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PUKEKOHE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Term 1 Week 6, 2026



Principal's Messages

This week we welcomed seven new students and their whaanau to our kura. Nau mai, haere mai. We hope you settle in quickly and enjoy the many opportunities available.

Thank you in advance to all staff supporting the selection and preparation of our students for our Swimming Sports today.

A special acknowledgement to Whaea Jody for her organisation and clear communication with staff and whaanau. Your leadership plays an important role in the success of this event.

The swimming sports will be our first whole-school gathering of the year, strengthening connection and belonging across our kura. We look forward to seeing students represent their Learning Communities with pride, earning points through participation and achievement, and demonstrating true sportsmanship. Also the costumes, colour and loud cheering from the crowd.

Student Leadership

This week, the Senior Management Team held a special assembly to acknowledge our newly appointed 2026 student leaders.

We are incredibly proud of all of our students who put themselves forward. Stepping up for leadership takes courage, confidence and a willingness to serve others. Every student who applied demonstrated initiative and commitment to our kura — qualities that strongly reflect our HEART values. Our leaders are expected to maintain strong attendance, attend Wednesday leadership meetings, wear their uniform and leadership shirt with pride, and represent our school positively.

Students were also acknowledged within their Learning Communities on Friday. We will formally celebrate our 2026 leaders at assembly on Friday 20 March and look forward to seeing them serve our kura with pride and integrity. More communication to follow.



HEART Values lessons

Congratulations to our LC HEART Values winners! 🎉

Batten - Keshab Sharma

Hillary - Hayzel Moore

Lomu - Zeus Comia

Rutherford - Kaiyah Samisoni

Sheppard - Aaron Taylor

Te Puea - Brodie Skelton



HEART Values Lesson: Ka Rangatira

Respect and Responsibility

What is our Nature trail all about? How do we care for this communal space so that we can all enjoy it?



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Counties Manukau Zone TAG

On Wednesday 25th February, our boys' and girls' TAG teams travelled to Bruce Pulman Park to compete in the first Counties Zone sports day. It was a hot, sunny day with no breeze, which made for challenging playing conditions. Our girls' team played Waimahia, Manurewa, Finlayson, and Kauri Flats Schools in pool play, before facing Papakura in the crossover match to finish in 7th place overall. Many of our girls were new to TAG, but it was wonderful to see their confidence grow as the day progressed. By the end of the tournament, they were working well together and showing great improvement. The boys' team played Papakura, Kauri Flats, Finlayson, and Rosehill in pool play. They then met Randwick Park in their crossover match, a very strong side, and finished an impressive 4th overall. We are proud of the effort, teamwork, and determination shown by all our students. They represented our kura with pride and showed great resilience throughout the day.

Counties Manukau Zone Softball

Our boys' teams enjoyed a sunny but cooler day competing at Prince Edward Park on Tuesday. It was great to see strong skills on display, especially from those playing softball for the first time. The boys learned about stealing bases, choosing the right pitches to swing at, and backing themselves when running home.

The Year 7 team improved throughout the day and finished with a well-earned win.

The Year 8 team narrowly lost to the eventual winners by one run in pool play, then went on to secure third place overall. Well done to all players for representing our kura with pride.

-Ann-Maree, Sports Coordinator

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Year 7 Assembly

This Wednesday we held our Year 7 Assembly to welcome Enzo and Mele from ECHO, who spoke to our staff and students about the upcoming collection day to be held at our school on Saturday 21st March. Our community will be able to drop off e-waste. Please refer to the teaching and learning article later in the newsletter for further information.

We shared important school notices about the importance of naming our school uniform and checking the lost property when we misplace items.

Ann-Maree our school sports coordinator presented certificates to our Year 7 students who represented the school at Counties Manukau Zone Boys Softball Girls and Boys TAG.

Celebrating Student Success

We are proud to share that Cooper Johnson recently competed in a Schools Motocross Competition held in Argyll, Hawke's Bay. Cooper rode with determination and skill, finishing an impressive 3rd overall in the 12-13 years 85cc class. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the commitment, courage and perseverance required to compete at this level. We congratulate Cooper on representing himself and our kura with pride. Ka pai, Cooper — we are proud of you!



