

# TE PUKE<sup>HIGH SCHOOL</sup> NEWSLETTER



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AIM HIGH - WHAIA TE MATIKETIKE



## From the Principal

### Welcome to 2020

I am always energised when I think about the individual potential each of our students have and the collective potential of all our students. During this year every Te Puke High School student will be presented with ongoing opportunities to help them develop their skills, knowledge and dispositions.

To enable all our students to reach their potential, I wish to stress the importance of always doing your best. During this term they will lay down the foundations for success for the rest of this year. One of the most powerful influences on how well a student does at school is the student themselves. Students need to have a 'can-do' attitude if they are to realise their potential. The New Zealand Curriculum emphasises the importance of a 'can-do' attitude as a key competency needed to be a successful citizen in the 21st Century. Students with a 'can-do' attitude see themselves as capable learners, who set personal goals, make plans, manage projects, set high standards for themselves and have strategies for meeting challenges. Whatever background students come from, whatever our students are dealing with in their lives, whatever level of support our students have, their 'can-do' attitude is critical towards them realising their potential at school and throughout life.

My expectations of every student are simple.

I expect every student to:

- Make learning their priority.
- Come to school each day prepared for learning.
- Take responsibility for themselves and their behaviour.
- Wear their uniform correctly and with pride.
- Look after the school property and the learning environment.
- Respect themselves, other students and staff.
- Build strong positive relationships with their teachers
- Work hard to realise their potential

My challenge to every student at Te Puke High School is to take responsibility for their education and develop a 'can do' attitude towards what they are able to achieve.

**Alan Liddle**  
Principal

## **COVID-19 declared a pandemic**

The situation regarding COVID-19 (Coronavirus) has continued to develop.

The New Zealand government has put in place measures to reduce the probability of COVID-19 entering the country, including stricter requirements for people arriving from most overseas countries.

The Ministry of Health advises that with continued vigilance the chance of widespread community outbreak remains low.

The health of our students and staff is a high priority.

Schools are under instruction from the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health regarding appropriate actions.

At this stage, schools remain open and all students are expected to attend.

Like the flu, COVID-19 can be transmitted from person to person through droplets when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks, they may transfer droplets containing the virus.

If a person comes into contact with these droplets, the virus can be transferred by touching the nose, mouth or eyes.

Everyone must take responsibility to protect themselves and others from spreading the illness through the following simple actions:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home if you are unwell.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.  
Put your used tissue in the rubbish bin or in a plastic bag.
- Wash your hands thoroughly and often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.  
Dry your hands completely.

If you have a particular concern about someone having symptoms of a fever, coughing or difficulty breathing, please contact Healthline free on 0800 611 116.

Updated information is available on the Ministry of Health website,  
<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov>

# Board of Trustees

“The Board of Trustees is passionate about ensuring that the community and its children are well served by Te Puke High School. The Board of Trustees recognises the diversity of our community and is committed to working with Alan Liddle and his team to ensure Te Puke High School is a leading education provider.”

Andy Wickers, Chair

The Board of Trustees strives to deliver a high-performing school by setting high expectations that are driven through the strategic plan.

We aim to provide the students of our local community with a wide range of educational options that allow each student to realise their potential and to achieve their aspirations and career choices. Te Puke High School gives students the opportunity to excel academically, in sport, and in the arts.

We are extremely fortunate to have members on the Board that possess a mixture of commercial and previous Board of Trustees experience.

The Board enjoys its relationship with the Senior Leadership Team of Te Puke High School, which is focused on delivering the school’s strategic plan.

## Board Members:

Chairperson	Andy Wickers
Deputy Chair	Boyd Harris
	Sophie Anania
	Vicki Hiini
	Braden Hungerford
	Chrissi Robinson
Principal	Alan Liddle
Staff Trustee	Patsy Richardson
Student Trustee	Te Mote Marsh

26 February	July
25 March	August
April	September
May	October
June	November

Board Meetings usually begin at 4 pm.

Dates yet to be confirmed.

