

Pānui o te wiki

PUKEKOHE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Term 3 Week 5, 2026



Tongan Language Week

This week we have been proud to celebrate Tongan Language Week across our kura.

The 2026 theme is “Ko 'etau hiva, ko e fe'unu mahu'inga ia ki he mo'ui 'a e Tonga – Our music is a vital strand of our Tongan culture.” This theme celebrates the important role music plays in sharing and strengthening Tongan language, culture, identity and connection.

A huge mālo 'aupito to Whaea Laiha and Matua Sam for the time, energy and aroha they have given to supporting our staff and aakonga throughout this special week of celebration.

Our students have had some wonderful opportunities to share Tongan culture through music and performance, including performing at our local library and welcoming tamariki from a local early childhood centre to enjoy a special performance at our kura.

It has been wonderful to see our Tongan culture celebrated so proudly and shared with our wider community.

Mālo 'aupito to everyone who has helped make Tonga Language Week such a special celebration at our kura.

Plazrok

Our LC ENVIRO Challenge is underway, with Learning Communities collecting recyclable plastics, earning points and helping reduce our school waste.

The plastics collected will be recycled and used to create paving stones for our new school sensory garden.

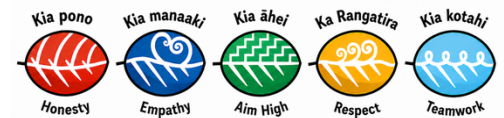
You can support this kaupapa by purchasing a Plazrok bag for \$5 through Kindo or from the Management Centre. For every bag sold, \$1 will go towards developing our sensory garden. Grab a bag, support our aakonga and help us make a difference.

Year Group Assemblies

Congratulations to our Science Fair award recipients, including overall winner Sienna from Room 44, who was presented with her trophy and prize by John from Innovation Franklin.

We also celebrated our Year 8 Netball gold medallists, Cross Country trophy winners and AIMS team winners at this week's Group Assemblies.

A special thank you to our LC student leaders for doing a fantastic job hosting. Ka rawe, everyone!



HEART Values

This week, our HEART Values focus is on using all of our values during wet break times to ensure that our time runs smoothly.

Whakatauki: “He iti hoki te mokoroa, nāna i kakati te kahikatea”. “Even the small grub can fell the kahikatea tree”.

This proverb emphasizes the power of consistent, small actions over time.

Congratulations to our LC HEART Values winners! 🎉

Batten - Tatala Isileli Fo'ou

Hillary - Meila Cooney

Lomu - Kingsley Harding

Rutherford - Ishika Chatterjee

Sheppard - Patrick McLean

Te Puea - Rylee Enosa-Taifau

Hub Y7 - Ronin McPike Smith

Hub Y8 - Charles Tuineau



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What's on next week?

Term 3 Week 6

Monday 24- Friday 28 August

Franklin Schools' Pasifika Speech Competition

This year's competition was held at St Joseph's School and jointly organised by our kura, St Joseph's School and the Franklin Attendance Service. 32 students from across Franklin proudly celebrated their Pacific languages, cultures and public speaking skills.

Congratulations to our aakonga:

Kiribati: Terubeiti Ruben, Suurosia Otia & Tirina Totio

Fijian: Miriama Drewai

Samoan: Mika Ramoni & Jessica

Manutoipule

Tongan: Tevita Langi, Tokanga Loni &

Ashan Halalilo

A special thank you to Whaea Laiha for preparing our students, Matua Sam for performing, and Matua Moana for being our fantastic MC.

Tevita Langi shared:

"It has been so good to represent our culture and our school as one.

I am proud to be Tongan. 'Oku mahu'inga 'a e 'ofa mo e tokanga ki he'etau fakafonua — the love and care for our culture is important. 'Otua 'ofa atu."



HEART student leaders

This week, our HEART Leaders met with Donna 'The Irish Lady' from Harcourts to begin preparing reindeer food for Christmas.

Donna shared the story behind this special initiative, which brings some Christmas magic to younger students across our local primary schools.

Our HEART Leaders are excited to play their part and give back to our local community.

-Whaea Kim, Year 7 Dean



ENVIRO Challenge

Our ENVIRO Challenge has been refreshed!

Learning Communities can now earn points for recycling, reducing rubbish, saving energy and recycling soft plastics, with a bonus point for achieving maximum points across all areas.

Every action counts – which Learning Community will take the lead?

Learning Community	Classroom Recycling (Max points 4)	LC Area (Energy Saving and Security) (Max Points 1)	LC Rubbish In Designated Area Every day (1 point per day, Max 5 per week)	Recycling Of Soft Plastic (Max Points 1)	Bonus Point (Max Points in all areas gets 1 bonus point)
Batten	3	1	1		
Hillary	3	1	2		
Lomu	4	1			
Parkside	1	1			
Rutherford	4		4		
Sheppard	4	1			
Te Puea	4				

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Teaching & Learning



Franklin Mathex Competition

On Friday 14 August, Pukekohe Intermediate competed in the Year 7 and Year 8 Mathex Competition at the Pukekohe Indian Community Centre, with three teams entered in each competition.

Mathex is a fast-paced problem-solving competition where teams of four students work together to solve challenging mathematics problems within a strict time limit. It tests not only mathematical knowledge, but also teamwork, communication and strategic thinking as teams race to be the first to correctly solve each problem.

A special congratulations goes to our Year 7 A Team, who won the Year 7 Competition! Their outstanding mathematical thinking, teamwork and ability to perform under pressure saw them take out the top spot in a very competitive field.

