

Pānui o te wiki

PUKEKOHE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Term 1 Week 8, 2024



Principal's Message

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

We have had a very busy week at our school, with students actively participating in a range of activities and initiatives that support their academic progress and personal development.

Many of our students have proudly represented the school in cultural events and sports, showcasing their HEART values. Keep up the excellent work, everyone!

For our students to have a full experience at our school, it is crucial that they attend regularly and on time.

Our senior management team will be waiting at the gate in the morning for those students who arrive to school late.

We hope to make significant improvements over the remainder of the term with students' punctuality to school. Please contact the school if your whānau require support.

Haramura Cultural Exchange

This Wednesday, we had the pleasure of welcoming a group of staff and students from Haramura Junior High, our sister school in Japan.

It was great seeing Yasu, their tour guide again and catching up with the students, staff, and the Council Agricultural Minister, who hosted our school during our visit to Japan last year.

On Thursday, we held a pōwhiri to formally welcome our guests.

We have a busy week ahead of us, with various activities planned for our Japanese visitors and an opportunity for our students to learn calligraphy and origami from our guests.

The group will also have the opportunity to explore some of our tourist destinations in the wider Auckland area.

Thank you to our students and their whānau who are hosting a student.

We are committed to providing a memorable experience and sincerely appreciate your support.

Franklin Multicultural Festival

Last Saturday, our students involved with Kapa Haka and Pasifika groups did our school proud performing in the Annual Franklin MultiCultural Festival.

A special thank you to their tutors, Huni Strickland, Tracy Gayner, Elu Schuster and our staff, Matua Antonio and Whaea Grace for the many rehearsals that took place leading up to this event.

Thanks to all members of our school community who were able to attend this event. Your support is always greatly appreciated.



HEART LC Winners

Congratulations to the following students who received a HEART Values award for their learning community in week 7.

Batten - Amelia Leha
Lomu - Sioeli Latu
Ngata - Henry Visagie
Rutherford - Seren Bull
Sheppard - Griffin McQueen
Te Paea - Oliver Coombs

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What's on next week?

Polyfest

A group of students attended the ASB Polyfest 2024 at the Manukau Sports Bowl on Wednesday as part of their school program. Our students watched performances at the Pasifika Nations, Māori, and Diversity Stage during the event. They also participated in various fun activities and sampled a range of delicious foods. Overall, it was a fantastic day and a great experience for our students.

-Grace Hare
Lead Pasifika Teacher

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.



Individual Education Plan (IEP)

Meetings

Over the past few weeks, our school has conducted Individual Education Plan (IEP) meetings for whānau of children with additional learning requirements.

These meetings provide an opportunity for parents, teachers, and students to work together and develop an action plan to support learning at our school.

We would like to express our gratitude to those who were able to attend.

If you were unable to attend and wish to contribute to your child's learning plan, please contact their classroom teacher to arrange a meeting.

Counties Manukau Zone TAG

On Wednesday the boys and girls open TAG team travelled to Bruce Pulman Park to compete in the Counties Manukau Zone TAG competition.

They both played 4 games in their pool play, the boys lost 1 game out of 4 and ended up playing off for 1st and 2nd place against Manurewa.

Coming away with 2nd place.

The girls who were still learning the craft of the game, didn't manage to win any games but got better as the day progressed.

-Ann-Maree
Sports Coordinator

Term 1 Week 9

(Monday 25th March- Friday 29th March)

Monday

Batten Hub AM
Lomu Hub PM

Tuesday

Te Puea Hub AM
Ngata Hub PM

Wednesday

Outside schools Hub
- North

Thursday

Sheppard Hub AM
Rutherford Hub PM
Haramura farewell

Friday

Good Friday - school closed

ENVIRO Challenge

Our caretakers, Matua Ken, Matua Kevin, and Whaea Kirsty, have reviewed and updated their selection process to recognise the successes of our students, who have been doing an excellent job of looking after their respective LCs. From now on, they will share the points assigned to three areas - LC area, recycling, and a bonus point. It's great to see everyone making improvements in our recycling efforts.

LC	LC Area	Recycling	Bonus Points e.g. power savings and helping other LCs
Batten		2	
Lomu		3	
Ngata	1	3	1
Rutherford		3	
Sheppard		4	
Te Puea		2	

Well done to our winners Ngata Learning Community.

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



Everyone entering New Zealand needs to complete a New Zealand Traveller Declaration.

Scan the QR code to:

Complete your declaration online, or download the NZTD app (you can complete your declaration while you are offline).

For more information go to TravellerDeclaration.govt.nz



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Saturday 6th
Franklin Arts Centre, Pukekohe
Free kids Uke workshop 1:30pm Bookings essential
Big Family show 3:00pm

with funding support
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Franklin Arts Centre

Ticket Information

- 🎫 Nukes Childrens Workshop : \$0.00 each (\$0.00)
- 🎫 Nukes Big Family Kids Show : \$11.28 each (\$11.00 + \$0.28 fees)

[Buy Tickets](#)

Dates

- 📅 Sat 6 Apr 2024, 1:30pm–2:30pm
- 📅 Sat 6 Apr 2024, 3:00pm–4:00pm

Restrictions

👤 All Ages

Phone Sales

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