, engagement and attendance data available for families to view and base their conversations around. Again, I encourage everyone to connect with the school by booking in for a conference.

All the best for the remainder of the term and enjoy the news included in the rest of this newsletter.

Ngaa mihi mahana

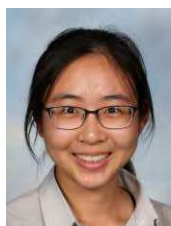
Murray Saunders | Tumuaki / Principal



NZQA Scholarship 2024 / Scholars Evening

We would like to acknowledge students from Pukekohe High School who attempted, and were successful, in achieving an NZQA scholarship in 2024. These represent the highest levels of academic achievement in New Zealand's qualification framework. Students who are successful in gaining a scholarship receive a monetary award for the first three years of their tertiary studies.

Congratulations to our following 2024 NZQA scholarship recipients:



Jing Ning Chua
Calculus



Kohen Alley
English



Anyi Liu
Economics



Matthew Moffitt
Chemistry and
Calculus



Brynn Giddens
English, Media
Studies and
Printmaking



Shaurya Pokhriyal
Biology,
Outstanding
Chemistry, Physics,
Statistics, Calculus
and Classical
Studies

As well as our scholarship recipients, it was fantastic to be able to acknowledge our other top academic achievers of 2024 at our annual Scholars Evening held on February 20. Here, those students at all three NCEA levels who achieved excellence endorsement came across stage as well as the top student at Year 9 and 10. Our congratulations to the following:

Level 1

Maksim Petrovic
Kayla Roux
Maia Brear
Jing Zhao Chua
Megan Smith
Piper Jackson
Talia Chaney
Junis McHugh
Ashneil Sunil Kumar
Jaide Boulton
Grace Huang
Prabhleen Singh
Caleb Quinlan
Anna Spackman
Zack Meads
Danica Newby
Savannah Truter
Ibrahim Umar

Level 2

Holly Brown
Kyra Sheldon
Lachlan Taylor
Rhen Pressnell
Campbell Prowse
Amber Assink
Taha Basit
Alexa Burger
Lilyann Lauer
Sidney Preumal
Amy Pirret
Petra Psaros
Andre O'Callaghan
David Zheng
Jessica Cocharn
Sorcha De-Viell
Alysha Daya
Ava Rule
Lokky van Dijk
Lauren Askew
Emily Hann
Connor Hollard

Level 3
Kohen Alley
Jing Ning Chua
Joey Ebreo
Bryn Giddens
Toni Glossop
Caitlin Hickford
Jessica Jameson
Benjamin Kennedy
Zoe Leaning
Andy Li
Anyi Liu
Matthew Moffitt
Jess Nepia
Shaurya Pokhriyal
Ashley Pryor
Monique Sears
Ria Sutrisno
Takaua Taumoefolau
Marina Vujanic

Top Year 10
Lydia Lynch

Top Year 9
Jing Yang Chua



Year 9 Whaanau Evening

It was wonderful to welcome Year 9 students and their families to school on February 20 for our Year 9 Whaanau evening. Students took the opportunity to show parents around the campus and to connect with Kaiaawhina and subject teachers who were present.

We look forward to meeting more of the school community in Week 7 when we host our first set of Academic Conferences for the year. More information about this event follows later in the newsletter.

School Athletics Day

Pukekohe High School took over Navigation Homes Stadium on Friday 14 February for our full-school athletics day. It was day of colour, participation and outstanding performances with 26 students qualifying to represent the school at the upcoming Auckland Secondary School athletics championships.

As part of the day, house spirit events took place on the infield. Students pitted themselves against those from other houses to gain house points in events such as the gumboot throw, obstacle course and tug of war.

Congratulations to the following Top Champions of each grade.



Junior Boys
Athletics
Champion
Cruise Lunjevich



Junior Girls
Athletics
Champion
Jamie-Lee
Lofroth



Intermediate
Boys Athletics
Champion
Lucas Sandhu



Intermediate
Girls Athletics
Champion
Mele-Ofa Isilei-
Fo'ou



Senior Boys
Athletics
Champion
Josh Vivian



Senior Girls
Athletics
Champion
Ana Tupou

Congratulations to Tiitoki House, who were crowned the champion house at Athletics Day 2025.

