

School Newsletter

PALMERSTON NORTH INTERMEDIATE NORMAL SCHOOL



TERM 1 WEEK 2 | 9 FEBRUARY 2024



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora whānau,

Ka nui te mihi ki a koutou i te tau hou Pākehā nei. Ka rere tonu ngā tai o mihi ki a koutou i tēnei timatanga o te tau.

Welcome to the 2024 school year and what an amazing start it has been as we have welcomed over 390 new students and their families to PNINS with a starting roll of 707 students.



We are committed to keep our roll down to under 700, however we have been inundated with new in-zone enrolments over the Christmas period.

Even though we have a large roll it has been important that we connect with families and students as soon as possible.

We have been super impressed with the students and how they have fitted into the PNINS school life over the past two days. At PNINS we pride ourselves on the little things that set us apart.

Uniform, manners, focused on learning and showing the School Keys to Success have all been on display in the first week of school.

Once again the Parent conferences on the first two days have been hugely beneficial as we held over 375 conferences where teachers were able to begin building a strong relationship between home and school.

We have received a staggering amount of positive feedback about the conferences and teachers have really benefited from hearing about the passions, hobbies and interests that students and their families

have. We would like to congratulate all those families that attended and booked using the online system; it was an effective use of coordinating these appointments.

This newsletter is packed with information in the aim of answering so many questions that we have been asked over the past week.

If there is still doubt and concerns please don't hesitate to make contact with the school or your child's class teacher.

Hamish Ruawai
PRINCIPAL | TUMUAKI

CLASS CHANGES FOR SOME YEAR 8 STUDENTS IN 2024

Most year 7 students from 2024 will remain with their current teacher and class for 2024. However, some students have moved classes for a number of reasons:



- new staff at PNINS in 2024
- balancing out the number of year 7 and year 8 students and the genders in each class
- parent and/or teacher requests
- senior management decisions

This year 8 students who have a new teacher this year were also able to meet their new teacher in the Beginning Year Parent Conferences.

POWHIRI



Our powhiri was held on **Friday** in Te Tihi to welcome students and their whānau to school.

It was a great way to start the year and an opportunity to once again strengthen relationships between home and school.

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

We welcome our 2024 teaching team



TEAM ORGANISATION 2024

IKATERE TEAM		KAHUKURA TEAM	
Room 5	- Charlotte Waters	Room 26	- Georgia Gore
Room 6	- Madeline McHardy	Room 29	- Paula Cutts (TL)
Room 7	- Gillen Smiler	Room 33	- Sarah Angland
Room 12	- Liam Badger (TL)	Room 25	- Shaun Hofenk

RANGITĀNE TEAM		MANAWANUI TEAM	
Room 13	- Hayley McKay	Room 34	- David Meeking
Room 14	- Sara Finlayson	Room 35	- Kehlsi Patterson (TL)
Room 15	- Daniel Smith	Room 36	- Suzanne Charles
Room 18	- Sarah Lonsdale (TL)	Room 37	- Jo Durey

ARATAKI TEAM		TANGAROA TEAM	
Room 1	- Mia Mason	Room 22	- Hayley Artz
Room 2	- Kat Wills (TL)	Room 23	- Joanne Parker (TL)
Room 3	- Rachel Smith	Room 24	- Kate Taffs
Room 4	- Mary Siu		

NGĀ MĀTĀNGA- SPECIALISTS		AROHANUI TEAM	
Barry Jones(TL)	- Music	Barb Pritchard	- SENCO
Ian Herkes	- Foods Technology	Leanne Green	- Reading Hub
Jeff Smith	- Hard Materials	Steph Bunny	- ESOL
Natalie Strickland	- Kaupapa Maori		
Rachel McKinnon	- Visual Art		
Joy Kitt	- Science		

