

Pānui o te wiki

PUKEKOHE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Term 2 Week 1, 2025



Principal's Messages

ANZAC Day Commemoration

On Friday, 25 April, Pukekohe Intermediate School had the honour of hosting the local ANZAC Day commemorations for our community.

This significant occasion was well-attended by members of the local community, RSA representatives, and our dedicated staff, reflecting the strong connection between our kura and the wider Pukekohe whaanau.

A special highlight was Year 8 student Shelby Howard-Matene who delivered The Ode in te reo Maaori with confidence and pride, standing alongside Doug McNally, President of the RSA, who shared The Ode in English. Their contribution beautifully symbolised the unity of tradition and cultural identity in Aotearoa.

The memorial stones at the front of the school were adorned with red ANZAC poppies, creating a respectful and striking tribute to those who served.

We are proud to play a part in remembering the sacrifices made for our country and to provide our students with opportunities to engage meaningfully with our nation's history. Lest we forget.

Te Taamatatanga o Pukekohekohe – Opening Ceremony

On Monday morning, a group of students from our Maaori bilingual classes had the privilege of attending the Te Taamatatanga o Pukekohekohe Opening Ceremony, accompanied by their kaiako Matua Antonio, Whaea Iwa, and myself.

Te Taamatatanga o Pukekohekohe is a newly opened full immersion wharekura that stands as a testament to 18 years of vision, planning, and unwavering community collaboration.

This was a special cultural occasion that gave our ākonga the chance to see tikanga Maaori in action, experience mana motuhake in education, and connect with taura from a local kura—strengthening ties through whakapapa, community, and whanaungatanga.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the kaiako and taura of Te Taamatatanga o Pukekohekohe for their warm manakitanga and for allowing us to be part of such a momentous occasion. He taonga te ako – Learning is a treasure.

We look forward to strengthening these relationships and continuing to walk alongside our wider education whaanau.



HEART Value Winners

Congratulations to our LC HEART Values winners for Term 2 Week 1! 🎉

Batten - Gurnoor Kaur
Hillary - Declan Te Rangi
Lomu - Jason Hermitte
Rutherford - Devi Hari
Sheppard - Alan Ball
Te Puea - Zoe Everitt

PB4L lesson focus for weeks 1 and 2:
Compassion - Pay attention to other people, treat them with kindness. Compassion is empathy in action.

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School Grounds Update – Ready for Term 2

Over the holidays, our school grounds received a welcome refresh. Highlights include new canopies outside Batten, the Arts Block, and Lomu; extensive tree pruning and garden upgrades; and ongoing building improvements and painting.

A big thank you to our caretaking team and contractors for their hard work. These updates support a vibrant, safe, and high-quality learning environment for all. He kura tangata – A school is its people.



Kaitiaki in Action: Growing Our Future

On Wednesday afternoon we had Kylee in from Sustainable Schools (Auckland Council) to support our Kaitiaki team in preparing Parsley, Brussel Sprout, Spinach and Grandma's Bonnet seeds to house in our new nursery tunnel!

We learnt what seeds need to germinate and grow into strong, healthy plants.

Watch this space for what we will do next!



The William Pike Challenge

The William Pike Challenge group went to Wero Whitewater Rafting for their first outdoor challenge at the end of Term 1. They learnt how to safely cross a river, raft in raging waters and safely float downstream.

The group had a fantastic time!

-Whaea Amanda, Lomu Learning Community Leader

Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

We are currently selling a range of pre-loved uniform items at affordable prices:

- Shorts and polar fleeces – \$5.00 each
- Soft shell jackets – \$15.00 to \$20.00 (depending on condition)

Please note that sizes and stock are limited, so it's first in, first served.

Cash, EFTPOS, or Kindo payments are accepted.

All proceeds will go towards our Student Hardship Fund, helping to provide valuable experiences and opportunities for our aakonga.

Thank you for your support.

What's on next week?