Matai	Puuriri	Maahoe	Tiitoki	Maanuka
1481	1321	1357	1724	1217



Tennis Champs

Congratulations to the following students that won their division in the PHS Tennis Championship.

Junior Boys Singles Champion –

Otis Barry

Junior Girls Singles Champion –

Katie Lane

Intermediate Boys Singles Champion –

Angelo Ventre

Intermediate Girls Singles Champion –

Abbie McFarlane

Senior Boys Singles Champion –

Vaughn Cameron

Senior Girls Singles Champion –

Abby McCort

Junior Girls Doubles Champions –

Katie Lane & Alaina Smith

Intermediate Girls Doubles Champions –

Sarah Brady & Amber Anderson

Intermediate Boys Doubles Champions –

Otis Barry & Angelo Ventre

Senior Girls Double Champions –

Abby McCort & Keeleigh Moloney

Senior Boys Doubles Champions –

Braedyn Northcott & Matthew Thompson

House Points

Mataii	Puuriri	Maahoe	Tiitoki	Maanuka
50	70	27	147	94

Total House Points that include Athletics Day & Tennis Champs – Swimming Sports points will be included in the next publication.

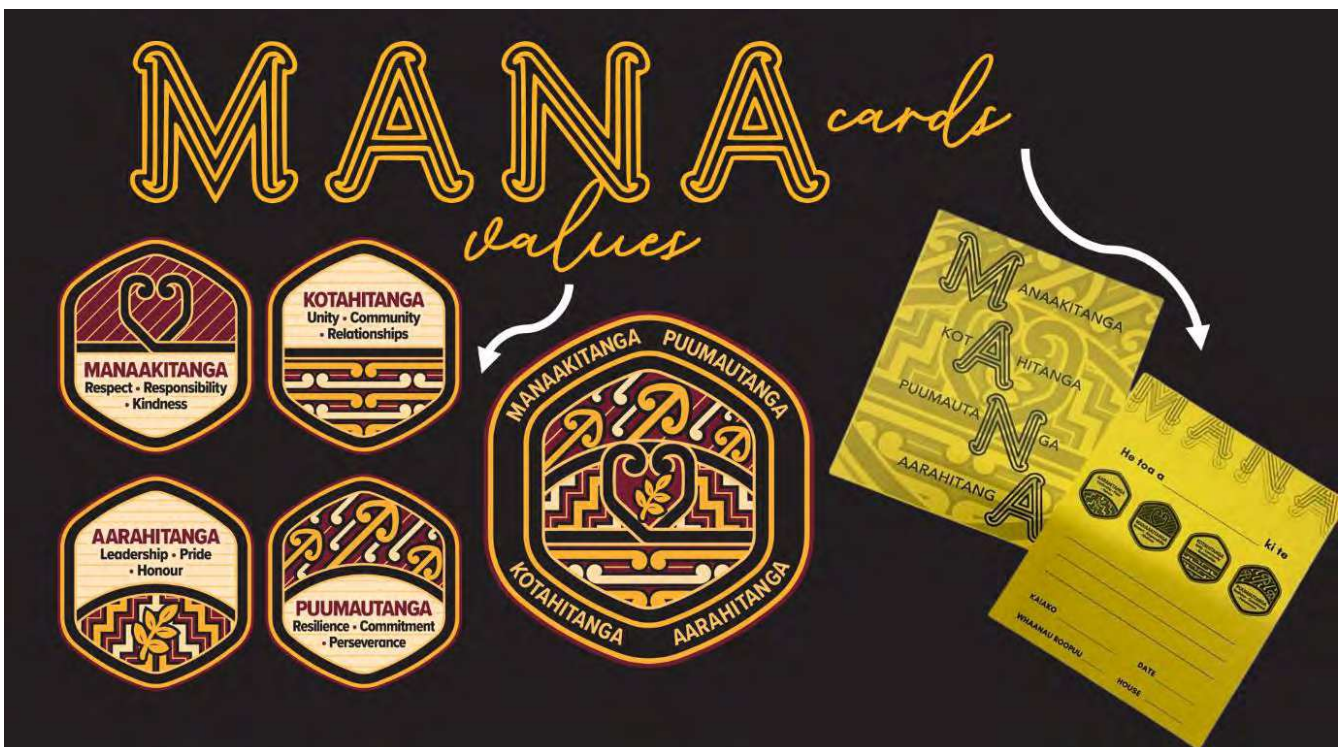
Mataii	Puuriri	Maahoe	Tiitoki	Maanuka
1531	1391	1384	1871	1311

