

# Pānui o te wiki

PUKEKOHE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Term 3 Week 4, 2025



## Principal's Messages

### Cook Island Language Week

This week, we celebrated Cook Islands Language Week with the 2025 theme: "Ātuitui'ia au ki te au peu o tōku kāinga Ipukarea – Connect me to the traditions and culture of my homeland."

We began with the raising of the Cook Islands flag and a performance by our Pasifika Performance Group at the Pukekohe Library on Wednesday. Throughout the week, our students celebrated culture through song, dance, and connection.

Well done to Isabella Manukailea-Sakisi and Shannia Dorman who proudly represented our kura at the Cook Islands Speech Competition at Manurewa Intermediate on Tuesday.

Meitaki ma'ata to everyone involved in making this a memorable week of celebrations.

### Year 6 parent information evening

On Monday, we held our annual Year 6 Parent Information Evening, with two well-attended sessions welcoming prospective whaanau to our school community.

Whaanau heard key information about what makes Pukekohe Intermediate a great choice for their child's education and had the opportunity to speak with staff about specialist classes, leadership, sports, cultural and environmental opportunities.

Thank you to all staff who supported the evening and to our student helpers who proudly modelled our school uniform and shared their personal experiences. We are still taking enrolments for 2026 and encourage whaanau to complete these as soon as possible so that staff can begin planning classroom placements. Special thanks to Janine Fryer for her excellent organisation of both sessions – ngā mihi nui!



### HEART Value Winners

This week our school focus has been on taking care of communal spaces in our school. We are part of a team, only as strong as our weakest member. We show our school values no matter the outcome of the game. Congratulations to our LC HEART Values winners! 🎉

**Batten** - Zāne Jordaen

**Hillary** - Genevieve Watson

**Lomu** - Taleigha Howard

**Rutherford** - Ryan O'Hagan

**Sheppard** - Amber Dalmer

**Te Puea** - Jasmine Nicholas

### Bilingual Maaori Hui

This week, our kura held its first bilingual Maaori hui for whaanau — a chance for our kaiako to share the learning journey so far and discuss aspirations for the rest of the year.

Thank you to all who attended and supported this kaupapa. Enrolments are now open for our Year 7 Bilingual class in 2026.



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### Pukekohe Teams Unite at Howick Pre-Tournament

On Friday, our Pukekohe Intermediate AIMS netball team and Pukekohe High School Premier team took part in Howick's combined Pre-AIMS and Pre-UNISS tournaments. This special event allowed our intermediate and secondary players to connect, support each other, and strengthen community ties through sport.

Ngaa mihi nui to Whaea Jody and Leigh Gordon for your outstanding coaching and leadership. Your support is key to our teams' success and confidence. The day was a great reminder of sport's power to unite schools, age groups, and communities. We're proud of both teams and how they represented our kura.

### Year 8 Assembly

On Wednesday, we held our Year 8 Assembly, where students had the privilege of hearing from special guest speaker William Pike.

William shared a powerful message about the importance of stepping outside your comfort zone, trying new things, and never giving up on your goals. His story left a lasting impression on both staff and students.

Sports certificates were awarded to students who represented our kura in girls' and boys' hockey and girls' rugby – ka rawe!

Whaea Janine also acknowledged our students who participated in the School Science Fair. These students will receive their certificates in the next assembly.

### Franklin Arts Festival

Congratulations to the following students who have work exhibited in the Franklin Arts Festival this year:

Jiovann Raumati, Lachlan Kimber  
Thea Kitekeiaho, Maxine Eksteen  
Sammy Higgins, Hunter Green  
Sophie Gallagher, Zoe Everitt  
Aamir Shariff

The exhibition is held at the Franklin Arts Centre from the 9th to the 23rd of August.

-Whaea Pip, Visual Arts Teacher



### Term 3 NZEI Stop Work Meeting

NZEI Te Riu Roa, the primary teachers' union, has advised of a stop-work meeting taking place on Thursday 21 August 2025. Despite exploring all possible options to keep our school open, the majority of our teaching staff are union members, and we will not have enough staff available to safely supervise students during the afternoon.

As a result, Pukekohe Intermediate School will close at 12:30 pm on Thursday 21 August. Please make arrangements for your child to be collected at this time. School buses will run at their usual times, so any students who normally travel by bus will also need to be collected at 12:30pm. We appreciate your support and understanding.

## What's on next week?

### Term 3 Week 5

(Monday 11th - Friday 15th Aug)

### Maths Week

#### Monday

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

#### Tuesday

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

#### Wednesday

#### Thursday

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

#### Friday

Outside School HUB  
• Pukekohe North School

### Term Dates

Term 3 - Monday 14 July-Friday 19 September

Term 4 - Monday 6 October-Friday 12 December

### Management centre artwork

A stunning new artwork now graces the wall of our Management Centre, depicting a beautiful scene of piwakawaka in their natural environment. Well done to Sara Keven, Isla Alderton, and Isla Murphy for their creativity and artistry – what a wonderful addition to our kura!

