

# Pānui o te wiki

PUKEKOHE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Term 3 Week 10, 2025



## Principal's Messages

### Te Wiki o Te Reo Maaori

This year marks a very special milestone — 50 years of Te Wiki o Te Reo Maaori. Since its beginning in 1975, this annual celebration has grown into a nationwide movement, uniting communities, schools, and workplaces in strengthening te reo Maaori.

At our kura, we embraced the national theme for 2025: “Kia Kaha Te Reo Maaori – Strengthen the Maaori Language.” This kaupapa encouraged us all to play our part in making te reo Maaori stronger and more visible in our daily lives.

Our lead teacher of Maaori, Whaea Laura, and Cultural Leader Matua Antonio, together with our Maaori student leaders, organised a vibrant programme of activities across the curriculum.

The week began with a flag-raising ceremony at 7am on Monday morning, where Matua Antonio encouraged our aakonga and kaiako to challenge themselves to use te reo Maaori in daily school life and with their friends and whaanau beyond kura. A special mihi goes to our whaanau who prepared a delicious cooked breakfast, which we shared together.

The week was filled with wairua, mana, and pride as our aakonga took on the challenge of using te reo in their classrooms, in the playground, and beyond our school gates.

### The Celebration of the Arts

On Monday evening, our kura came together for one of the highlights of our calendar – the Celebration of the Arts. From kapa haka, music groups, choir, hip hop, Pasifika, and the visual arts display in the Student Centre foyer, our aakonga shone with courage and confidence as they shared their talents.

A big thank you to our MCs, Vaiola and Amber, whose leadership and confidence set the tone for the night.

To our whaanau, thank you for coming out in force to support your tamariki. Your presence filled the hall with warmth and encouragement, making the night even more special.

The Celebration of the Arts was a powerful reminder of the richness the arts bring to our kura.

A special thank you to Whaea Pip for coordinating this wonderful evening.



### HEART Value Winners

Congratulations to our LC HEART Values winners! 🎉

**Batten** - Ava Pham

**Hillary** - Oliver Scott-Coetzer

**Lomu** - Vann Tapper

**Rutherford** - Franklin Thompson

**Sheppard** - Jake Brown

**Te Puea** - Ben Thompson

Our PB4L lesson this week is:

We have power in our actions, whether you choose to react, or not react at all plays a vital role in the outcome of any situation.

We wish everyone a safe term 3 break.



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### Haramura

We have arrived safely in Japan, and our host families have gone above and beyond to ensure our stay is enjoyable. Our students are quickly adapting to life in Haramura and have been keeping busy with a range of cultural activities. To begin our trip, we were officially welcomed at the Haramura Town Hall by our host families, the Haramura Council, and the Mayor. During the ceremony, our staff and students delivered speeches and shared a performance, which was even featured in the local newspaper. Throughout our stay, we have spent time at the nursery school, the elementary school, and the junior high school. Living in the village, our students have taken part in daily activities and experienced authentic Japanese school life alongside their new friends. Next week, we look forward to an exciting itinerary as we travel to Kyoto, Osaka, and Tokyo. Our students are creating unforgettable memories and building friendships that will last a lifetime. We are also eagerly anticipating the opportunity to host students from Haramura at our kura in March next year.



### Active Travel to School

It's great to see so many of our ākongā walking, biking, or scootering to school. Active travel builds fitness, wellbeing, and independence.

#### Quick Safety Reminders

- Walk smart – use footpaths, cross at crossings, and stay alert.
- Ride safe – helmets on, check brakes and tyres.
- Be road aware – keep left, follow the rules, no earphones or phones.

At school – hop off and walk bikes or scooters inside the gates.



Ngāa mihi nui to all our school whānau who have generously given their time to support our ākongā. Your involvement in school events is always appreciated and helps create positive, memorable experiences for everyone. We wish you a safe and relaxing holiday break and look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed for another great term.

School starts on Monday, 6 October. We look forward to all students being present and on time for karakia at 8:40am.

