

Pānui o te wiki

PUKEKOHE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Term 1 Week 11, 2025



Thank You!



Principal's Messages

As Term One comes to an end, we'd like to take a moment to thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in your tamariki's learning journey. Your involvement in school events and encouragement at home has been truly appreciated.

This week, we held our parent-teacher interviews and were thrilled to welcome 544 whaanau through our doors. It was wonderful to connect and strengthen the relationships that support our aakonga to thrive.

We are incredibly proud of how well our students have settled into the year—demonstrating our school's HEART values, taking pride in their uniforms, and making steady progress in their learning. Your support continues to play a vital role in building their confidence and success. Looking ahead to Term Two, we're excited for a range of opportunities including our major school production, various sports events, and chances to connect through hui and fono, all while continuing our focused learning programmes in the classroom.

Counties Manukau Boy's Cricket

Our school hasn't sent a cricket team to zone for a few years now, as it always clashed with camp. So it was nice to see them perform in a sport they love. Held at Bruce Pullman park the team only got to play two games in pool play as a school pulled out last minute. They had win against The Gardens and a loss against Manurewa.

In the cross over, the team played against the eventual winners Alfriston, they were a good team and score lots of runs. We played Manurewa again for 3rd and 4th but this time they played with great team spirit and held them to a low score and won convincingly. 3rd place!!

Thanks to Mrs Butcher for helping umpire.
-Ann-Maree Woods, Sports Coordinator



HEART Value Winners

Congratulations to our LC HEART Values winners for Week 11! 🎉

Batten - Immanuel Finauga

Hillary - Emma Cairns

Lomu - Leighton Clark

Rutherford - Isla Murphy

Sheppard - Connor Davies

Te Puaa - Treyson Tarapa

ASB - Getwise

As part of the new maths curriculum students have been learning financial literacy. Tax, interest, wants vs needs, how to save, opening a bank account, gst and the importance of how little and often can amount to large savings in the future. Every classroom has had a visitor from ASB visit their classroom and learn great banking tips.

Passion Project Fridays

Both James and Ashani from Room 48 have been working on their persuasive sports infographics and the impact on sport and wellbeing.

-Whaea Janine, Deputy Principal of Teaching and Learning

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Pukekohe Proud – Tuakana Teina in Action

It has been wonderful to welcome back some of our ex-students, now Year 13 taurira at Pukekohe High School, as part of their sports and leadership programme. These rangatahi have been working with our tamariki, running a variety of fun and engaging sports activities during school time.

Their presence has not only brought joy to our students but also strengthened the tuakana-teina relationships that are so important in our community. It has been a real highlight seeing our older role models give back to their former kura with such enthusiasm and pride.

This initiative supports our Term 1 inquiry, Pukekohe Proud, by actively meeting the social needs in our community and fostering connections across generations. Ka rawe, team!



What's on next term?

Term 2 Week 1

(Monday 28th April - Friday 2nd May)

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

- Outside Schools HUB
 - Buckland School
 - KingsGate School

Thursday

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

Friday

Term Dates

Term 2 - Monday 28 April-Friday 27 June

Term 3 - Monday 14 July-Friday 19 September

Term 4 - Monday 6 October-Friday 12 December

ENVIRO Challenge

Thank you all for your commitment to protecting our environment—together, we're making a real difference. 🌍

Congratulations to: Batten, Sheppard and Te Puea Learning Communities.

First time using the VEX IQ robots

This term, our students had their first experience working with VEX IQ robots. Through building, coding, and problem-solving in teams, they developed key skills such as creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking.

The hands-on, practical learning approach supported our aakonga, many of whom thrived in this engaging environment.

We're excited to continue growing our skills with VEX and look forward to sharing our journey with the wider school community.

Learning Community	Recycling	LC Area	Bonus
Batten	3	1	
Hillary	2		
Lomu	3		
Parkside	0		
Rutherford	2		
Sheppard	3	1	
Te Puea	3	1	

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Kickstart Breakfast Club – Term Update

What a fantastic term it has been for the Kickstart Breakfast Club! Whaea Steph and Whaea Lindy have worked hard with their wonderful Year 8 volunteer helpers to ensure we are ready each morning. With the kind bread donations from Baker's Delight for toast, Kickstart for Weet-Bix and milk, and our whānau for spreads, all of the ākongā who visit us each morning start their day with full puku and happy smiles.



Breakfast Club is open every morning at the back of the Hub, from 7:45–8:15. The Year 8 volunteers have also been developing their baking skills – they've made banana cake and Weet-Bix slices for our ākongā to enjoy.

We look forward to seeing everyone again next term. As the weather gets colder, hot chocolate will be a welcome to warm us up in the mornings! If any whānau would like to donate cereals or spreads like jam or Nutella, it would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at Breakfast Club or the Student Centre.

