

HE ORANGA NGĀKAU,  
HE HIKINGA WAIRUA  
WHEN IT TOUCHES YOUR HEART,  
IT LIFTS YOUR SPIRIT

EDITION TORU: 2023

## COMING UP:

- \* MAORI, PACIFIC, AND ASIAN LEADERSHIP COUNCILS BADGING CEREMONY - 5 MAY
- \* TPWS CROSS COUNTRY - 10 MAY
- \* PRODUCTION AUDITIONS - 13 MAY
- \* TPWS LIPS'N'G - 24 MAY
- \* PROPOSED STRIKE ACTION: PPTA SECONDARY TEACHERS' STRIKE DAY - ALL STUDENTS - 11 MAY
- \* PROPOSED ROSTERING HOME: YEAR 11 - 4 MAY, YEAR 12 - 9 MAY, YEAR 9 - 16 MAY, YEAR 10 - 17 MAY, YEAR 11 - 25 MAY, YEAR 13 - 30 MAY, YEAR 12 - 1 JUNE, YEAR 10 - 6 JUNE, YEAR 9 - 8 JUNE

## TE KARERE: OUR LEARNING MESSAGES:

## Kapa Haka Noho Marae



To kick Term 2 off our school kapa haka roopu, Nga Mahanga Huia, had a noho together at Whareroa marae from the 26th to the 28th of April. The overarching kaupapa was whanaungatanga, team building and kotahitanga. Straight after powhiri everyone was briefed with the safety protocol before heading out on the water to paddle the waka. To the beat of commands and working as one to keep the waka moving, the roopu paddled up and down the harbour in front of the marae. Day 2 consisted of gearing up into a kapa haka uniform to have portraits taken. The roopu was then split into delegated groups to all form ideas to choreograph a contemporary dance. This was set to heavy metal music that used rakau, poi or patu and was performed in the evening. On the last day of noho everyone learned the first seven moves of pakiaka, mau rakau movements and ended the noho with a whole kapahaka roopu dance. Everyone pitched in the do a big clean of the marae inside and out, from mopped floors to clean toilets, all was left just as clean as it was found. The bus was packed and made the trip back to kura.

Written by Kiritiana Takuirā-Mita

## Students of the Week



Jye Ngatama.

Nominated by Whaea Polly, Jye Ngatama is always helpful, polite and enthusiastic in Ngā Puna. He often shows support and care for others and this has not gone unnoticed by teachers and students. Whakamihī Jye!



Alyssa Pointon.

Nominated by Whaea Amanda, Alyssa Pointon is a great example of someone who consistently demonstrates our 5 core values; respect, relationships, realising potential, responsibility and resilience. She is new to TPWS this year and we are so glad to welcome her into our kura. Congratulations Alyssa!

## Kahui Ako o Te Puke Update

Te Puke High School is part of a community of schools that includes all of our local town and country schools in the Te Puke region. Our Kahui Ako has three goals that we are collaboratively working on:

1. Te Mara-a-Takiwā - Developing our Localised Curriculum
2. Te Ara Ākonga - Strengthening our Learner Pathway
3. Te Ara Hapai - Strengthening our Learning Support

Thank you to those whānau who completed the recent Kahui Ako surveys. Your feedback is hugely appreciated and we will share an overview of the findings with you later this term.

This evidence contributes to our strategic planning at Board and Senior leadership level, Learning Area level, and student body level.



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## Battle of the Houses Rocks!



Ngata, Sheppard, Blake, Hillary, Morihana. These 5 houses went head to head on Friday the 24th of March. The results were: Ngata landed in first with 716 points, followed by Sheppard in second with 693 points, Hillary in third with 671 points, Blake in fourth with 647 points, and Morihana was 5th with 614 points.

Most students participated in the 11 events throughout the day. Dressed up in their house colours, they engaged in wet and dry activities trying to lead their house to victory. The events were muddy, dry, wet, and hot. Those who participated said they mostly enjoyed all of the activities. I asked three students and they said that their highlights of the day were running under the water from the fire hose, doing the Horizontal Bungee, and the Chant Off. The Chant Off, held at the end of the day was impressive. All the students and teachers huddled together and sang at the top of their lungs to try and win their house the first-place position. Morihana came first with an epic performance, followed by Ngata, Sheppard, Blake, and Hillary. All-in-all, it was a great day!

Written by Olivia Penniall

Photos by Saphire Moeke

## Lest We Forget

Te Puke High School's ANZAC Assemblies are student-led and well-organised. Our Student Leaders decide how they want to honour the occasion and put together the plans with support from staff.

ANZAC Ceremonies have been happening at Te Puke High School since 1955. They have been a regular feature on the calendar and have taken a variety of shapes. We have hosted returned service personnel from the RSA for a number of years and had them as guest speakers. We are also fortunate to have had staff who have shared their own experiences with the Armed Forces with recent speeches from Mike Jackson and Alan Hacker. We have had past pupils such as Captain Stephen Fisher and Lieutenant Sam Leach talking about what it meant to them, being in the NZ Army. Alongside speeches, we remember the fallen by reading through the school's Roll of Honour Board and placing white crosses in the memorial garden. Students have, in the past read tributes and poems, performed anti-war Lip Synch performances, and shown video clips to remind others of the sacrifices made for us. We always play The Last Post, lower and raise the flag and recite The Ode To The Fallen Soldier. This year our school performed a stirring haka to the visiting dignitaries as they left the auditorium and we also sang the waiata 'Ko Otawa te maunga' as recognition to the iwi on whose whenua/land our school sits.

From our ANZAC Assemblies, our Head Boy and Girl are given the honour of being invited to share their tributes also at the Te Puke community ceremony. Many people leave this memorial encouraged and inspired by the words of young people and our future leaders.

Our school respects this important national day of Remembrance and we remain thankful for the freedom we enjoy today.

Written by Whaea Rachel Ryan