<p>Principal: Hamish Ruawai Deputy Principal: Vicki James Assistant Principals: Anna Stephenson /Barb Pritchard (TL) - Team Leader</p>	<p>SUPPORT TEAM - TEACHER AIDES Roxane Freeman, Belinda Ruebe, Judith McKenna, Tianau Tipu-Paulo, Wendy Woods</p> <p>Sports Co-ordinator - Chris Sanson</p> <p>Admin Support Sports - Belinda Ruebe</p> <p>Caretaker – Geoff Phillips</p> <p>Study Leave - Mayana Karena/Tania Popata</p> <p>SCIENCE GATE - Warwick Grady</p>
<p>Administration Team Heidi Rea – Principal’s P.A. Anna James – School Secretary Nicola McFarlane - Office Assistant</p> <p>Library Team Lynette Collis – Librarian</p>	

COMMUNICATION



Newsletters www.pnins.school.nz

Newsletters at PNINS are sent out every two weeks. The newsletter provides a vital communication link between the school and its community. It serves to inform you of school programmes, share and celebrate the success and achievement of students and staff, report on and highlight past and future school events, and provides an update from Teams.

Once again this year we will be placing the newsletter online through our website, facebook page and school app. This will enable parents and community members to access it anytime and anywhere where there is internet connectivity.

A paper copy will **only be sent out to those families** who request them and we ask that parents inform the school office to let them know.

Social media

We have a very active school facebook page that is updated regularly, providing up to date information regarding upcoming events and celebrating the wonderful achievements of our students, staff and their families.

Please take the time to follow our page! We also send out these frequent updates on our School App. You are able to download this at the AppStore or on Google Play by searching School Apps NZ.

CELL PHONES



Students are **not permitted** to bring cellphones to school. Our school office phone is available up to 4.00pm for any **urgent** calls.

If it is necessary for your child to bring a cell phone to school then we require notification from parents. Parents need to email the principal on principal@pnins.school.nz if they have a medical or health and safety reason that necessitates them bringing a cellphone to school. These phones will be handed into their child's class teacher upon arrival at school in the morning. The cell phone can be collected at the end of the school day, at 3.10pm.

Any student found with a cell phone in their possession during school hours, will be required to take it to the school office for their parents to collect.

NEW UNIFORM



We are thrilled with the new uniform, our students look so smart. The blue shirt is certainly great with this warmer weather.

Having a blend between the older uniform and the newer uniform this year is working well so far.

Just a reminder that students will all need a hat by next Monday - available for purchase via the school office or at Academy Apparel.

Sunsense - Hats & Sunscreen

Please encourage your child to use sunblock. Sunhats are compulsory and part of our school uniform from Labour Weekend through to Easter.

It is an expectation that all children wear the correct sunhat at interval, lunchtime and when outside participating in sports sessions.

The white or blue school sun hat with a brim provides the best protection, although, plain blue or white bucket hats are permitted. Available from our school office for \$12.

Sports caps are available to purchase from Academy Apparel that may be used during sports events and activities during lunchtime. However, the wide brim bucket hat is used otherwise.

NGĀ MĀTĀNGA Technology Footwear



For Specialist Technology Programmes, children are to **wear black lace up leather shoes** with school socks

(Note: these are not T-bar shoes, or canvas shoes).

This is due to Health & Safety requirements. Wearing sports shoes/ black slipper shoes are not acceptable.



SCHOOL APP

Download the School App, to ensure you are kept up to date with current news.



OPPORTUNITIES AND EXPERIENCES



PNINS is renowned for the number of opportunities and experiences it offers for students and we have many students who enrol with us for this reason.

Whether it be in the Academic, Sports, Cultural, Citizenship or Performing Arts fields there is something for everybody. We have now made the process for registering for these activities easier by going online through the school website. It has all the relevant information for parents and is quick and easy.

All Year 7 students will be shown how to do this by their teachers. Students can also do this at school for those that require help and who may not have access to the internet at home.

ACADEMIC FOCUS



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KINDO - SCHOOL SHOP



We encourage you to register for our new school shop by clicking the link below:

https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/flow_join.shtml

This way you will be able to see all that is owing on your child's account. You are also able to pay off items, but nominate amounts to allocate to these items.

You can also buy juices daily at a cost of \$2 each

Please note that once registrations close for sports and extracurricular activities the payments will show on your student account the following week.