### Harakeke Planting

To celebrate and acknowledge 50 years of Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori, we planted two harakeke plants that were gifted to us by Ngaati Tamaoho. This was a very special moment for our kura, as harakeke is a taonga that represents whānau, connection, and the weaving together of people and knowledge. Our tamariki enjoyed being part of the planting and learning about the tikanga that surrounds caring for harakeke. We look forward to nurturing these plants as they grow, and using them as a living reminder of the importance of te reo Māori in our everyday lives. Ake Ake Ake. Whaea Erin



### What's on next term?

#### Term 4 Week 1

(Monday 6th - Friday 10th October)

#### Fijian Language Week

##### Monday

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

##### Tuesday

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

##### Wednesday

- Outside School HUB
- Buckland School
  - Kingsgate School

##### Thursday

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

##### Friday

#### ENVIRO Challenge

Thank you all for your ongoing commitment to protecting our environment.

A special acknowledgement goes to our Learning Communities who have gone the extra mile, tidying not only their own spaces but also helping to keep other areas of our kura looking beautiful.

Well done to **Sheppard** and **Te Puea** for your outstanding efforts this week!

| Learning Community | Recycling | LC Area | Bonus |
|--------------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| Batten             | 3         | 1       |       |
| Hillary            | 1         |         |       |
| Lomu               | 2         | 1       |       |
| Parkside           | 1         |         |       |
| Rutherford         | 1         |         |       |
| Sheppard           | 4         | 1       |       |
| Te Puea            | 4         | 1       |       |

# Teaching and Learning

## Speak Up, Speak Out - Art Gallery

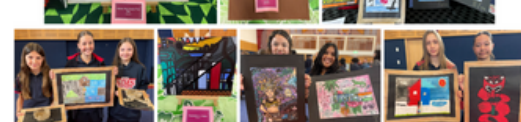
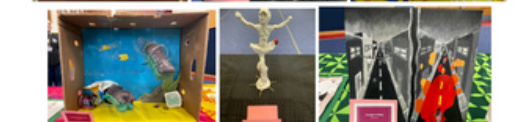
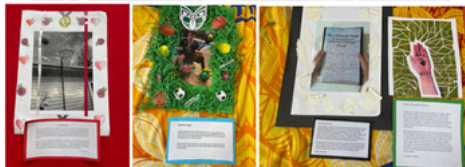
This term our students have had a programme of inquiry learning with a focus on The Arts Curriculum.

Students this week participated in a school wide gallery with each learning community presenting to another learning community. The art work produced from all 25 classrooms across the school was very diverse and the emphasis was on students demonstrate an understanding of the big idea: Creative expression allows people to share their voice, explore history, culture and identity. Students stood by their art work and had to orally present to their fellow peers;

- What is the message that you are sharing with your art?
- Why do you think this message is important to share?
- Who is impacted by the message you are sharing?
- How has the topic of your artwork had an impact on your life?
- What are the symbols/imagery you used to show your message?

Why did you choose the symbols/imagery you have chosen to use?

## Speak Up, Speak Out-Inquiry Gallery



## Incredible Science - Auckland University

Last week a group of twelve students traveled by train to the 'Incredible Science' day hosted by Auckland University. On arrival they were ushered into a lecture theatre where they competed in a science quiz against other schools, achieving third place.

They attended workshops on Environmental, Exercise and Computer Science, Physiology and Maths. The day culminated in a Magic Show: all about chemistry. They came home with a new tote bag and pencil case, prizes and a greater understanding of some of the different areas of science available for study. Thank you to Whaea Kerrie and Whaea Leoni for leading this group - a wonderful experience.



# Celebration of the Arts



## Te wiki o te reo Māori

This week our kura has been enriched with the use of te reo in all settings. Today we have a special te reo assembly and at lunch time we have te reo music and games being enjoyed. We look forward to sharing photos with you in week one next term from these special celebrations.



## Student Led Conferences

Thank you to the 184 families who have all ready booked for attend their child's student led conference. A letter outlining details for the upcoming Student-Led Conferences was sent out to our main email caregiver contact for every student this week. Please note this is not a parent / teacher conference. This conference is where your child will be presenting their learning to you face to face in their classroom.