What's on next week?

Term 1 Week 7

Monday

- Sheppard HUB (AM)
- Lomu HUB (PM)

Tuesday

- Batten HUB (AM)
- Rutherford HUB (PM)
- Photolife class and individual photos
- Zone girls' softball

Wednesday

- Outside Schools HUB
 - Buckland School
 - KingsGate School

Thursday

- Hillary HUB (AM)
- Te Paea HUB (PM)

Friday

- Outside Schools HUB
 - Waiau Pa School
- Zone swimming

ENVIRO Challenge

Each Learning Community can earn points by taking care of:

- Recycling – using the correct bins and keeping recycling clean
- Classroom areas – tidy, cared for, and ready for learning
- Learning Community spaces – shared areas respected and looked after
- LC rubbish areas – organised, clean, and used correctly

Learning Community	Recycling	LC Area (Windows, TVs, Lights, Doors & locks)	LC Rubbish (Designated Area)	Classroom Bins
Batten	3	1	1	1
Hillary	2	1		1
Lomu	4	1	1	1
Parkside	1			
Rutherford	2	1		1
Sheppard	4	1	1	1
Te Paea	4		1	1

Teaching and Learning

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Convince the Shark Tank! Convince the audience!

Room 1 students in the Te Puea Learning Community have to design a new shoe brand. They are tasked with convincing (using persuasive language) the CEO of “Feet First” shoe company that their shoe brand is worth investing in.

Spencer and Markus have come up with “SMS Creative” and are both determined that their brand will get through the tough criteria that the CEO is demanding.

The boys have taken their learning home and 3D printed their shoe brands logo using the coding in STL format and PLA filament.



I can't wait to see their final shoe design with their logo on it.

Te Reo

At Pukekohe Intermediate School our students learn Level 1 Te Reo as part of the NZ Te Reo Curriculum. Students are currently focusing on Pepeha and Ko Wai Au (Who am I)? During the last week I participated in the Lomu LC lesson with Whaea Christina leading the mahi.



A Planet In Our Care

This term our students are learning about “A Planet In Our Care” covering elements of the Social Science curriculum.

This unit of work focuses on a big idea - Our choices, when supported by evidence, can make a big difference to the sustainability of Earth's resources. Students will be learning about E-waste and we have engaged with a company Echo Tech.

Echo is New Zealand's largest e-waste recycling company based in Penrose and we have joined forces working alongside them to bring our community E-waste Drive-Thru Event.



E-Waste Drive-Thru Event at Pukekohe Intermediate School!

Location: Pukekohe Intermediate School Car Park

Time & Date: 21 March, 10am -2pm

How it works: Just drive in and our friendly staff will unload your e-waste for you, quick and easy!

Let's work together to reduce e-waste and protect our environment. Thank you for your support!

Whaea Janine

Deputy Principal of Teaching and Learning

Seaweek 2026

Each LC designed and created a chalk mural to celebrate and acknowledge Seaweek 2026. The health of our ocean directly affects our health. Toi Moana, Toi Tangata, Healthy Seas, Healthy People.

This year's winners were Batten! Congratulations, and remember we are all Kaitiaki.

-Erin Warne Kaitiaki Lead Teacher



School Swimming Sports

2026 PUKEKOHE INTERMEDIATE SWIMMING SPORTS

Friday 6th March - Jubilee pools. All Whanau are welcome to attend

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS (to begin @ approx 9.20)

HEATS *Please note, if there are no heats in an event, it goes straight to finals. These will be in the afternoon.*

Event 1	Year 7 Girls 100m Freestyle - TIMED FINAL
Event 2	Year 7 Boys 100m Freestyle - TIMED FINAL
Event 3	Year 8 Girls 100m Freestyle - TIMED FINAL
Event 4	Year 8 Boys 100m Freestyle - TIMED FINAL
Event 5	Year 7 Girls 50m Freestyle
Event 6	Year 7 Boys 50m Freestyle
Event 7	Year 8 Girls 50m Freestyle
Event 8	Year 8 Boys 50m Freestyle
Event 9	Year 7 Girls 50m Backstroke
Event 10	Year 7 Boys 50m Backstroke
Event 11	Year 8 Girls 50m Backstroke
Event 12	Year 8 Boys 50m Backstroke
Event 13	Year 7 Girls 50m Breaststroke
Event 14	Year 7 Boys 50m Breaststroke
Event 15	Year 8 Girls 50m Breaststroke
Event 16	Year 8 Boys 50m Breaststroke
Event 17	Open Girls 50m Butterfly
Event 18	Open Boys 50m Butterfly