Mana Values

Our MANA values are in full swing, with students across all year levels being celebrated for displaying Manaakitanga, Kotahitanga, Puumautanga and Aarahitanga in the classroom and beyond. This term, we have a special focus on the value of manaakitanga – on respect, responsibility and kindness.

Our students can be recognised through MANA cards (which can be dropped off to student reception for house points and prize draws at assemblies) or via KAMAR recognitions which whaanau can see on their student's weekly engagement report. Below, we have listed the number of values recognitions awarded via KAMAR for students by year level – ka mau te wehi! We are excited to continue celebrating success through our values recognition with our students, whaanau and wider school community.

Year	Number of KAMAR recognitions awarded for MANA values
9	452
10	491
11	243
12	439
13	157



Congratulations to all our inaugural MANA card recipients listed below. We are so proud of you!

Jade	Anderson	Sienna	Wheeler
DJ	De Castro	Yve	Young
Lily	Harlos	Ivy	Burton
Jasmine Nichole	Maningas	Ishmeet	Gill
Alan	Xiong	Adelia	Hegan
Jesse	Bignell	Loki	Holt
Ella	Cole	Courtney	Jacobsen
Annabelle	Crann	Martone	Kolmer
Callen	Firth	Sienna	Tippins
Rares	Florea	Jhennie	Atillo
Nevaeh-Leigh	Harris	Cheyenne	Chaplin
Baylee	Kingi	Alex	Fry
Reagan	Lovell	Rangi	Hawkins
Ashton	Orme	Sionelangi	Latu
Emily	Thorpe	Darian	Morrow
Christina	Wawatai	Chelsea	Olliver
Teina	Dorman	Chloe	Porter
C'Angelo	Falala	Jessica	Reay
Gabriel	Gomes	Lolohea	Tafa
Cypruss	Koroheke	CJ	McCreath- McLaren
Bella	Tucker-Kimiora	Chloe	Cunningham
Rayyan	Inam	Elliott	Stewart
Sau-Ying	Kananoua	Kearra	Tatia
Pravish	Karan	Dana	Madsen
Israel	Konelio	Rico	Morrison
Allie	Denton	Rose	Skinner
Hana	Fattah Ghazi	Maré	Sole
Sasiru	Kurukulasuriyage	Legend	Taaka Te-Kaute
Taurus	Kwaoga-Tuoro	Sitani	Vea
Mary	Leonidas	Zara	Waugh
Paula	Masalu-Hemopo	Azaiah	Aubrey
Shaun	Morris-Hokai	Lerissa	Harris
Aliana	Neru	Naomi	Ioane
Zhea Aureil	Sablada	Ricklynn	Lovo
Jerry	Xu	Kate	Teves
Addison	Morrow	Ivy	Tilyard
Reef	Steele	Emelie	Boyt
Blyth	Gillies	Amelia	Gerrard
Charley	Goodwin	Cayden	Hopkins
Xzaviah	Hill	Nofo	Isileli fo'ou
Sukhmanpreet	Kaur	Caiya-Rosalie	Kinkade
Marcus	Pearce	Billie-Jean	Starnes
Abbey	Shaw	Charlee	Welson
Lexi	Verner		