For any further information or full instructions please contact the office on **3580548** or office@pnins.school.nz

BYOD

PNINS's vision is to innovatively blend the use of technology into current programmes, while adapting current practice to include the use of devices. We encourage students to Bring their Own Devices to school and they can do so once their class has gone through the Safer Internet Day. All devices must be registered via our website

<https://pnins.school.nz/byod> - this includes those Year 8s who registered their devices last year, they will need to re register for the 2024 year.

There is no preference of the device - the following are the **recommended specs for the BYOD**:

- Devices are not to be smaller than an iPad mini.
- Must be able to run the latest Operating system.



If you are considering a Windows or Apple laptop;

- Must be running minimum Windows 10 or MacOS 10.14 (Mojave)
- Must have a SSD (Solid State Drive) and minimum 4GB Ram (8GB recommended)

Our preference is a Chromebook as the school uses Google for Education Apps. However, other devices suit as long as they meet the minimum requirements.

PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAMMES

As mentioned this will be done through the website and during the course of this term we will be running auditions for each of the four performing arts groups at PNINS. These groups are: Choir, Drama, Dance and Orchestra.



While all students at PNINS are eligible to audition for these groups if they desire, we would like to take this opportunity to point out that not everyone will necessarily be accepted into these groups as places are limited due to size of available rehearsal venues as well as number restrictions placed on our Taradale School Performing Arts Exchange as well as Super Arts events.

There will however, be additional opportunities in some of the disciplines presented throughout the year, such as auditions for places in the school rock band which is a lunchtime based activity and this year's team assemblies.

HAIR EXPECTATIONS

Existing regulations relating to hair include:
(as per School Prospectus)



Boys – Hair to be off the face and cut so it is off the shirt collar, and out of the eyes.

Girls – Hair to be off the face and, if long, to be tied back.

- No hair styles that are fashion statements eg beaded braids in hair, rats tails, Mulletts, etc
- The student's natural hair colour only is permitted – **no dyes**, highlights, streaks
- No hair gel, wax or similar hair product
- Only white or navy blue hair ties are to be worn

ABSENCES

We ask that you either give us advance warning via the school app **or phone the school by 9.15am on the day of any absence.**



To avoid the possibility of a missing child - when you think they're safe at school - while we assume that they must be with you - we phone home to check on any unexplained absence. Please ring us before we need to ring you to clarify why your child is absent.

DAILY SCHOOL TIMES 2024

For 2024 the school's daily times will be the same as last year, to maximise morning teaching/learning times.



The following will be our daily times in 2024:

Starting Time -	8.45am
Teaching Block 1 -	8.45am – 10.45am
Morning interval -	10.45am – 11.15am
Teaching Block 2 -	11.15am – 1.00pm
Lunchtime -	1.00pm – 1.55 pm
Teaching Block 3 -	2pm – 3.10pm

Note: The PNINS school day starts at 8.45am not at 9.00am like a number of primary schools.

It is an expectation that all PNINS students are at school by 8.30am to allow time to unpack their bags and ready themselves for learning at 8.45am.

If your child is late they must report to the school office with a note from their parent stating the reason for lateness.

SCHOOL DONATION/ ACTIVITY FEE & STATIONERY FOR 2024



A voluntary family donation of \$85.00 per child and in addition an Activity Fee Contribution of \$135.00.
In total \$220 per child is requested.

The activity fee contribution pays for the materials children use in specialist technology rooms, IT consumables and resources, the range of extra-curricular learning and cultural programmes that this school provides its students.

Although payment is voluntary we do urge you to pay. The Ministry grant is simply not enough to cover the funding of all that we offer at this school.

Second Hand Uniform Items



We have a number of second hand items, in particular boys polo shirts and shorts as well as some very good quality girls skirts, still available for sale. These are available via the school office.

LUNCHTIME SWIMMING



This term we will begin lunchtime swims for students in order to help deal with the current hot temperatures.

The pool will be available at the following time 1.15 - 1.50 every day and due to the numbers a timetable will be shared with students indicating what day their team can swim.

