

Pānui o te wiki

PUKEKOHE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Term 4 Week 2, 2025



Principal's Messages

On Tuesday evening, we welcomed our new Board members, Emily Gao and Anthony Appleton-Tattersall, at an induction evening ahead of our first official meeting on Tuesday, 28 October. At this meeting, the Board will elect the Presiding Member, form committees for Finance, Personnel, and Property, and consider co-opting members to strengthen our collective skillset. We look forward to sharing updates with our school community following the meeting.

Year 7 Assembly

During this week's Year 7 Assembly, students were acknowledged for their outstanding achievements in the Kiwi Assessments (Merit and Excellence), their participation in Franklin Mathex, and recipients of a Hub Certificate of Excellence. Year 8 students Rona and Rosa also shared their experiences from our recent Cultural Exchange to Japan.

William Pike Challenge

The William Pike Challenge groups completed their final challenge which was a night time kayak at Lake Karapiro in Cambridge. Both groups had a fantastic time kayaking up a tributary, having a campfire with s'mores and then floating back down stream in the dark. We saw thousands of glowworms which was a surreal experience! Thank you to all of the parents who were able to support us with this trip.

-Whaea Amanda, Lomu LC Leader



HEART Value Winners

Congratulations to our LC HEART Values winners! 🎉

Batten - Peter Lekasa

Hillary - Vivienne Patel

Lomu - Riona Stafford

Rutherford - Ayla Berry

Sheppard - Kassidy Temara

Te Paea - Markus Groenewald

Our PB4L lesson this week is:
How we move around the school (Ka Rangatira)
Be aware of yourself in your surroundings.

Be mindful when moving around our school.

Franklin Attendance Service (FAS)

Congratulations to the Franklin Attendance Service (FAS) for securing the Ministry of Education Attendance Contract for Pukekohe and Waiuku from 2026. Their focus will be on re-engaging non-enrolled students and supporting their successful return to education.



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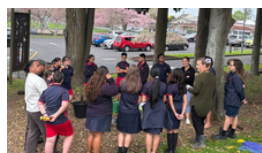


Briannah Strikes Gold in Tokyo

Congratulations to Briannah Douglas, who competed at the 2025 Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu World Championships in Tokyo, Japan, alongside over 6,900 competitors from around the world.

Briannah won Gold in both the Gi and No-Gi divisions, stepping up from last year's Silver Medals. She also holds the Oceania Championship Golds for her division and is the Top Overall Youth Fighter in New Zealand.

An incredible achievement — ka rawe, Briannah



Student Leaders' Legacy Planting

Last week, our student leadership teams took part in a special Legacy Planting as part of our Enviroschools journey. Each team planted a native raakau within our school's Native Tree Trail — a living symbol of the legacy they wish to leave for future leaders. Every raakau was paired with a guiding word chosen by each group: Pasifika – tupuanga (growth), Art – collaboration, Heart – unity, Kaitiaki – kaitiakitanga, Digital – progression, Maaori – rererunga (legacy), Sport – sportsmanship, LC Leaders – mana. May these raakau grow strong and steady, just as our future leaders will continue to do. Whaea Erin

Open Day

This term, our doors will open to welcome Year 6 students for an action-packed half-day visit. It's the perfect chance for future students to explore our vibrant school, meet teachers, and experience the energy of Pukekohe Intermediate.

Only enrolled students can take part in this exciting opportunity. If your child is yet to enrol, please contact our school.

Students from our contributing schools will attend with their current school Y6 class. Students from non-contributing schools will be contacted closer to time letting them know which date they will attend.



Pukekohe High School Enrolment

Friendly Reminder - Staff from Pukekohe High School will be available in our Board Room on Wednesday afternoons for the next two weeks, from 2:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Or alternatively, click on the [link](#) to enrol online.

They are here to assist with Year 9 enrolments. If you have any questions or would like support with the enrolment process, please feel free to stop by during these times.

What's on next week?

