

Pānui o te wiki

PUKEKOHE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Term 1 Week 7, 2024



Principal's Message

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

Year 8 camp

This week our Year 8 students attended camp at Totara Park Christian Camp in Matamata on Monday through to Wednesday.

This was the first time in years that all our Year 8 campers went on camp together; and it was a fantastic experience for our students to learn whilst outdoors experiencing nature.

A special thank you to our school whānau who joined our staff and Year 8 students at camp this year.

The whānau support we received for this special school event is greatly appreciated. Your donation of food, time, transport, group leadership and skills have ensured this was a successful time for all involved.

A tremendous amount of time and energy went into planning for this week.

A special thank you to all staff involved with this event, both at camp and back at school with our non-campers.

I want to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of Nicola Gibson and Stacey Hurunui for your detailed organisation and communication with staff, students and whānau.

I was lucky to enjoy a brief period of time at camp and to hear some of the stories from students and staff who thoroughly enjoyed their camp experience. I'm sure they will remember this time fondly for years to come. All photos will be uploaded to the school Facebook page.

Year 7 Assembly

On Wednesday afternoon we held a Year 7 assembly to ensure our students understand our shared HEART expectations across all areas of our school. Whaea Leah spoke about the importance of attending school on a regular basis and being on time for the start of the school day.

We also asked our students to check the lost property we have a large number of unnamed uniform items.

Ramadan

Ramadan, the Islamic holy month, will be observed from 13 March to 13 April. This is a month of sacrifice, fasting, prayers and reflection and is the holiest period for Muslims, who will fast from sunrise to sunset until the next sighting of the crescent moon, signifying the holy festival Eid ul Fitr.

This year Noha Salama spoke with our students about Ramadan and reminded them to conserve energy, and have adequate sleep when they are fasting. Noha also supported a group of students to decorate our two reception desks in the management centre and the student centre with paper lanterns and banners to acknowledge this special time in the Muslim calendar.



HEART LC Winners

Congratulations to the following students who received a HEART Values award for their learning community in week 6.

Batten - Tyler Bretz-Malcolm

Lomu - Finn McCann

Ngata - Malika Easow

Rutherford - Angus Munro

Sheppard - Riley Crane

Te Puaea - Oliver Coombs

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What's on next week?

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Year 8 Maths Extension

The Year 8 Maths Extension programmes has started. The students will have weekly sessions with our Maths Curriculum Leader, Whaea Lorraine.

There is a focus on problem-solving and exposure to rich tasks for students where multiple strategies are required to find a solution.

Students will also be taking part in the Otago Maths Problem-Solving Competition.

-Lorraine Devaney
Lead Mathematics Teacher

Multicultural Festival

Over the past few weeks, our school's Kapa Haka Roopu and Pasifika Performance groups have been busy preparing for the Franklin Multicultural Festival during lunch breaks, on Fridays, and after school.

We are excited to see our groups perform this weekend. Check out the details below to come and show your support:

Date: Saturday 16th March

Venue: Pukekohe Indian Hall
59 Ward Street.

Times: 2:15pm Kapa Haka Roopu
3:00pm Pasifika

ENVIRO Challenge

Our caretakers, Matua Ken, Matua Kevin and Whaea Kirsty select our ENVIRO challenge winners each week.

This week I am pleased to say that our students have shown great effort to make improvements to recycling and power savings, which is incredibly pleasing to see.

The 5 categories they check each week are:

1. LC Area
2. LC Recycling
3. LC Classroom Rubbish
4. LC Classroom Presentation
5. LC Power Saving and Security

Well done to the week 7 ENVIRO Challenge winners **Ngata** Learning Community.

Term 1 Week 8

(Monday 18th March- Friday 22nd March)

Monday

Lomu Hub AM
Batten Hub PM
R1 parent/teacher interviews 3.10-7.30pm

Tuesday

Ngata Hub AM
Batten Hub PM
R1 parent/teacher interviews 3.10-4.30pm

Wednesday

Outside schools Hub
- Buckland
- Kingsgate
Polyfest
Haramura exchange students arrive

Thursday

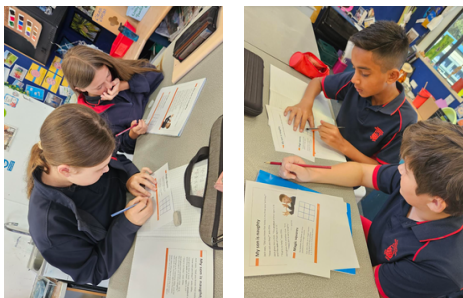
Rutherford Hub AM
Sheppard Hub PM

Friday

P1-2 Kapahaka
P3-4 Choir
P5-6 Pasifika

Saturday 16 March

Puni School MultiCultural Festival
Pukekohe Indian Hall



Franklin Attendance - Free Community Giveback Event

Our Franklin Attendance Service (FAS) will hold a Free Community Giveback Day at Pukekohe North School On Sunday 24th March from 12pm - 4pm.