SCHOOL STATIONERY



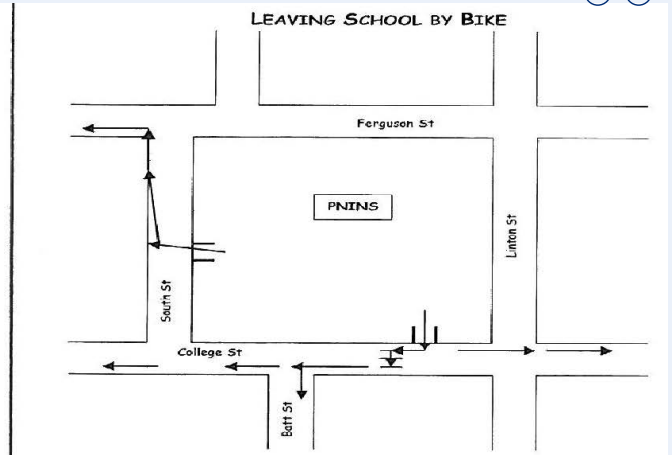
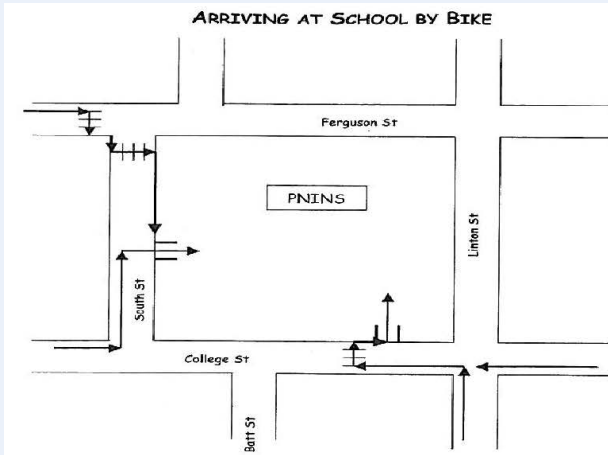
As in the past, all students have been given a pack that includes all school stationery requirements your child will need. These are given to each child on day 1.

The cost per pack is \$35 and includes the Student Log Book, Clearfiles, portfolio clearfiles.etc.

Parents/caregivers who elect to pay the School Donation and Activity Fee Contribution by the end of Term 1, the stationery pack valued at \$35 will be free.

Note: To get this benefit both the school donation and activity fee must be paid together (\$220)

CYCLISTS



STUDENTS TRAVELLING TO AND FROM SCHOOL

The streets surrounding the school are extremely busy during peak traffic times.

Considerable thought has been put into Palmerston North Intermediate School's guidelines into arriving and departing from school safely.

Please study and discuss these maps with your child and select the most suitable route.

CULTURAL GROUPS

Both Kapa Haka and Pasifika will be run differently. There is **no audition process** to join these groups which will also be held every week on a Friday.

They are run separately to Performing Arts which means students will be able to access BOTH a performing group and a Cultural Group.



CLASS PHOTOS

Class photos are on Thursday 22nd of February. Envelopes will go home with your child to be returned on the day of their photograph.



Brendan Lodge can take orders after this date if you contact them on phone or email: **355 2222** or studio@shootme.co.nz

SWIMMING - DRESS CODE

For 2024 the following dress code is required in our school pool.

- All swimwear must be made of swimwear material.
- No T-shirts, boxer shorts or underwear to be worn

Girls

- Modest one or two piece swimwear.
- If wearing a two piece – no bikini (bra top) but instead a crop top can be worn.
- Swim shorts may be worn but should not reach below the knee.



Boys

Swim shorts **must have an inner lining**, and should not reach below the knee. No underpants or boxers are to be worn underneath swimming shorts.

The need for guidelines has been brought about by a number of students wearing inappropriate swimming attire in the school pool and is based on:



- **Health and Hygiene concerns** - no boxers or street wear
- Need for **modesty** – with an element of choice within the above guidelines
- **Filtration** concerns - hair product / fibres blocking the system

YEAR 7 AND YEAR 8 IMMUNISATIONS



The year 7s will be offered both boostrix and HPV as we offered year 7s in 2023.

Therefore, the year 8s this year should have had opportunity for vaccination last year.