Term 4 Week 3

(Monday 20th - Friday 24th October)

Niuean Language Week

Monday

- Batten HUB (AM)
- Sheppard HUB (PM)

Tuesday

- Lomu HUB (AM)
- Hillary HUB (PM)

Wednesday

Outside School HUB

- Buckland School
- Kingsgate School

Year 7 Assembly

Thursday

TEACHER STRIKE - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

Friday

- Te Puea HUB (AM)
- Rutherford HUB (PM)

Last day of the year

Our final day for 2025 will be Friday, 12 December.

Please note that school will finish early at 12:30 p.m. on this day.

ENVIRO Challenge

Thank you all for your ongoing commitment to protecting our environment. Well done to **Batten**, **Lomu** and **Sheppard** for your outstanding efforts this week!

Learning Community	Recycling	LC Area	Bonus
Batten	3	1	1
Hillary	4		
Lomu	3	1	1
Parkside	1		
Rutherford	1		
Sheppard	4	1	
Te Puea	3	1	

Teaching and Learning

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English

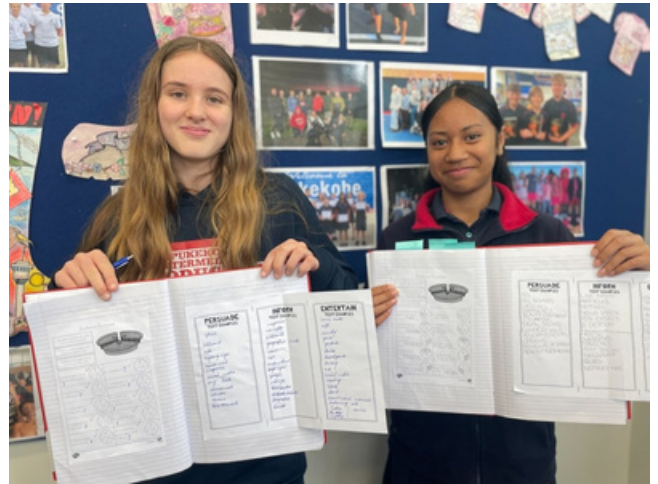
The 7 and 8 English Curriculum requires students to develop critical literacy skills. This term our students across every classroom are learning how to identify in any text what the author's intended purpose is for the text they have written or read.

Identifying the writer's purpose and point of view.

It is important for readers to identify that behind every text is a writer with a purpose and a point of view. When reading a rich text teachers this term will be focussed on getting students to:

- Identify what they think the writer's purpose was.
- Discuss who they think the intended audience is?
- Search for specific evidence of the writer's personal thinking and point of view.
- Consider what has been included and what has been excluded?
- Does this text have any possible impact on individuals or groups of people?

This week I spoke with two Y8 students from Room 28 Amber and Janet who clearly had been learning about an author's purpose and it was fabulous to discuss with these students how every text has a purpose.



Student Led Conferences

On Monday this week we had approximately 500 families visit our kura to listen to their child discuss their learning.

Parents were able to hear about what their child has been learning in reading, writing and maths along with te reo, inquiry learning and additionally visit the specialist subjects.

Sharing learning with whanau is an integral part of maturing as an adolescent learner. We value this event on our school calendar.

Thank you to the families who attended supporting your child.



Community Messages



Supporting Our Teachers - Special Programme for Strike Day

As you may know, teachers across New Zealand will be potentially taking strike action on Thursday 23 October 2025 and your school may be closed for the day.

In the event of the strike going ahead, to support local families, KAS will be running Special Day Halloween Programmes at our Pukekohe, Harrisville & Hillpark locations - full of fun Spooky themed games, crafts and activities to keep the kids entertained and happy.

Programme Details

If your child already attends a KAS BSC or ASC session on Thursdays - you will need to book this **additional** session. Your usual Thursday bookings and rates will still apply.

Special Day Session

8.30 am - 3 pm \$20.00 INC GST

Casual bookings

For families not already booked in with KAS either on that day or if you are new to KAS, we have options below to suit:

Full Day (7.30am - 6.00pm) - \$50.00 GST INC

Part Day (8.30am - 3.00pm) - \$40.00 GST INC

PLEASE NOTE: Session timings may vary slightly depending on the KAS location - please confirm when making your booking.