LUNCH BREAK

Finals Events 5 - 18 (to begin @ approx 12:40 pm)

Freestyle Finals -

Te Paea - Duck and Dive (1 pt per participant - teachers score 2 pts)

Lomu - Duck and Dive (1 pt per participant - teachers score 2 pts)

Backstroke Final

Rutherford - Duck and Dive (1 pt per participant - teachers score 2 pts)

Sheppard - Duck and Dive (1 pt per participant - teachers score 2 pts)

Breaststroke Finals

Batten - Duck and Dive (1 pt per participant - teachers score 2 pts)

Hillary - Duck and Dive (1 pt per participant - teachers score 2 pts)

Butterfly Finals

Manu Girls comp

Event 19 LC Girls x 50m Freestyle Relay

Manu Boys Comp

Event 20 LC Boys x 50m Freestyle Relay

Community Messages



Boarding Scholarships for Tibbs House, Auckland Grammar School

The Sir John Buchanan Scholarship: We are very fortunate to again be able to offer the Sir John Buchanan Scholarship in 2027 to an outstanding student from the South Auckland region. Established by Old Boy, the late Sir John Buchanan '56, in recognition of the role that the School played in his development during his secondary school years, this boarding scholarship is designed to give young men who live out of zone the opportunity to benefit from boarding and thus, attending Auckland Grammar School. The successful applicant will preferably live in the South Auckland region where Sir John himself grew up, and will be an outstanding student, a role model and future potential leader. He will be eligible for a full five-year Tibbs House boarding scholarship worth up to the full amount of the annual boarding fees.

The Cooper-Connell Scholarship: The Cooper-Connell Scholarship was established in memory of two Old Boys - Sir Henry Cooper '22 who attended Auckland Grammar School from Waiuku on a scholarship and went on to become the School's eighth Headmaster, and Barrie Frederick Connell '44, the first Chairman of the Headmaster's Council. This academic boarding scholarship covers half of the annual boarding fees and is designed for exceptional young men with *"the potential to achieve excellence in academic endeavours, allied with participation in sporting and cultural activities"*.

Further information on all scholarships can be found on the [School website](#) and all applications by letter are due by **Monday 18 May 2026**. If you have any questions regarding these scholarships, please contact Director of Boarding Frank Haszard via email at f.haszard@ags.school.nz or phone 09 623 5432.

Little Green Expo – 7 March

Come and see us in **Pukekohe** at the Little Green Expo and make your own chopping board. Plus connect with local sustainability champions, discover eco-friendly products and be inspired by practical ideas for greener living.

📍 Anglican Church Complex, Pukekohe | 🕒 10:00am–2:00pm | 💰 Free

WORKSHOPS | MARKET STALLS | KIDS ACTIVITIES

THE LITTLE GREEN EXPO

Sat 7th March | 10AM TO 2PM
Pukekohe Anglican Church Complex
43 Queen Street, Pukekohe

For more info contact: cnfsecretary1@gmail.com



A Sustainable Living Expo featuring composting, cooking, clothing, upcycling, energy, and more!

Franklin Local Board Auckland Council

Franklin Local Board Auckland Council

Franklin Indian Cultural Club

BOLLYWOOD DANCE CLASSES

9:30 - 10:15am (All Ages)

Register now!

Free 6 weeks Course

- 7th March
- 14th March
- 21st March
- 28th March
- 11th April
- 18th April

Venue:
Pukekohe Intermediate
44 Queen Street, Pukekohe

For more info, call
Coach Arsh
021 164 1674

Get ready to move and groove!

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Waiau Pa Hockey Club JUNIOR & YOUTH MUSTER

Sunday 8th March,
4pm at ACG Strathallan

ALL WELCOME

For players in Years 1 – 11