These are scheduled for Thursday 28th March and Wednesday 3 April 2024. Students will bring home either a Year 7 (dTap) immunisation or Year 8 (HPV)

Immunisation permission form as soon as we have them.

Midcentral Health Nurses attend and carry out these at PNINS. Please follow these links for more information:

Are your child's immunisations up to date?

The School Based Vaccination Programme commences March 2024. Diphtheria Tetanus Acellular Pertussis (Boostrix) & HPV vaccinations will be offered - at school, free and convenient.

We will be offering Boostrix and HPV to the year 7 students; these students will receive 2 vaccines on the same day. Students will receive their second dose of HPV 26 weeks later in the second round of vaccinations.

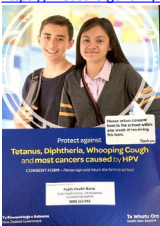
Round one of school immunisations will be taking place on **28th March and 3rd April**

Your child will bring home a consent form (see photo) in their bag which outlines the two immunisations that will be administered.

When you receive a consent form for your child, watch the video clips with your child, read the information, sign, and return it to school even if you don't choose to vaccinate your child at school.

Here are links to more information about the immunisations.

<https://www.immunise.health.nz/>
<https://medsafe.govt.nz/consumers/cmi/g/gardasil9.pdf>
<https://medsafe.govt.nz/consumers/cmi/b/boostrix.pdf>



Where can I get more information?

Speak to the vaccinator, your doctor or practice nurse.

- [immunise.health.nz/school-aged-vaccinations](https://www.immunise.health.nz/school-aged-vaccinations) for more information about these immunisations.
- [immunise.health.nz](https://www.immunise.health.nz) for general information about immunisation.

Contact the vaccinator directly if you would like more information about filling in the school consent form.

Detailed information on the vaccines is published on the Medsafe website:

- HPV (Gardasil9): www.medsafe.govt.nz/consumers/cmi/g/gardasil9.pdf
- Boostrix (Tdap): www.medsafe.govt.nz/consumers/cmi/b/boostrix.pdf

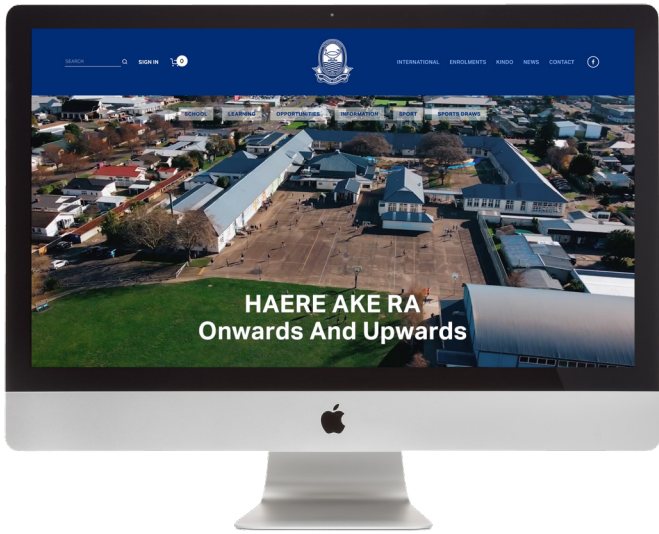
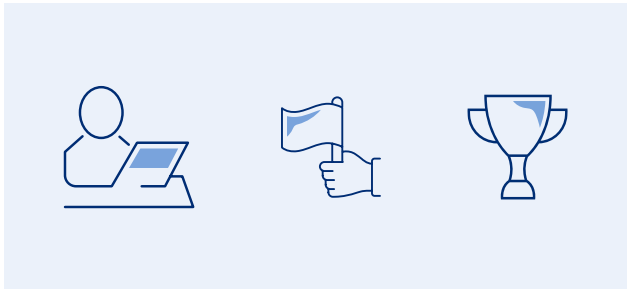
Public Health Services | Private Bag 11036, Manawatu Mail Centre, Palmerston North, Te Kaitiaki o Aotearoa
 Te Whatu Ora - Health New Zealand
 New Zealand Government



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