Pānui o te wiki

PUKEKOHE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Term 4 Week 4, 2026












Tumuaki Update

We wish our Indian community and everyone celebrating Diwali a wonderful Festival of Lights.

A special thank you to our students who proudly represented Pukekohe Intermediate at Saturday's Diwali celebrations at the Pukekohe Indian Hall, and to their dance tutor, Arshdeep Kaur, for preparing them.

It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate Indian culture and connect with our wider community.

Our students have also organised a range of activities to celebrate Diwali at school next week. Check out their poster on the last page of this newsletter.

Instagram page

Our school's Instagram following continues to grow, with videos and highlights from events and activities across our kura.

We encourage whaanau to follow our page and stay connected with school life. Click here to follow us.

Kapa Haka Regionals – Dress Rehearsal:

A huge thank you to our whaanau, community and staff who came along to support our Kapa Haka roopuu at Wednesday evening's dress rehearsal at the Pukekohe Town Hall.

A special thank you to Matua Antonio and Whaea Iwa for their hard work and dedication in preparing our tamariki, and to our amazing parent community who helped dress our performers and ensure they looked fantastic.

We are incredibly proud of our tamariki and grateful for the wonderful support behind them as they prepare to take the stage at Te Whakataetae o Ngā Kura Tuatahi o Tāmaki Makaurau on Thursday 12 November at 2.00 pm.

Tickets: $5 per person (children 2 and under free).

Purchase tickets here

We wish our Kapa Haka roopuu all the very best for their performance.





Congratulations to our LC HEART Values winners! 🎉

Batten - Piper Arnet
Hillary - Zaveera Jenkins
Lomu - Connor Clark
Rutherford - Robby Strongman
Sheppard - Jack Flynn
Te Puea - McKenna Rhind
Hub Y7 - Ollie Forbes-Roubous
Hub Y8 - Stella Anderson



Value - Kia āhei

Whakatauki- T"ukua kia tū takitahi ngā whetū o te rangi". "Let the stars of the heavens stand out on their own". Encourages individuals to showcase their unique talents and qualities, just as each star contributes to the beauty of the night sky.

Year 7 students have taken the opportunity to try on some of the Year 8 leadership roles for next year.

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Ride and Roam Free Community Event

Thank you to everyone who supported Sunday's Ride, Roam and Learn event at the Pukekohe Netball Courts and Bledisloe Park on Sunday. It was great to see our community and whaanau coming together to promote road safety and cycling.
A special thank you to Surinder, Moana Mc and Bike Pukekohe for their hard work organising the event.
Well done to our Pukekohe Intermediate Road Patrollers, who proudly represented our kura and helped out on the day.

Evie's Choral Experience

Congratulations to Evie, who travelled to Rotorua over Labour Weekend with the New Zealand Children's Choral Academy senior choir to take part in the Sing Aotearoa Choral Festival.
Evie participated in workshops and three concerts, including a performance alongside 150 singers. The choir also visited Tā Pāpāiōuru Marae, the Redwoods Forest and Kuirau Park.
What a wonderful opportunity for Evie to share her musical talents and represent our kura. Well done, Evie!



What's on next week?

Term 4 Week 5

Monday 9 - Friday 13 November

Monday
-Sheppard HUB (AM)
-Lomu HUB (PM)

Tuesday
-Batten HUB (AM)
-Rutherford HUB (PM)
-Year 8 Stepz lessons

Wednesday
-Outside Schools HUB
- Buckland School
- Kingsgate School

-Full school assembly

Thursday
-Hillary HUB (AM)
-Te Puea HUB (PM)
-Kiwilele Jam event

Friday
-Outside Schools HUB
- Waiau Pa School

General Election – Polling Booth

Our school will be a polling booth this Saturday for the General Election, with voting taking place in our school hall.



Please park on the road and enter the school grounds through Gate 3 on Queen Street. From there, make your way to the Student Centre, where you can enter the school hall to cast your vote. The school will be well signposted to help direct voters.
We encourage our community to come along and have their say by voting.

ENVIRO Challenge

The Term 4 ENVIRO Challenge is underway. Keep earning points by picking up rubbish, keeping our kura tidy and collecting Plazrok.
With three different Learning Community winners so far this year, who will take the final ENVIRO Challenge title for 2026?
Keep up the great mahi.

