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TE KARERE: OUR LEARNING MESSAGES:

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori

The theme for Te Wiki o te Reo for 2023 is Kia Kaha Te Reo Māori – making the language stronger. The campaign is an essential piece of the puzzle to achieving the goal of 1 million speakers of te reo Māori in 2040.

Due to seniors having School Exams this week, TPHS will run their Te Wiki o Te Reo from September 18-22. A week of fun-filled reo activities are planned.



Students Of The Week



Fati Poe

Whaea Susan has nominated Fati for **all-around** excellence in learning.



Hunter Sutherland

Whaea Susan has nominated Hunter as Student Of The Week for his amazing work on his static image.



Peni Ailoa

Whaea Amanda has nominated Peni for continued resilience in Maths.



Riley Slattery

Whaea Josephine has nominated Riley for his motivation and perseverance in Art.

Te Hurihanganui Student Leaders Wow Deputy Principals

Te Hurihanganui ākonga leadership group's vision is "To grow our confidence and capability to lead others. We will have a strong voice for change in our kura, in order to fight racism and make school experiences better for all of our ākonga Māori".

This roopu has been meeting regularly at lunchtimes, over the past three years. They have been impacted by learning the local history and effects of colonisation in Te Puke and throughout Aotearoa as a whole. They have led several professional learning sessions with our Te Puke High School staff which has raised awareness of the systemic racism that has occurred in the community and education sector.

This year they were invited to facilitate a workshop at the National Assistant and Deputy Principal's conference in Wellington. The workshop was entitled "Rangitahi, Racism and Resilience". Five Year 13 rangatahi led and facilitated with pride and engaged with these educators while creating a safe space for them to dig deep and challenge current systems and practices that are contributing towards inequity for their Māori ākonga. Year 11 and 12 ākonga were present to tautoko the Year 13s.

The rangatahi represented their whānau, iwi and kura with pride. Feedback after the workshop was exceptional and the roopū have heard from several schools who have already made changes to their systems to enable their Māori ākonga to begin leading change in their kura.

Rangatahi who attended the conference were: Evie Gibney, Louie Te Hiini, Kiritiana Takuira-Mita, Teri-Ann Barker, Isaiah Jepsen, Matiaha McNeill, Judy Peters, Tempesti Cassin, Bella Ngawhika, Violet Chamberlain (absent Kingston Waipouri).



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Can Drive

Wednesday September 6th was a day most students look forward to: Casual Clothes Day, an opportunity to wear home clothes and support a good cause by donating a can to those in need. This year the can drive was in support of Empowerment Te Puke and involved collecting non-perishable food items in every Ngā Puna. The House with the most items will receive the most points!

High School Musical - A Hit!

The Te Puke High School's 'High School Musical. On Stage!' production was held from the 22nd to the 26th of August, 2023. Over 50 students and staff worked incredibly hard to bring the well-known movie to life. As a back-stage worker watching on the side of the stage each night, I can honestly say the cast did an amazing job! Their dancing was outstanding, thanks to the choreography and tuition of Miss Jennifer Cram. Their singing was also phenomenal, thanks to the guidance of Ms Carol Power. The show was directed by Tauranga's Toni Henderson. Toni managed to do her magic with our students, bringing the quirky characters to life. Every night was a great turnout from members of the school and community who thoroughly enjoyed the event.

A special evening was put together for the Gala Night, whereby our school hall was transformed into a beautiful dining experience. Tables of 6 to 8 enjoyed delicious gourmet treats from Lisa's Catering Company, starting with chips and juice and then progressing to hot tasty savouries. I highly recommend going vegetarian - you get a plate to yourself! Served by a polite well groomed group of Production stage hands and other cool kids, even the indomitable Whaea Shannon Armstrong had a spell serving the audience. A wonderful inclusive evening enjoyed by all. - By Olivia Penniall.