YEAR 9 MANA CARD RECIPIENTS

Raymond	Thompson	YEAR10 MANA CARD RECIPIENTS	Lachlan	Hadley
Megan	Cao		Levi	Mitchell
Ania	Harding		George	O'Connor
Taya	Hopkins		Oriana	O'Neill
Casey	Neru		Flynn	Tippins
Betty	Otia		Harry	van de Westerlo
Jamee	Tautari		Jacob	Wood
Tyler	Vince-Waikawa		Anshuman	Anshuman
Karma	Adams		Karakia	Pairama-Astle
Julius	Fruean		Crystal	Wairepo
Anaru	Harris		Kourtney	Wintle
Nicholas	Howes		Ankita	Balvir Kumar
Poet	Jackson		Leilani	Cairns
Johnson	Kohai-Lawson		Sophie	Hunter
Jayden	Smith		Janel	Taaka-Honetana
Samuel	Taylor		Maria	Tung
Aaliah	Tupaea		Chloe	Woolliams
Shyna	Chand		Ethan	Sue
Isaiah	Edgecombe		Jamie	Turnwald
Leo	McLagan		Sitiveni	Fehoko
Jaivi	Singh		Shavin	Kumar
Flynn	Wilson		Katie	Lane
Daksh	Anand		Joshua	Marais
Zara	Cameron		Tate	Northcott-Garrett
Piripi	Hawkins		Charlie	Dowdall
Geordi	Hepburn		Chloe	Ferris
Kahlaena	Howard		Varsh	Kumar
Louise	Kiri		Jamie-Lee	Lofroth
Tamati Nepia	Matene		Navani	Nand
Rosalie	Milsom		Nayan	Nayan
Brooklynn	Murphy		Levon	Taylor
Nico	Robins		Abhijyot	Dehar
Cohen	Shears		Sahib	Hehar
Alex	Banas			
Brooklyn	Munns Ahu			
Percy	Tucker			
Jaeda	Foster			
Jayda	Holgate			
Mia	Kingi-Hicks			
William	Klavenes			
Katie	Quinlan			
Palmmy	Chaimut			

YEAR 11		YEAR 12		YEAR 13	
Amelia	Vaka	Poppy	Carter	Mia	Raven
Tristan	Labuschagne	Isla	Chitty	Seth	Meier
Zeb	McFarlane	Shahid	Khan	Streme	Clarke
Gizaiah	Adams	Kenny	Koenig	Anna	Clooney
Briar	Henwood	Ahmed Ali	Ozturk	Bailey	Allan
Phoebe	Sayer	Raymund	Andrew	Harry	Kelso
Jason	Kemp	Ariana	Amper	Acacia	Dickinson
Izzy	Mckenzie	Serge Mico	Greig	Brooke	Heaney
Michael	Elbertse-Close	Sala	Miranda	Braedyn	Northcott
Anahlie	Kemp	Emily	Setefano	Hunter	Edmonson
Dion	Sharpe	Rhylin	Flynn	Lauchlin	French
Kura-Lee	Tearii	Jaxen	Riggs	Seth	Meier
Troy	Brown	Jay	Hood		
Janat	Devi	Drew	Karl		
Saniyah	Hasan	Cassie	Murphy		
Theo	Benade	John	Tippins		
Jacob	Luscombe	James	del Carmen		
Churmaze	Gray-Whiunui	Emma	Holley		
Ocean	Huang	Olivia	Lane		
Dayna	Miller	Issy	Brown		
Dekan	Northcott	Chrystal	Thompson		
Alanah-Rose	Scotney	Harmony	Heagney-Hakim		
Meg	Clooney	Aria	Priestley		
Wahaj	Mobeen	Gurnoor	Liu		
Lyrrik	Carmichael	Kareena	Singh		
Ruan	Combrink	Jaide	Kumar		
Te Hau-Whenua	Hape		Boulton		
		Ryan	Jenkins		
		David	Atetu		
		Danica	Newby		
		Mateo	Howell-Walmsley		
		Navarro	Nanai		
		Izaiah	Sakisi		
		Nephi	Tavai		
		Marsh	Te Kotia		
		Kacius	Tupaea		
		Robert	Tytherleigh		
		Sarsda	Yem		
		Rhian	Farrell		
		Joel	Marx		



Co-curricular Attendance Policy

As with last year, to support our drive to improve student attendance at school, we are again implementing a co-curricular attendance policy. This means that for a student to participate in a school co-curricular activity they will need to maintain a level of attendance at school of 80% or more.