## Schedule for Board Meetings for 2020



## Small Groups @ TPHS

Every student at Te Puke High School is a member of a Small Group of approximately 16 students. You will remain in this Small Group for the whole time you are at Te Puke High School. Each Small Group has a Small Group Leader.

Each Small Group is made up of students from Year 9 to Year 13.

Each Small Group belongs to a specific house which is led by a staff member called Head of House.



Within your Small Group and House, students take part in range of activities which will provide them with opportunities to realise their potential, both in the classroom and out of it.

Through Small Groups it is expected that each and every student will build meaningful relationships with other members of their Small Group, including their Small Group Leader who will become their 'significant adult'.

The purpose of the Small Groups Approach @ TPHS includes:

- To foster a strong sense of belonging amongst students and staff.
- To develop meaningful relationships for our students with a 'significant adult'.
- To nurture distributive leadership amongst students and staff.
- To improve learning and achievement.
- To facilitate the development of our school as a truly great community of learners.



### Role of the Students:

Each and every student is expected to be an active, positive and productive member of their Small Group, who focuses on developing strong, positive relationships with the other students and their Small Group Leader.

Students are expected to abide by the 5Rs; Respect, Responsibility, Resilience, Relationships and Realising Potential. It is expected that each and every student of Te Puke High School will truly connect with their Small Group Leader and other students in their Small Group.

The goal is for students to work effectively with staff to improve their attendance, engagement and retention, thereby improving their engagement in learning and achievement.

### Te Puke High School Crest and Motto









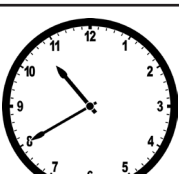

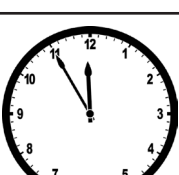
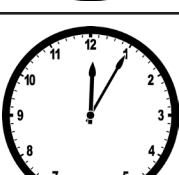
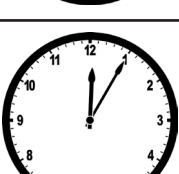
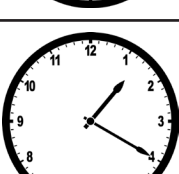
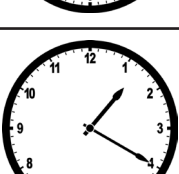
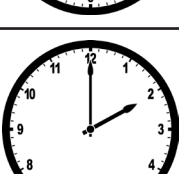
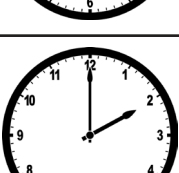
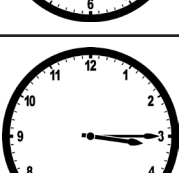
Our school motto, "Plus Ultra" (Aim High), focuses staff and students on the expectation to help them achieve their personal best in everything they do.

**Respect   Responsibility   Relationships   Resilience   Realising Potential**

# Daily Timetable

All students are expected to be at school by 8:30 am and ready to start the first period at 8:40 am.

At the end of interval and lunchtime, students need to go to class as soon as the bell has rung.

<b>Period 1</b>		8:40am to 9:55am	
<b>Small Groups</b>		9:55am to 10:15am	
<b>Interval</b>		10:15am to 10:40am	
<b>Period 2</b>		10:40am to 11:55am	
<b>Break</b>		11:55am to 12:05pm	
<b>Period 3</b>		12:05pm to 1:20pm	
<b>Lunch</b>		1:20pm to 2:00pm	
<b>Period 4</b>		2:00pm to 3:15pm	