This event aims to support our community and remove any barriers to attendance. We will provide a buffet-style lunch, free clothing, food parcels, and new household items. Please refer to the attached leaflet on the following page and share it with your whānau. We are excited to see our community come together to support this event.



2025 Prospectus

Our 2025 school prospectus will be delivered to our contributing schools from the beginning of Term 2. Please complete and return all forms to the school to ensure your child's enrolment.



OPEN INVITATION **FREE PUKEKOHE GIVE BACK EVENT**

Dear Whānau,
This is a community event
All are welcome!

This community event is supported by:

- Franklin Attendance Service (FAS)
- Pukekohe Kāhui Ako

Pukekohe
North School

SUNDAY
24 MARCH, 2024

12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Car parking on surrounding
streets

This day has also been sponsored by a wonderful
benefactor who would like to remain anonymous.

- Come and enjoy a hot lunch with our community

Bring your appetite, Whānau!!
We look forward to seeing you there

Cellphones away for the day



International research indicates some key challenges with cellphones at school such as being a major distraction for our students.

These rules are designed to ensure that the learning of all students is maximised, while minimising any potential for distraction and cyber-bullying.

Our approach is “away for the day”, meaning the device should be turned off, and handed in to the teacher to be locked away during the school day.

We strongly recommend students do not bring these devices to school with them. If a student does bring their cellphone for emergency contact or health reasons, these must be handed to the teacher to be locked.

It is important to note that if students do make the decision to bring a cellphone to the school grounds, they do so at their own risk. The school is not responsible for any loss or damage caused to any cellphone.

We understand that some parents like their children to have a phone to communicate with them after school, cellphones will be available for students during the afterschool pick up time. If a parent or caregiver needs to contact their child urgently during the day, they should call the front office.

Appropriate usage

There may be times when students will be able to access and use their cellphones. However, this is the exception and will always be monitored by teaching staff.

Health and emergency situations

Students with additional learning needs who use cellphones in class to increase or improve their ability to participate and learn will be granted an exemption.

In matters related to a student's immediate health and safety concerns, a parent or caregiver can apply at any time to the principal for a period of exemption (e.g., medical conditions or protection issues).

Education outside the classroom (EOTC)

All phones are to remain at home or at school in a lockable cupboard when students are involved in a day trip. This will be collected at the conclusion of the trip.

When students are involved with overnight excursions, phones are to remain at home.

Inappropriate usage

If we see a student using a personal digital device inappropriately or without permission during the school day, we confiscate it.

After the student locks the device, we place it in the office to be collected at the end of the day by a parent or guardian.

Breaches of the cellphone rules include (but not limited to):

- phone not stored in a school lockable cupboard
- any sort of bullying, including online bullying
- taking photos or videos of other people without their permission
- forwarding inappropriate messages or content.
- using the device when not permitted

If a student makes the decision to use a cellphone inappropriately, the cellphone will be confiscated and can only be retrieved by a parent or caregiver following a discussion with the teacher.

A parent or guardian must come into the Student centre between 8:00 am and 3:30 pm to collect the phone.

The expectation is that all classroom teachers and staff follow the school's guidelines to ensure student phones are away for the day.

Please note with all exemptions and exceptions appropriate usage guidelines and other relevant school rules still apply.

Community Notices



Franklin Schools' Career Expo

Over 65 tertiary providers and local businesses

- ✓ Explore further study
- ✓ Training options
- ✓ Apprenticeships
- ✓ Work opportunities

A Community Event
All Welcome
Proudly supported by
Franklin Local Board
Auckland Council

Find us on **facebook** > @franklinschoolscareerexpo

PIA Events Centre
Ward Street, Pukekohe
Thursday 21st March, 2024
5:30pm - 7:30pm

Fashion Sister POP-UP

Wear, Share, Care

Date: Saturday, 16th March
Time: 12am - 3pm
Location: Tuakau Cosmopolitan Club, 16 Carr Street, Tuakau
Payment: Cash and bank transfer

This is a Gattung Foundation Pop Up

- Women's clothing
- NZ and international brands
- New and pre-loved

This is NOT a garage sale. It is a range of carefully chosen women's clothing offered for sale to support our charitable purposes.

<https://www.facebook.com/FashionSisterGattungFoundation>

Gattung Foundation Supporting women and girls
www.gattungfoundation.nz

HALF MARATHON

2024

The CAPE EGMONT

Run - Walk - Team Events
14th July - 8am
Oxford Road Okato Taranaki
Virtual event July 1 to July 31

ENTRIES OPEN NOW www.capeegmonthalf.com