Should a student's attendance level fall below this, coaching or management staff will be in contact with the student and family to communicate to them that they will not be able to participate until their attendance shows at/above 80%.

Academic Conferences

Academic conferences

Thursday 13 March is a normal start to the day with classes ending at 1:20pm. The conferences will then take place from 2 pm until 7:20 pm (The last booking of the day can be made at 7pm).

Friday 14 March will have no classes scheduled, with conferences taking place from 8:30 am until 1:30 pm.

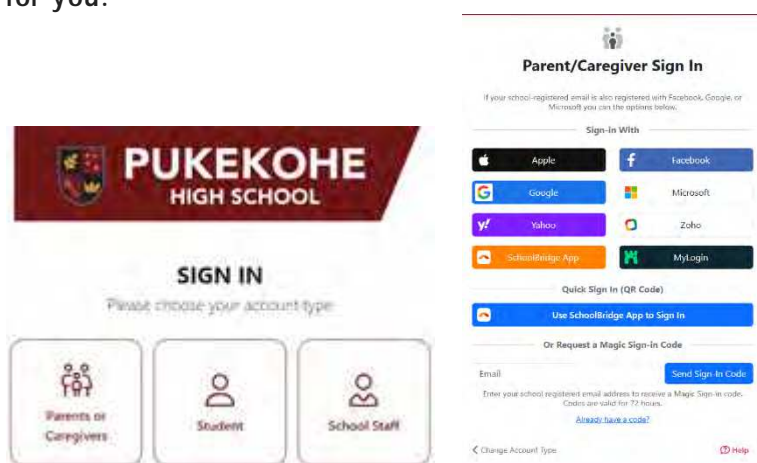
Conferences will take place in your child's whaanau roopuu class.

Bookings are still available until 8 am Thursday 13 March

To Sign in to School Point –

Access School Point from the direct link - <https://pukekohe.schoolpoint.co.nz/>

You will need to use YOUR OWN Google/Microsoft/Apple/Facebook or Yahoo account to login or click on "Magic Sign-in Code" for a code to be sent to the email address the school has on file for you.



NCEA presentations | Thursday 13 March

There will be two NCEA presentations in the hall for caregivers wishing to find out more about the qualifications.

These will take place at 4:30 pm and 6:30 pm and will run for approximately 45 minutes. Caregivers are invited to come for the whole session or drop in at any point. The information will be available afterwards on our website.

Maths Extension Groups for GATE & Scholarship

Year 9 | Maths Club

The program will be an enrichment one whereby students will be extended with additional, deeper material so they are extended in their abilities and excel in their mathematical skills.

The group will meet once a week in Room A3 every Thursday afternoon from 3.20pm for an hour, starting in Week 8 27 March.

Year 12

This will start next week (Week 7) in Room A3 on Tuesday morning at 7.30am for an hour session every week. This will target mainly the Calculus students and get them to start Level 3 work for next year's Calculus scholarship training.

Year 13 | Calculus scholarship

Thursday mornings in Room A3 at 7.30am. We will first do some work around Level 3 Standards, like Algebra and Complex Number as well as Conics.

Mr Vikash Goorah will be running the tutorials for these students.

Polyfest 2025

We will have five Cultural Groups performing at Polyfest on 2 April – 5 April 2025 at the Manukau Sports Bowl.

Timing for the performances of each group.

Wednesday 2 April

- Filipino – 9.45am
- Kiribati – 2.15am
- Fijian – 2.30pm
- Indian – 3.00pm

Friday 4 April

- Kapa Haka – 3.00pm



The Kiribati, India, Fiji and the Filipino Groups will be performing for the parents in a Fiafia Night Held 25 March at the Pukekohe Cobham Hall. All are welcome to attend. There will be some food stalls selling some food outside the venue. Come on down and support our Polyfest Groups as they prepare for the 2025 Polyfest.




Youth Health and Wellbeing Survey 2025


We're excited to share a valuable opportunity for our students to be part of positive change in Aotearoa, New Zealand!


The **Youth Health and Wellbeing Survey 2025** is coming to our school soon – the largest and most comprehensive study of students aged 13-19 across New Zealand. This important study gives our young people a platform to share their experiences and help shape support systems for future generations.