# Student Leaders for 2020

## Student Leadership Team

### Head Students



Maia Rahurahu



Navjot Singh

### Arts Leaders

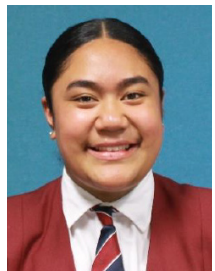


Skylah Scothern



Lisa Norris

### Cultural Leaders



Santo Taumata

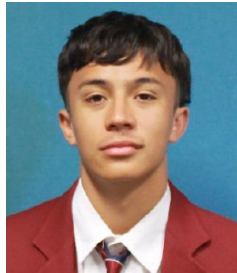


Biritoka Toniki

### Sports Leaders



Ella Kasper



PJ Reihana-Taratoa

### Student Trustee



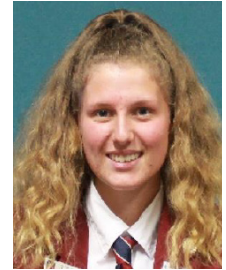
Te Mote Marsh

## House Captains

### Blake



Sam Freeman



Ella Orton

### Hillary



Mereheni Atkins



Sam Tomaszzyk

### Morihana



Hunter Manley



Ethan Ramsey

### Ngata



Aneiah Schuler



Jed Melton

### Sheppard



Tavia Barnes



Eliah Magnus

# Lockers for Students

Student Lockers have been extremely popular this year to hire from the school.

The lockers are situated next to The Student Learning Centre and outside the PODS.

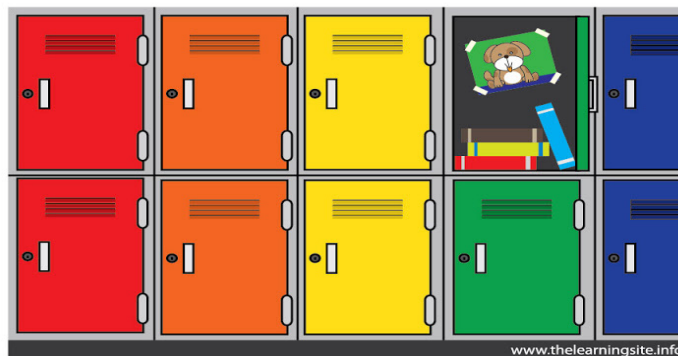
They are monitored by video surveillance at all times.

- \$40 for small lockers, suitable for books and the like only.
- \$55 for medium lockers, suitable for books and bags.
- \$70 for large lockers, suitable for books, bags and sports gear - all sold.

A \$30 key bond applies to all lockers that are hired.

The \$30 bond will be returned when the key is handed in at the end of the year.

If your son/daughter is interested in hiring a locker this year please see Reception.



# **Lip Synch Wednesday 25 March 2020 and Thursday 26 March 2020 Postponed**

**With consideration of the current situation regarding COVID-19, we have decided to postpone the Te Puke High School Lip Sync competition that was due to take place on Wednesday 25 March 2020 and Thursday 26 March 2020.**

**Lip Synch is a major part of our Arts calendar.**

**We are currently looking at alternative dates.**

**Thank you for your understanding.**

The ever-popular Lip Synch Challenge 2020 which was going to rock the Te Puke High School stage on the 25 March and 26 March 2020 is now postponed.

A cast of motivated, enthusiastic and talented Te Puke High School students are rehearsing and honing their acts and this year's group have come up with new ways of re-interpreting songs through lip synch.

The programme will be dynamic and crowd pleasing, innovative and original, and even interactive.

So you will smile, laugh, applaud, and be surprised as you enjoy this high quality entertainment. But is also a competition and the audience will be able to support and judge their favourite acts.

On Wednesday 25 March 2020 every member of the audience will receive a "People's Choice" voting form and these will be collected on the night and counted the next day.

The three guest judges will be judging the Thursday 26 of March performance (same show both nights) and the Judges' and People's Choice prizes will be presented that night.

The strictly limited number of tickets will be sold through the Te Puke High School office from this week.

At \$4 a ticket, this is about the best value for money family entertainment on offer.

Do not miss out on this very special night.

Support and be proud of our Te Puke High School students, come along and admire their artistic talents at the Te Puke High School Lip Synch Challenge 2020.



# Important Information

## Attendance

All students of Te Puke High School are expected to attend school every day to achieve their personal best. Te Puke High School considers all forms of absence without legitimate explanation to be unjustified and is required by law to follow up on unjustified absences.