### ENVIRO Challenge

Thank you all for your ongoing commitment to protecting our environment. Well done to [Sheppard Learning Communities](#) for this weeks efforts.

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



# Teaching and Learning

## Term 3 Inquiry - Speak Up, Speak Out!

This term across our school we have an inquiry centred around learning from “The Arts” curriculum.

Students will be learning how creative expression allows people to share their voice, explore history, culture and identity.

Today I met with Bianca from Room 50 who is a year 7 student. Bianca explained to me that her class had discussed the famous photo of Dame Whina Cooper holding her moko's hand.

The learning task involved finding out the story of the photo. They researched who Dame Whina was and the why around the hikoi walking the length of the north island.

- Who is the lady?
- Who is the little girl?
- Where is Te Hapua?
- Find a song that connects you to Dame Whina Cooper's message
- Investigate the why behind the photographer who took the photo



Bianca explained to me that this new learning introduced her to a very amazing wahine that had a very powerful message. Bianca was grateful for connecting this famous photograph to a true story and a huge part of Aotearoa NZ's history.

## Mathex Training is Underway!

Our Mathex teams are busy preparing for two exciting upcoming events:

- Franklin Mathex – Thursday, 29 August
- Auckland Mathex (Year 7 & 8) – Thursday, 21 August

Students have been working hard to sharpen their problem-solving skills, collaborate effectively, and build speed and accuracy under pressure. It's fantastic to see their enthusiasm and teamwork in action. We're proud of their efforts and look forward to seeing them represent our school with pride!





# Community Messages



**CHESS POWER**  
GROWING KIDS MINDS

## CHESS OPEN DAY

**Boost Critical Thinking** | **EXPLORE** the history of Chess! | **ENGAGING & FUN!** | **MASTER THE GAME**

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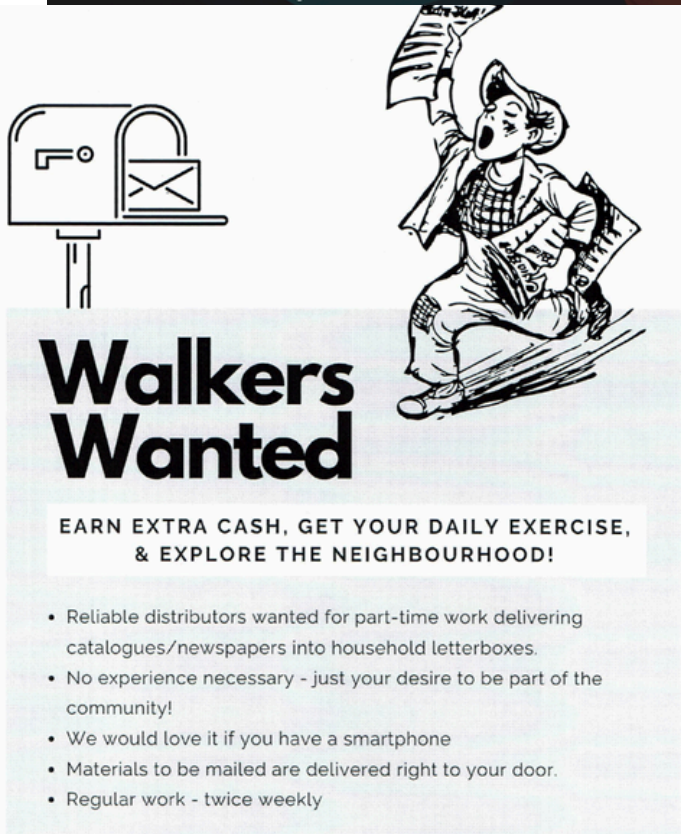
Franklin Arts Festival Society presents

## Frankly Small

AN ART EXHIBITION OF SMALL WORKS

**9 - 23 AUGUST**  
**Franklin Arts Centre**  
Massey Ave, Pukekohe  
**Entry: Koha**

For more info visit [www.franklinartsfestival.co.nz](http://www.franklinartsfestival.co.nz)



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## THRIVING TAMARIKI PUKEKOHE

**Free EVENT FOR PARENTS**

**Highlights**

**Guest Speaker**  
**Nigel Latta**  
Clinical Psychologist & Author

**About Our Event!**  
An evening focused on parenting, building resilience, and awhi. Supporting strong, thriving tamariki in our community!

**Thursday, 28 August 2025**

**Event starts: 6.30 pm**  
Doors open from 5:45 pm  
**Pukekohe Indian Hall**

**Register Here >**  
<https://www.trybooking.com/nz/YCA>

**Free sausage sizzle** ◀  
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