Ngā mihi nui,
The Breakfast Club Team



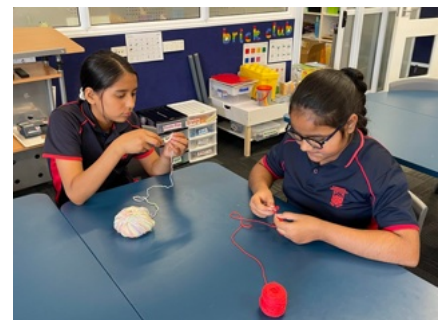
Crochet/Knitting Club

We have started a group once a week and the response has been fantastic! We have some experienced student knitters and crocheters coming along, as well as some beginners.

Everyone is enjoying spending their lunchtime learning, chatting and helping each other out. Some special projects are being created. Extra thanks to Mrs Fowlie who pops in to help the knitters.

If anyone has some excess yarn or crochet hooks we would love to have them as we are running short.

-Whaea Raewyn, LSC



Community Messages

Term One 2025

End of Term Letter

Meet Your School Community Officers!

Kia ora! We're your School Community Officers, assigned to support your school and many others in the area. Each of us works with approximately 30 schools, helping to build safer, stronger communities. With backgrounds in frontline policing and road policing we bring experience in safety, conflict resolution, and working with young people.

Our role is to support students, staff, and whānau with education around safety, decision-making, and positive choices. You'll see us around your school, leading discussions on topics like cyber safety, respectful relationships, road safety and staying safe in the community.



Constable Courtney Clarke

Constable Lisa Ross

Constable Varinder Singh

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SCO Newsletter

A Big Shoutout to Our Amazing Teachers!

As Term 1 wraps up, we want to take a moment to acknowledge our incredible teachers/teacher aides. Your dedication, hard work, and patience makes a huge difference in the lives of our students.

Thank you for everything you do! We hope you enjoy a well-deserved break and take some time to recharge.

When to Call 111 vs 105

Call 111 for emergencies:

- Is it happening now or about to happen?
- Is somebody's safety at risk?
- Is property being damaged?

Call 105 (or visit 105.police.govt.nz) for non-urgent matters:

- Has it already happened?

Stay safe and don't hesitate to reach out if you need help.

Uniform Reminder for School Traffic Safety Teams!

- No bucket hats.
- Covered in shoes for safety reasons.
- Must wear orange STS vests.



School Holiday Safety Checklist

As we head into the holidays, we have attached a checklist along with some tips to keep your school safe.

Keep Us in the Loop!

If your school has any upcoming events, assemblies, or safety initiatives, please email your School Community Officer with the details. We'd love to support your school community however we can!

Happy Easter



From Auckland City Council

80 L bin \$161.56

120 L bin \$194.41

240 L bin \$322.68

Dog Bite Awareness Week

EXPERT TIPS AND ADVICE FROM THE DOG SAFE WORKPLACE LTD

The Dog Safe Workplace Ltd

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Refer to the back for a full list of partners



What changes for you?

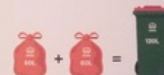
You no longer need to buy Auckland Council rubbish bags, as rubbish collections will be paid for through your property rates. This should make it easier for you, better for the environment and more cost-effective.

You will be supplied with an Auckland Council rubbish bin in June 2025.

From Monday, 30 June 2025, simply roll your bin to the kerbside the night before, or by 7am on collection day. It's that easy.

What you need to do

- Visit our website aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/byebags to check your bin size and delivery information.
- We will deliver a standard 120L rubbish bin to you in June 2025. However, if you prefer a bigger or smaller bin, you can request a different size online between 24 February and 14 April 2025.



- Make sure to use up your Auckland Council rubbish bags by 27 June 2025. Only buy as many as you need.

If you live on a rural property and you would like to continue using bags, please email ruralrefusebags@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz with your address.

Search Franklin rubbish changes

Altogether Easier. Altogether Auckland.



Trivia Night

TICKET INCLUDES SNACKS*HOT CHIPS FOR SALE*RAFFLES* BYO NIBBLES*QUICK FIRE & SILENT AUCTIONS*BEST DRESSED* BAR-BEER, WINE, SOFT DRINKS

**FRIDAY
MAY 23**

**PATUMAHOE RUGBY CLUB
\$150 TABLE OF 10 OR \$15 EACH**

**DOORS OPEN AT : 6PM
TRIVIA STARTS AT : 7PM**

**EFTPOS AVAILABLE, CASH/COINS FOR GAMES
SUPPORTING THE PUKEKOHE INTERMEDATE JAPAN TRIP**

*Contact Raewyn for tickets r_austin@pukekoheint.school.nz
or your Japan trip contact*