### Monday 13th October 3:30 - 7:30 pm

To make an online booking, click on this [link](#) or alternatively go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) enter the code **p5vgk** and follow the instructions on the screen.

Ngā mihi

Janine Fryer

Deputy Principal - Teaching and Learning



# PUKEKOHE INTERMEDIATE BOARD ELECTION

## DECLARATION OF RESULTS



Ngaa mihi nui ki a koutou – thank you to all staff and parents who expressed interest in serving on the Pukekohe Intermediate School Board for the term September 2025 – September 2028.

Our kura election was conducted through SCHOOLED Election Pilot. We are pleased to announce the successful representatives:

- Staff Representative: Laiha Holliday
- Parent Representatives: Anthony Appleton-Tattersall, Dave Cockerton, Emily Gao, Hepi Lopeti and Suzanne Konelio

Please see the tables below for the votes received.

We look forward to our new School Board working alongside our tumuaki, staff and students to continue supporting the growth, wellbeing, and success of our amazing kura.

### STAFF BOARD ELECTION

| NAME            | VOTES |
|-----------------|-------|
| Holliday, Laiha | 40    |
| Hiku, Ken       | 22    |
| Gage, Rebekah   | 5     |
| Invalid votes   | 0     |

### PARENT BOARD ELECTION

| NAME                         | VOTES |
|------------------------------|-------|
| Cockerton, David             | 128   |
| Lopeti, Hepi                 | 125   |
| Appleton-Tattersall, Anthony | 113   |
| Gao, Emily                   | 97    |
| Konelio, Suzanne             | 96    |
| Salama, Noha                 | 86    |
| White, Chante                | 60    |
| Singh, Yodha                 | 8     |
| Hillman, Maukau              | 8     |
| Invalid votes                | 0     |

# Community Messages

PUKEKOHE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

## Level Up 2025

**EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY**  
AFTER SCHOOL, ON THE FIELD 3:30 - 4:15

**WHAT IT'S ABOUT:**

- As the weather clears and the sun starts to shine this is a great opportunity to train for whatever may be coming next for you. Off-Season training can help you to make that leap in the sport of your choice.
- The goal of these is to help you become better athletes, on and off the sports field.
- These sessions will be run for FREE twice a week after school for any student that wants join and get extra training in.

**FOCUSES ON:**

- GETTING FASTER
- GETTING FITTER
- GETTING STRONGER
- GAINING CONFIDENCE



ALL SESSIONS WILL BE LED BY  
MATUA JOSH

**About me and my goals for this program**

I am 24 years old and am of Samoan (Nofoali'i) and English descent. I am a Pukekohe local and attended St Joseph's Primary School before being lucky enough to attend high school in Auckland at Sacred Heart College and Mount Albert Grammar School, both of these schools showed me the opportunities that are out there when you make the adventure up in to Auckland. After leaving school I've been lucky enough to play in NZNBL which is the provincial basketball league where I've most recently played for the Auckland Tuatara, I've also just recently spent the pre-season with the NZ Breakers which resulted in me making the trip to the pre-season blitz in Canberra where I was lucky enough to debut.

I have been working at Pukekohe Intermediate for 3 years now and have seen the sporting talent that has come through the school and I always wanted to expose students to a similar level of training that I have experienced, it's no secret that we may be a little behind the 8 ball in Pukekohe and this is my way of trying to help us catch up.

Summer off-season training is a great opportunity to get fitter and really push yourself in a direction to improve and I want to facilitate an opportunity for our students to have this chance, sport is always easier when your fitter and stronger as it helps to bring confidence.

these trainings are to be seen as deposits into the bank (yourself) and when your season comes around you should have enough money in the bank to perform in your chosen area.

### Bird of the Year 2025

Voting is now open! Help to make history by adding your voice to the 20th annual Bird of the Year election. Choose up to five birds, and don't forget to verify your vote.

<https://www.birdoftheyear.org.nz/>



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