Along with seven other schools across New Zealand, our school has been selected to take part in the pilot study as well. This means that around 120 randomly selected students from our school will trial the survey and provide the research team with feedback on how to improve it before the survey goes out to 8,000 young people.


Key Information


 **When:** The survey session (pilot study) will take place at our College on Thursday 13 April.


 **Why this matters:** Just as we encourage all students to grasp the positive opportunities in academics, sports, and cultural activities, this survey presents another way for our students to engage meaningfully with their community. Their unique voices contribute to a more diverse understanding of what young New Zealanders need to thrive.

 **Who:** Up to 960 young people will take part in the pilot study and 8,000 young people nationwide will be randomly selected to participate in the main study. Participation is completely voluntary and anonymous.

 **What the Survey Covers:** Students will share their thoughts on family, community, education, physical and mental wellbeing, aspirations and challenges.

 **Whānau/Parent Support:** We encourage you to discuss this survey with your child and support them in making the decision that feels right. Together, we ensure all young voices are heard.

 **Bonus:** As a thank you for their time, participating students will receive special YHWS 2025 headphones.

 **More information:** Please visit the survey website www.msd.govt.nz/YHWS. If a student is selected, you'll receive more details before the survey. If you have any **questions**, please do not hesitate to reach out to the research team at Ipsos at yhws2025@ipsos.com, freephone 0800 478 783, or free txt 8009 and type 'YHWS' at the start of your message.

Thank you for being a part of this important initiative!

Student Highlights

Pathway Programmes

The new Pukekohe High School Pathway Programmes have started with great success.

All the students have now begun their tertiary course either at MIT or with the Primary ITO.

In February the Automotive, Building and Electrical Engineering students all participated in relevant courses to their chosen career.

The building students have all achieved their Site Safe Certificate, the Electrical Engineering students have completed their Hazard Identification course, and the automotive students have completed Chemical Handling.

The agriculture students are about to embark on a pest control project in Pukekohe.

At school the students are actively engaged in their practical programmes.



Y10 STEM

On Tuesday the 18th of Feb the Y10 STEM class visited Auckland Medical School in Grafton for a fieldtrip. We went to the physiology lab and the students got to do a range of experiments looking at grip strength, peak flow, heart rate before and after exercise, blood pressure and proprioception (how you know where you are spatially even when your eyes are closed). We were also given a tour of the Medical School and shown what a research laboratory looks like, along with the campus library and a lecture theatre. It was an excellent day out.



Y2 Biology and General Science Field Trip

On Tuesday the 25th of February, the Year 12 Biology and General Science classes ventured out to Omana Beach in Maraetai. Students are currently learning about the interactions of organisms with their environment and the adaptations that help them to survive there. We had 100 students travel out to the beach and carry out an ecological survey. This involved identifying and counting the number of organisms in eleven locations between the high- and low-tide points. The information collected will be used by students to complete their internal assessment for the topic. The data they collected also provides us with valuable information on the presence (or absence) of species within the Hauraki Gulf area over subsequent years. We were very fortunate to have some fantastic weather, and the students and staff deserve a hearty well done on a successful day out!



Level 2 Business Studies

Nine of our Year 12 Business students recently attended the "Business is Awesome" workshop at The University of Auckland's Manukau Campus. The event was an exciting opportunity for students to explore entrepreneurial thinking, collaborate on innovative ideas, and gain valuable insights into problem-solving in business. Here's a recap of their experience, written by Leanē Groenewald.

Nine Year 12 Business students attended the "Business is Awesome" workshop held on 19th February at The University of Auckland's Manukau Campus.

The workshop consisted of three main sessions. The first session covered what the day would entail, with an icebreaker activity where participants discussed their skills and why they were attending. After a morning tea break, the second session focused on the problems entrepreneurs aim to solve, and each group brainstormed potential solutions.

Following lunch, the third session involved developing a business idea to solve the chosen problem. Groups received feedback from other groups and had the chance to pitch their ideas. At the end of the day, participants voted on their favourite business idea, determining the winner.