Term 2 Week 2

(Monday 5th May - Friday 9th May)

Monday

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

Tuesday

- Lomu HUB (AM)
- Hillary HUB (PM)
- PHS Y8 talk 9am
- Zone girls' football

Wednesday

- Outside Schools HUB
- Pukekohe North School

Thursday

- Te Puea HUB (AM)
- Rutherford 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.

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

Teaching and Learning

Science is alive during the first week of term 2!

This term our school programme of inquiry is all about Science with a particular focus on the Physical World.

All of our classrooms this week have been visited by the Auckland Watercare education facilitators to learn about where our water comes from in Auckland when we turn on the tap!

Y7 students are investigating drinking water by putting several filtration products to the test.

Year 8 students are involved with an in depth presentation on wastewater treatment. They are now very aware what happens to everything in the toilet when it is flushed away!

Students then participated in a liquid density experiment in which they can change the density of different coloured water to make a rainbow.

Such a positive hands on experience for our students to engage is the Science curriculum and connect with Auckland Watercare.



High School Musical

CONGRATULATIONS!

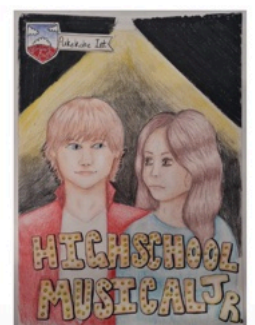
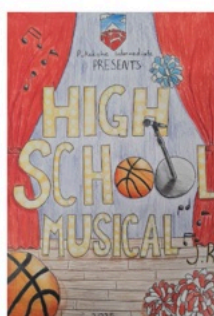
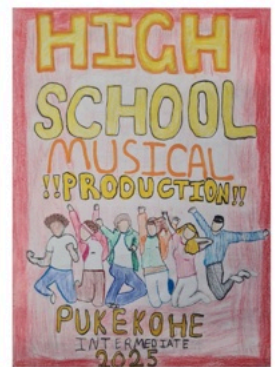
Well done to the following students who won the poster competition for High School Musical.

Stevie Anderson R30, Isla Alderton R31, Bella Dorizac R49, Angela Ung R49, Maxine Eksteen, Felicity Jarvie R48

We were so impressed with all of the wonderful entries and it was very tricky to choose the winners. Posters will be used as promotion for ticket sales.

-Janine Fryer

Deputy Principal of Teaching and Learning



Community Messages

Pukekohe High School



OPEN EVENING
Wednesday 4th June
4 - 6pm

- Take a tour of the school with a student leader
- Get a taster of our curriculum offerings
- Attend our principal's address
- Enrol your student for 2026
- Speak with our teachers and students

At Slo Naturals, we're passionate about supporting the next generation with products that are kind to their bodies and the planet. We're so excited to be giving away over 2,000 of our natural, sustainable deodorants to kids across Aotearoa—and we're thrilled your school is part of this journey.

To share the love further, we would like to offer your school a 20% discount on our range at www.slonaturals.com. Feel free to share with your school community the code KIDS20 that can be used at checkout for the next 3 months.



Interested in learning about what plants & animals are living in our parks?

Kohuora Park Nature Tours with Ruud Kleinpaste - The Bug Man

10 am - 1 pm Saturday 3rd May 2025 (Rain date Saturday 10th May)
44 Station Road, Old Papatoetoe. (far end of the carpark)

Join Ruud Kleinpaste as he explores what's living in Kohuora Park, a wonderful green space with native trees, a looped nature walk, wetland and stream in Papatoetoe. Learn about bugs, plants and maybe even a few birds. Ruud will explain how you can do your own observations on the iNaturalist app for your phone.

This fun FREE community event supported by Auckland Council is suitable for all ages. No registration needed, just turn up and join a tour.



Firewood for sale

The Pukekohe Intermediate 2025 Japan group has some firewood for sale.



5m3 of kiln dried pine wood
\$350 per trailer load, including delivery
(within 30km radius of Pukekohe).

We have three loads available each month for
May, June and July.

Please contact Krista at
kristapayne112@gmail.com

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*