How to Book

1. Go to kidsafterschool.aimplus.com
2. Log in or Register and click "Make a Booking" under your name
3. Select "Special Day", click Next, then click Book to confirm your child's place

If you have any questions or need a hand with booking, please get in touch with us at 09 236 4078 or by email at admin@kidsafterschool.co.nz - we would love to help.

Tickets are now on sale for the Franklin Hospice Christmas Quiz Night. Bring your friends, family, and workmates for a night of fun, laughter, and friendly competition — all while supporting Franklin Hospice!

DATE : Friday 21st November

TIME : Doors open 6.30pm | Quiz starts 7pm

COST : \$30 per person | \$240 for a table of 8

WHERE: Navigation Homes Stadium - Franklin Road, Pukekohe

What's in store?

- A fun general knowledge quiz (with a special Christmas section)
- Auctions and raffles with fantastic prizes
- Cash bar and tasty snacks
- Prize for the best festive outfit – think ugly Christmas sweaters, Santa suits, or reindeer ears!

Whether you're after a unique staff Christmas outing or a great night out with friends, this event has it all.

To Purchase tickets:

Email: karena@franklinhospice.org.nz

Call: 09 238 9376

Come along, join the fun, dress festive, and support compassionate care in our community.

The DREAM HOUSE EDITION

WHĀNAU DAY 2025

COME AND BUILD THE FUTURE OF AOTEAROA IN THE DIGITAL ERA

Discover how you and your whānau can thrive in the fast-growing digital economy

Inspiring speakers sharing real stories of success

Hands-on technology experiences and learning opportunities

Career pathways and education stalls

A vibrant showcase of innovation

Enjoy delicious free kai and performances from South Auckland's finest talent

Prizes and laptop giveaways

SATURDAY 1 NOVEMBER | 9:00AM - 4:00PM
DUE DROP EVENT CENTRE, MANUKAU

FREE community event all whānau welcome

In partnership with:

Brought to you by:

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CRAIG ROSS

HELPING PARENTS & FAMILY NAVIGATE SPORT

PHIL KINGSLEY JONES LOUNGE, COUNTIES MANUKAU RFU
21 STADIUM DRIVE, PUKEKOHE.

JOIN A COACH, PARENT, AND MENTOR FOR AN HONEST AND INSIGHTFUL EVENING TO HELP PARENTS GUIDE THEIR CHILDREN IN SPORT, REGARDLESS OF THE LEVEL.

TWO EVENTS FOR COUNTIES MANUKAU

TUESDAY 21 OCT
7.00 PM-8.30 PM

THURSDAY 23 OCT
7.00 PM-8.30 PM

"YOUR SUPPORT. THEIR GROWTH. A POSITIVE PLACE IN SPORT FOR ALL."

Kia ora parents and caregivers,

A quick reminder about Helping Parents Navigate Sport with Craig Ross — an interactive 1.5-hour session designed to support parents (and grandparents) to better understand their child's sporting world, balance encouragement and performance, and build positive family experiences through sport.

Franklin Local Board

JUNIOR SURF 2026

FOR KIDS AGES 6-13

STARTING SUNDAY 12TH JANUARY 2026 @ KARIOITAHU BEACH 9AM-11AM

- Water Safety
- Surf Skills
- Rescuing Techniques
- First Aid
- Reading the conditions
- lots, lots more

REGISTER NOW

02102354944
tara.coe@karioitahi.org.nz

Creating pathways for success

Working with communities to provide support and opportunities for those facing challenging circumstances

THRIVING WITH ADHD 2025!

Join us at this in-person event where we'll hear from our panelists & guests, tips, and stories to help you navigate life with ADHD. Whether you have ADHD yourself or support someone who does, this event is for you. Come connect with others, share experiences, and learn how to make the most of your unique strengths.

(Suggested age group 10yrs + and adults)

WALTER NIELSENS

CATHERINE TAFTO

TOM LITTLE

TO BE CONFIRMED

DATE: TUESDAY 23RD OCTOBER
TIME: DOORS OPEN 6.30PM FOR 7PM START

LOCATION: UPLIFT CENTRE: 52 FRANKLIN ROAD, PUKEKOHE, AUCKLAND

REGISTER BEFORE FRIDAY OCTOBER 10 AND BE IN TO WIN \$100 PAK N SAVE VOUCHER

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