Overall, the workshop was a fun, creative, and educational experience that allowed participants to think outside the box and engage in teamwork. It was enjoyable, and the opportunity to hear other creative ideas made it even more interesting. The students would definitely attend again if given the chance.



Business Hub Mainfreight Trip

Our Y12 Business Studies students had a trip to Mainfreight in Mangere to look over the operations of the business. They were specifically interested in motivation for employees as a part of their first internal assessment. This was able to bring to life the theories of motivation that they had been looking at in class. We have used this business for several years now with thanks to Esmond Lum one of our Alumni who is in the management team there.



Waka Ama Secondary Schools Regionals

Congratulations to our U19 Girls who won GOLD in the novice division and placed 4 overall.

Acknowledgement of puumautanga to our U16 boys who placed 2nd in their 500m and 250m heats. They gained entry into the 250m championship race in which they placed 6th out of 11 teams. This is a mighty achievement for a team that has only had 3 weeks to train and with 6 new members.



Auckland Fast45 Softball Tournament

Well done to these amazing students for winning the Auckland Fast45 Softball Tournament. They won against the current Division 1 National Champions Team (Westlake Boys High School). This is an outstanding achievement! Boys squad: Josh Vivian, Rueben Visser, Mikaera Kingi-Hicks, Ryan Morrogh, Zeb McFarlane, Lucian Cole, Rhyllie Naude, Paora Beazley and Henry Chapman.



Rowing

Congratulations to our Intermediate girls rowing team for securing a silver medal at Nationals down in Twizel in February.

Well done also the women's intermediate coxed eight, Xanthe Hedley, Katie Chamberlain, Hinemoa Haak, Brooke Harris, Elizabeth Sharp, Alexis Moody, Kameron Price, Nikki Roux & Rebecca Klatt (cox) who placed fifth in their final.

Good news also from the men's intermediate coxed quad sculls, including Vaughn Cameron and Daniel Chamberlain from Pukekohe High School with Dan Nota as cox, who placed 8th in their final.



From left to right:

Xanthe Hedley, Katie Chamberlain,
Hinemoa Haak and Brook Harris.

Good luck to all teams participating at the North Island Championship this weekend at Lake Karapiro.

Community Notices

PUKEKOHE HIGH SCHOOL

**Homestay families
with 14 -16 year old boys wanted!**

short & long term stays

if you:

- have a spare room
- can offer a caring and supportive family environment, and
- enjoy learning about different cultures

please reach out to our homestay coordinator
Lydia Firmin on 021 224 6456
or fcl@pukekohehigh.school.nz

Franklin Schools' Career Expo

Over 65 tertiary providers and local businesses

- ✓ Explore further study
- ✓ Training options
- ✓ Apprenticeships
- ✓ Work opportunities

A
Community
Event

All Welcome

Proudly supported by
Franklin Local Board
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Find us on **facebook** > @franklinschoolscareerexpo

PIA Events Centre
Ward Street, Pukekohe
Thursday 20th March, 2025
5:30pm - 7:30pm

THANK YOU... THANK YOU ALL...



Dave Young
Memorial
Science Charity

Yesterday 'The Dave Young Science Scholarship' team ran, jogged and walked the 'Round the Bays' fun run on the Auckland waterfront. Young and old, we all finished the 8.4Km in good form.



Dave's charity couldn't have been luckier to find such a super team of race warriors. They have raised a wonderful amount of money to help our local Tamariki and their passions for science.

Currently we have raised a fantastic \$7304.98 and counting, as money is still being donated.

So, we'd like to say a big thank you to all the racers who put in so much time and energy; the donators for their contributions, and the well-wishers for their motivational comments, that have helped us all the way.



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Below are the different ways to find out more about what is happening here Pukekohe High School.

