

TE KĀRERE - OUR LEARNING MESSAGES

Message from the Principal

A very warm welcome to all students and their whanau! We have had a very positive start to 2021 and we look forward to an exciting year ahead.

Our Te Puke High school strategic goal for the next three years is; "To improve student, staff, whānau, iwi and community engagement." This goal was developed as a result of a strategic planning review at Board of Trustee and Senior Leadership levels. We look forward to strengthening our partnerships with our community to enhance student's learning experiences and outcomes at our school.

If any parent/whanau, caregiver or member of the school community would like to take a greater part in our school life, please send an email to linda.horscroft@tepuke.school.nz

Year 9 Wānanga Day

On Tuesday of this week Year 9 students and their Theme teachers were treated to a day of team-bonding and relationship building. The Wānanga Day was an opportunity for Year 9 Theme classes to participate in a selection of hands-on fun workshops, where the focus was on getting to know each other by working together on fun, creative and cultural activities.

Each Year 9 Theme class rotated around a series of four workshops throughout the day. Ms Peina and senior students ran a fantastic session on Culture, where students were challenged to consider different cultural perspectives and events and share about their own cultural experiences.

Patuara Biel and senior students led an inspiring Mau Rakau workshop. Students and teachers began to learn the traditional Māori martial art form which required huge discipline and focus. Whaea Shannon and Theme teachers led a beautification project where students created a painted or collaged tile to hang in their Theme learning space.

The final session was a fun problem solving activity where students were asked to build a really tall tower out of ice-cream sticks, bulldog clips, weights and paper.

Feedback from Year 9 students has been fantastic. A huge thanks to our Theme Team Leaders, Mrs Davids, Ms Buchanan, Mr Adams, Whaea Tayla, as well those other teachers and facilitators who helped out, including Mrs Peina, Patuara Biel, Whaea Shannon, Whaea Debs, Mr Ball and senior students.