We are incredibly proud of all six teams and the way they represented our school.

A huge thank you to Whaea Deanna and Whaea Carol for supporting and encouraging our students at the event and to Whaea Lorraine lead teacher of maths for preparing students for the competition. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Y7 Team A	Y7 Team B	Y7 Team C
Ethan Bidois	Carter Smith	Mia Jones
Levi Kastermans	Hannah Kim	Grace Ho
Adam Markiewicz	Taylor Budge	Raihan Khan
Tania Borissenka	Charlie Addy	Willow Whitmore
		

Y8 Team A	Y8 Team B	Y8 Team C
Lachlan Kimber	Jadon Eeese	Taksh Patel
Morgan Hayes	Kade Foote	Zara Cooksley
Nicholas Stabler	Kingsley Harding	Mia Cameron
Keshab Sharma	Anna Gordon	Sophie Gallagher
		



Community Messages



Spring 2026 Holiday Programme

KAS

KIDS AFTER SCHOOL

Based at Pukekohe Hill School
12 Green Lane, Pukekohe
Programme: 027 694 3011
WINZ SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE FOR ELIGIBLE FAMILIES
Office: 09 236 4078 www.kidsafterschool.co.nz

Click the **BOOK NOW** button on our website www.kidsafterschool.co.nz

MONDAY 28 SEPT 2026 BLAST FROM THE PAST! Step back to simpler times when marbles ruled, yo yos were the coolest toy around and imagination did the rest. Get ready for a day of old school fun! Dress up Day. \$40	TUESDAY 29 SEPT 2026 PLANES, TRAINS & AUTOMOBILES REV your engines for a day of transport themed fun! Build, race, create & let your imagination take the wheel! \$40	WEDNESDAY 30 SEPT 2026 TRIP - SHREK THE MUSICAL Join us as we head to the Hawkins Theatre in Papakura to experience the magic of the theatre! It's going to be a donkey-load of fun! SNACK PAK INCLUDED \$70	THURSDAY 1 OCT 2026 CRAZY DAY Warning... KAS has gone a little crazy! Everything is upside down, back to front and inside out. Join us for a day of wacky fun, silly surprises & organised chaos! \$40	FRIDAY 2 OCT 2026 TRIP - KAIPATIKI HOT SPRINGS We are off to Helensville today for hot pools fun! Slides for Age 8+ kids only EXTENDED SESSION TO 4PM to give the kids more time for fun! \$75
MONDAY 5 OCT 2026 VISITOR - FLASH BANG SCIENCE Fizz, pop, bang... & plenty of fun! Prepare to be amazed as science comes to life with exciting experiments & spectacular surprises. \$60	TUESDAY 6 OCT 2026 BRING ROBLOX TO LIFE Log out and level up! Experience your favourite Roblox inspired games and challenges in the real world for an action packed day of fun! \$40	WEDNESDAY 7 OCT 2026 AYE AYE CAPTAIN All hands on deck! Build your own boat, create a fishing line & see who can reel in the biggest catch. Then dive into a sea of games, crafts & adventures! \$40	THURSDAY 8 OCT 2026 TRIP - GAME OVER PAKURANGA Get your game on! Enjoy Go Karts & Ninja City! \$75 OR INHOUSE OPTION SHADOW NINJA DAY Train like a true ninja! Games, Science & even throwing stars! \$40	FRIDAY 9 OCT 2026 SURPRISE BOX DAY What's in the box? A game, a challenge, a craft... or something completely unexpected? Join us for a day full of surprises & twists! \$40

PRICES LISTED ABOVE ARE FOR OUR MAIN PROGRAMME 8AM TO 3PM HOWEVER WE ARE OPEN FROM 7AM TO 6PM EVERYDAY! FOR FULL DETAILS OF ALL AVAILABLE SESSIONS, PRICES & TO BOOK PLEASE GO TO WWW.KIDSAFTERSCHOOL.CO.NZ OR CALL THE KAS OFFICE ON 09 236 4078

PLEASE NOTE: IN THE EVENT OF WEATHER DISRUPTION OR CIRCUMSTANCES OUTSIDE OF KAS CONTROL SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES MAY CHANGE & CHILDREN MAY BE TRANSPORTED TO OTHER KAS PROGRAMMES

MSD SOCIAL SECTOR LEVEL 3 ACCREDITATION

PUKEKOHE HIGH SCHOOL

PTA FUNDRAISING

AUCTIONS & RAFFLES ON THE NIGHT

Quiz

NIGHT

SATURDAY 22 AUGUST

DOORS OPEN 6PM
QUIZ STARTS 7 PM

Pukekohe High School Hall

Tickets: \$200 a table (up to 10 people)

Limited tables available

EFTPOS Available

Bar | 18+ only

Tickets include: snacks, light supper, prize for best dressed table

Contact the PTA to secure your table, sponsorship and donations:

phspta@pukekohehigh.school.nz

OPEN MARKET DAY

28TH AUGUST

35 TUHIMATA ROAD, PAERATA

4PM - 7PM

KI TE TAAMATA

KOORERO, ENROL AND KAI



Pukekohe High School

2027 Year 9 Enrolments

Enrolment interviews will be held at Pukekohe Intermediate on the following days:

- Monday 14 September 2.00pm-4.00pm
- Monday 21 September 2.00pm-4.00pm

No bookings required. Appointments are first in, first served.

Please bring a copy of the **student's birth certificate** and **proof of in-zone address** (utility bill such as power, rates or broadband). Please bring a copy of the student's passport/visa (if applicable).

Apply online