Parents/caregivers are expected to contact the school if their child is away from school. Parents/caregivers may ring the school office on (07) 573 97 69 or send in an email to register an absence. Students must always bring a note from their parents/caregivers the day they return to school. The Attendance Officer, Small Group Leaders and Heads of House will follow up attendance matters.

## Sickness and Emergencies

Te Puke High School has a well maintained Health Centre with trained staff, including:

- Office staff who are trained in First Aid
- The Student Health Co-ordinator who is available most days of the week
- A doctor who attends for a two-hour session each week.

This is a confidential, free service for students. All students who are sick or injured while at school must report to the student office.

## Harassment

Te Puke High School does not tolerate any form of harassment. Any concerns of harassment are taken seriously. If any student is harassed, they should seek help immediately from a designated senior student or a staff member. Parents/caregivers should contact their child's Small Group Leader, Subject Teacher or Head of House if they have any concerns.

## Concerns and Complaints

Te Puke High School takes concerns and complaints about students and staff seriously. If a student or parent/caregiver has a concern or complaint, they should contact their child's Small Group Leader, Subject Teacher or Head of House.

## Leaving School Grounds

All students of Te Puke High School are expected to remain at school all day, every day, unless they are on official school business. Te Puke High School discourages any other reasons for leaving school at any time throughout the day. If a parent/caregiver requires their child's learning to be interrupted through leaving the school grounds for legitimate reasons, the student must present their written note to the reception staff prior to leaving the school grounds. When the student returns to school from their appointment they are required to sign in at the reception. For legal reasons, the written note from the parent/caregiver must be signed and dated. Students are not permitted to leave the school grounds at lunchtime.

## Personal Electronic Devices

Students who bring electronic devices such as mobile phones, cameras, MP3 players, iPods etc to school, do so at their own risk. The school takes no responsibility for loss, damage or theft of these electronic devices. Staff will confiscate these items if they are visible during class time or used irresponsibly during the day.

## Personal Property

The school will not accept responsibility for the loss of money or valuable articles that are brought to school. All personal property should be clearly and permanently marked with the student's name.

## Transport to and from School

Te Puke High School encourages all students who are eligible for free transport to travel to and from school by bus.

Students wishing to drive a vehicle to school, or to transport other students, must abide by all road rules at all times.

## Student ID Cards

Te Puke High School students are able to purchase a Student ID card for \$ 5.00.



This is used at school for:

- Issuing library books
- Issuing sports gear
- Issuing netbook laptops
- Printing and photocopying
- Entry to social events.

## Te Puke High School Health Nurse

My name is Natasha Harris (Tarsh) and I have been the schools health nurse for the past 6 and a half years.



I am a registered Nurse and employed by the WBOPPHO and they put nurses into all secondary schools.

I have lived in Te Puke for the last 22 years and have loved every minute of it.

I am passionate about health and being able to support others on their health journey.

I am available to see students fulltime with another Nurse, Tricia, being also available every Tuesday and Friday.

Doctor Vanessa Muller is available to see students every Wednesday morning and we are very fortunate to have her.

This service is free to all students.

In addition to this service, an agreement between the Ministry of Health and the Western Bay of Plenty Primary Health Organisation allows all Year 9 students to have a health assessment.

These assessments include a discussion around development, hearing, vision, weight and height, blood pressure, home situation, education, eating, activities, drugs, smoking, sexuality, mood and safety. The goal of our nursing service for all students is to support students' wellbeing through early detection of any health issues, through referral and treatment and ongoing support. The aim of this assessment is positive youth development throughout the school years.

If for any reason you do not wish your Year 9 student to have a Health Assessment please don't hesitate to contact the school or Nurse Tarsh.

If your son/daughter has a health condition and requires support please don't hesitate to send them to me or give me a call and we can chat. Telephone : (07) 5739769 Ext 211.

## Te Puke High School Uniform

Te Puke High School Uniform is available to purchase at Street 2 Surf, Te Puke.