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Important Dates

Week 7

- Thursday 13 March | Academic Conferences
- Friday 14 March | Academic Conferences

Week 8

- Thursday 20 March | Franklin Schools Career Expo

Week 9

- Monday 24 March – Friday 28 March | Summer Tournament Week
- Tuesday 25 March | Fiefia Night 6pm – 8pm
- Thursday 27 March | Music Concert 6.30pm -8pm

Week 10

- Wednesday 2 April – Friday 4 April | Polyfest
- Thursday 3 April | Photolife Student ID photo catch up day

Week 11

- Wednesday 9 April | Sports Season Launch Event 6.00pm – 7.30pm
- Wednesday 9 April | Kapa Haka Whaanau Night
- Friday 11 April | End of Term 1 – normal finish time 3.10pm

Term 2

Week 1

- Monday 28 April | Start of Term 8.45am start



NEWSLETTER

PATHWAY PROGRAMMES

MARCH 2025



Building Pathway

The Building Pathway have got off to a cracking start and laid the foundations of their cabin. Their new workspace is looking very flash after a new coat of paint on the containers. Students have started their course at MIT and have been fitted out with their PPE gear. All students have also gained their Site Safe Certificate through Vertical Horizons Training. The BCITO have been in, and all students are set to do their Gateway placements in Term 2 with the opportunity of gaining further skills and units whilst on work experience. All students have access to their BCITO programme online through CANVAS.

The pathways programmes have not just been developed to teach skills content but also develop our students work ready skills. The building students have been learning how to play chess, teaching them to be strategic, good communicators, and competitive. All vital skills to develop ready for entering the 'World of Work'. All students have also set up a LinkedIn Account.

Automotive Pathway

We are very fortunate to have Lindsay Baker as the tutor for the students at school. Lindsay used to own and operate his own automotive workshop on the North Shore and has trained many apprentices over the years. Lindsay is a member of the Pukekohe Lions Club and has volunteered to support the students and share his vast wealth of knowledge with the students. The automotive students have now completed two courses through Vertical Horizons, Safe Chemical Handling and Fire Safety. All students passed both courses. These are important certificates to gain for working in the industry.

We congratulate and farewell Euan Viviers this week who has successfully gained an Automotive Apprenticeship with E&H Motors in Pukekohe. We wish him all the best with his new career journey and look forward to him coming back to the school to share his experiences.



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Agriculture Pathway

The Ag students have started their placements at the farm on Monday and Tuesdays with The Primary ITO. Feedback is that the students are really enjoying their time there building fences and milking cows. The students have also started a project looking at Pest Control with Land Based Training, the students are setting trap lines and developing the school environmental area.

Students have completed their Health and Safety training in Rural Safety enabling them to work safely on the farms.

Students are busy preparing for The Clash of Colleges at the end of Term 1 where they will be competing with a number of schools doing rural activities.



Electrical Engineering Pathway

Our Electrical Engineering students have started well this term. All students have completed their Hazard Identification Certificate which is not only very useful for when working in the industry but also has contributed 8 Level 3 credits to students Record of Learning.

We have a trip planned for the 4th April to go to The Steel Mill and have a look at all of the career opportunities there.

Students are also working with Will Flemming, Creator and Designer of Campfire Studios. The students are going to be doing their own podcast creation and editing. The purpose of the exercise is to help students develop their communication and confidence skills in speaking to others. This is a brand new standard to New Zealand and we are thrilled to be part of its pilot in schools.

General News

We are thrilled with the level of engagement and attendance of our students in the Pathway Programmes, they are doing very well and all appear to be enjoying the programmes:

We do seek the support of parents to remind students that full school uniform is always required. Shoes should be fully black, if black sandals they must have a back strap, no Birkenstocks or slides. Mr Matthews and Mr Langdon are looking forward to meeting you all at the Academic Conferences on the 13th - 14th March.



PUKEKOHE HIGH SCHOOL

Pathways Programmes, Work Experience



Pukekohe High School has developed four bespoke trades training programs in Electrical/Engineering, Automotive, Building and Construction and Agriculture at Level 2.

Students are studying a contextualised programme specifically designed to enable students to transition seamlessly from school to either an apprenticeship or tertiary education.

As part of the programme the students also attend a tertiary based training course either with Manukau Institute of Technology or The Primary Industry Training Organisation one day per week for the year.

Students are also undertaking a range of industry training courses including Site Safe, Hazard Identification, Chemical Handling, Tractor Training, Fencing to name a few.

If you would be interested in supporting our youth and giving them the opportunity to learn more about your industry and develop their skills and knowledge please contact:

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