

Pānui o te wiki

PUKEKOHE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Term 2 Week 4, 2022



Principal's Message

Tēnā koutou katoa, Kia orana, Talofa lava, Faka alofa lahiatu, Malo elelei, Namaste, Aslam Alaykom, Bula vinaka, Ni hao.

Under our current traffic light setting, staff have appreciated the ability to provide more opportunities for our students. The school is a busy and vibrant place, with our students actively involved in a variety of activities.

We would like to provide opportunities for our parents and whānau to involve themselves in our school community. This week our newsletter will focus on the current opportunities offered.

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

The school PTA has been supporting the students and school for many years.

The PTA has two key roles:

- Organise and promote opportunities to get involved as a member of the Pukekohe Intermediate School community.
- Fundraise to provide additional resources, equipment and educational opportunities.

If you would like to join our school PTA, please email: pta@pukekoheint.school.nz

The first PTA meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday 14th June at 7pm in the school staffroom.

Māori Hui/ Pasifika Fono

Parents and whānau of our Māori and Pasifika students are invited to a hui/ fono on Thursday 2 June. This is an opportunity to share your voice regarding educational opportunities and help our school to make positive changes.

If you have not received a letter and would like to attend please contact the school.

Volunteers

Parent helpers are always appreciated and subject to Police Vetting.

If you would like to volunteer your time at our school please contact the school.

Rebekah Pearson
Principal

William Pike Challenge- Wero Experience

The weather couldn't stop our William Pike Challenge group! They had a fantastic day last Thursday developing their courage, teamwork, resilience, compassion, pride and communication skills whilst participating in a variety of team bonding activities and rafting experiences at Vector Wero Whitewater Park in Manukau.

The students involved were asked to share their thoughts about the challenge.

Sarah said *"I showed courage by doing the river crossing. I was very nervous when I was told we had to cross the stream but it ended up being my favourite thing we did there."*

Wiley said *"I developed my teamwork skills because we worked as a team to paddle in the water and get through the challenges."*

Chaise said *"I showed resilience by keeping going when it was getting hard to paddle."*



School HEART Values



The meaning behind our school HEART Values visuals.

All values are visually represented inside leaves, this is connected to the leaves of the kohekohe tree which Pukekohe is named after. Puke = hill, kohe = kohekohe tree

The name is an abbreviation of "Puke kohekohe" which means "Hill of the kohekohe".

Kia pono/ Honesty - check/tick marks in the centre represent ensuring what we say and do is true and correct.

Kia Manaaki/ Empathy - the spirals come together to create a heart shape to represent caring and empathy.

Kia āhei/ Aim High - The steps inside the leaf represent the stepped pattern of tukutuku panels and woven mats - symbolising the various levels of learning and achievement.

Ka Rangatira/ Respect - The koru inside the leaf represents a journey of growth to become respected by and respecting of others.

Kia kōtahi/ Teamwork - The shapes within the leaf represent people inside a waka, they must work together in order to move forward as a group.

The HEART Value focus this week is **Kia Manaaki- Empathy**.

Our classroom lessons will be supported by a text called ELMER by David McKee. Elmer is an extraordinary elephant who teaches us about differences and similarities in others and to be proud of them in ourselves through inclusivity and friendship.



ENVIRO Leaders - Vegetable Garden

This year, our ENVIRO Leaders would like to add a vegetable garden. Our focus will be on seasonal vegetables, planted in raised planters between the Hillary and Batten learning communities.

The garden will be a source of healthy produce, used for our Breakfast Club and for the Food Technology classes at Hub. If whanau can volunteer any resources or skills for their forthcoming project.

Please send Whaea Steph an email at s_baldwin@pukekoheint.school.nz

Barista Club

Well done to our Barista Club who hosted their first "Hot Choc 'n Bake Sale". Our students baked, iced, poured and sold delicious goodies on Pink Shirt Day. Our barista's thanked their major sponsor Campbell Tyson Chartered Accountants by making director Lincoln Sharp a silky, smooth flat white.



What's on next week?

Week 5

(Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June)

Samoa Language Week
Fa'aaau le Folauga i le Va'a o Tautai

Tuesday

Boys' Rugby (Bruce Pulman)
Minecraft Club Group 1 (lunch time)

Wednesday

AIMS Fundraiser Social @ Franklin Baptist Church (7:00pm)

Thursday

Minecraft Club Group 2 (lunch time)
Māori Hui/ Pasifika Fono (6:00pm)

Friday

AIMS Mufti Fundraiser



Digital Technology

This week, students learned about Rube Goldberg Machines and their relationship to programming and coding.

Students used their real life experiences and linked key vocabulary in order to learn abstract programming concepts and processes.

Visit our [Digital Technology website](#) to view our learning. This site is updated each week.