If there are any questions please do not hesitate to contact us at Te Puke High School on (07) 573 7969.

## Music Tuition at Te Puke High School

Students at Te Puke High School have the opportunity to learn a variety of different instruments. These include guitar, drums, keyboard, saxophone, flute, clarinet, trumpet, violin, cello and trombone.

Some students have already taken up the opportunity to enrol for tuition.

If there are students who would like to have tuition, they may see Mr Crump in the Music room.



# **Te Puke High School**

## **Mobile Phone Regulations**

1. Mobile phones **must be switched off and put away** in the student's bag or pocket, before entering the classroom or learning space.
2. Mobile phones **must not be used during class time** unless the teacher requires them to be used for a specific task.
3. Mobile phones and headphones that are **visible** during class time will be **confiscated** by the teacher until the end of the period.
4. Mobile phones that have been **confiscated two times** will be **given to the Senior Leadership Team (SLT)**. The owner of the phone will need to collect it from the SLT office at the end of the day.
5. Mobile phones that have been **confiscated more than two times** will be **given to the SLT**. A parent/caregiver will need to come and collect it.
6. Students who do not follow these regulations will be dealt with by the SLT.

## Career Education Available Online

***Do you want to find out more about  
Careers Education at our school?***

Then visit our Careers section of the Te Puke High School website under the Curriculum tab ([www.tepuke.school.nz](http://www.tepuke.school.nz)).



You will find information on:

- Subject Selection
- The Qualifications Framework
- Our School Careers Programmes
- NCEA Information
- Handy links
- Important dates.

## Sign up for the e-Newsletter

Do you find school newsletters in the bottom of your child's school bag?

To receive the newsletter simply email us at: [tphs@tepuke.school.nz](mailto:tphs@tepuke.school.nz) asking to be included on the distribution list.



## School Contact Details

**Telephone:**  
(07) 573 9769

**Fax:**  
(07) 573 9768

**Email:**  
[tphs@tepuke.school.nz](mailto:tphs@tepuke.school.nz)

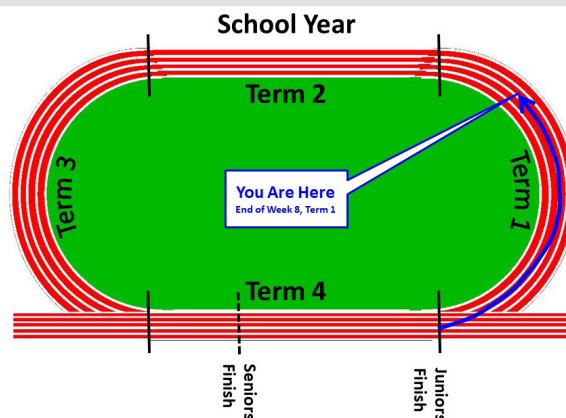
**Website:**  
[www.tphs.nz](http://www.tphs.nz)

**Postal Address:**  
PO Box 344,  
Te Puke 3153

**Office Hours:**  
8.00 am – 3.45 pm Monday – Friday.



## Our School Year



## Coming Events

Thursday 19 March 2020 and  
Friday 20 March 2020  
Polyfest - cancelled

Tuesday 24 March 2020  
Student Executive Mufti Day-postponed

Wednesday 25 March 2020  
Board of Trustees meeting

Wednesday 25 March 2020 and  
Thursday 26 March 2020  
Lip Synch - Postponed

Monday 30 March 2020 to  
Friday 3 April 2020  
Summer Tournament - postponed/  
cancelled

Tuesday 7 April 2020  
Battle of the Houses - cancelled

Wednesday 8 April 2020  
Anzac Assembly - cancelled

Thursday 9 April 2020  
Term 1 finishes

Friday 10 April 2020  
Good Friday and School holidays start

Tuesday 28 April 2020  
Staff Only Day

Wednesday 29 April 2020  
Term 2, 2020 starts

For more information go to  
<http://www.tphs.nz>