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 get 1 bonus point
Batten	4	1	2		
Hillary	3	1	1		
Lomu	4	1			
Parkside	1				
Rutherford	4		2		
Sheppard	4	1	2		
Te Puea	4	1			

Athletics Results

2026 Track Events - Results								
100m	Place	Yr 7 Girls	Place	Yr 7 Boys	Place	Yr 8 Girls	Place	Yr 8 Boys
	1st	Brooke-Lynn Vaipulu Bhana	1st	Sefo Niutupuvaha	1st	Sophia Muir	1st	Meihana Miller
	2nd	Kirsten Bignell	2nd	Dontay Taunofoa Utopo	2nd	Evelyn Rowan	2nd	SJ Tonga
	3rd	Kiara Martin	3rd	Levi Kastermans	3rd	Maryann Ochoa	3rd	Tofunmi Amira
200m		Yr 7 Girls	Place	Yr 7 Boys	Place	Yr 8 Girls	Place	Yr 8 Boys
	1st	Brooke-Lynn Vaipulu Bhana	1st	Sefo Niutupuvaha	1st	Sophia Muir	1st	Meihana Miller
	2nd	Tirina Totio	2nd	Dontay Taunofoa Utopo	2nd	Maryann Ochoa	2nd	Tofunmi Amira
	3rd	Mia Rowlinson	3rd	Reece Potini	3rd	Anna Gordon	3rd	SJ Tonga
400m	Place	Yr 7 Girls	Place	Yr 7 Boys	Place	Yr 8 Girls	Place	Yr 8 Boys
	1st	Brooke-Lynn Vaipulu Bhana	1st	Adam Markiewicz	1st	Sophia Muir	1st	Shaan Patel
	2nd	Sophie Comley	2nd	Levi Kastermans	2nd	Anna Gordon	2nd	Fransua Nienaber
	3rd	Amber Wawatai	3rd	Max Ingram	3rd	Bianca Hill	3rd	Tate Healey
1500	Place	Yr 7 Girls	Place	Yr 7 Boys	Place	Yr 8 Girls	Place	Yr 8 Boys
	1st	Kirsten Bignell	1st	Levi Kastermans	1st	Sophia Muir	1st	Lachlan Kimber
	2nd	Sophie Comley	2nd	Adam Markiewicz	2nd	Ava Mullins	2nd	Kingsley Harding
	3rd	Amber Wawatai	3rd	Ryan Broughton	3rd	Bianca Hill	3rd	Kade Foote

2026 Field Events - Results								
	Place	Yr 7 Girls	Place	Yr 7 Boys	Place	Yr 8 Girls	Place	Yr 8 Boys
HIGH	1st	Kiara Martin	1st	Reece Potini	1st	Olivia Silipa	1st	Max Dayal
	2nd	Autumn-Rose Hodge	2nd	Sefo Niutupuvaha	2nd	Ava Mullins	2nd	Tate Healey
	3rd	Holly Jackman	3rd	Patrick McLean	3rd	Sophia Muir	3rd	Sam Williams
	Place	Yr 7 Girls	Place	Yr 7 Boys	Place	Yr 8 Girls	Place	Yr 8 Boys
LONG	1st	Brooke-Lynn Vaipulu Bhana	1st	Levi Kastermans	1st	Sophie Gallagher	1st	Hunter Green
	2nd	Ella Flowerday	2nd	Jaxon Keegan	2nd	Anna Gordon	2nd	Pita Hoeta
	3rd	Tirina Totio	3rd	Flynn Oxley	3rd	Marulika Macaskill	3rd	Tate Healey
	Place	Yr 7 Girls	Place	Yr 7 Boys	Place	Yr 8 Girls	Place	Yr 8 Boys
DISCUS	1st	Summer Hyndman	1st	Sefo Niutupuvaha	1st	Marulika Macaskill 27.95m NEW RECORD	1st	Matua Kingi-Hicks
	2nd	Ashlee Hall	2nd	Kevin Shen	2nd	Terubeiti Ruben	2nd	Max Carson Taefu
	3rd	Kiara Martin	3rd	Levi Kastermans	3rd	Pele Uili	3rd	Max Dayal
		Yr 7 Girls	Place	Yr 7 Boys	Place	Yr 8 Girls	Place	Yr 8 Boys
SHOT	1st	Tatala Fo'ou	1st	Sefo Niutupuvaha	1st	Marulika Macaskill	1st	Meihana Miller
	2nd	Ashlee Hall	2nd	Simione Tonga	2nd	Ala Waa	2nd	Richardo Langenhoven
	3rd	Isla Retzlaff	3rd	Tevita Konelio	3rd	Faleapuna Talalelei	3rd	Okusi Puamau

		Girls	Place	Boys
RELAYS	1st	Lomu	1st	Te Puea
	2nd	Te Puea	2nd	Rutherford
	3rd	Rutherford	3rd	Lomu

Teaching & Learning

Janine Fryer, Deputy Principal

Reporting Student Progress

At this time of the year classroom teachers spend additional hours using multiple measures of evidence to decide a final end of year overall teacher judgment for every student. This evidence includes student book work, engagement in class learning, snapshot assessments and formal PAT and SMART nationwide assessment. Sometimes the end of year testing does not match what the teacher knows and sees with a student's learning. This requires the classroom teacher to re-visit the evidence over four terms.

Over the last three weeks staff have attended several moderation hui where staff bring the evidence of a students learning to a team meeting, year level meeting and subject meeting. We want to ensure that we are consistent with our grading across the school.

Up until the end of last year this grade has been curriculum levels. With the launch of the new English and Maths curriculum we now have 5 progress descriptors introduced this year and a final end of year statement.

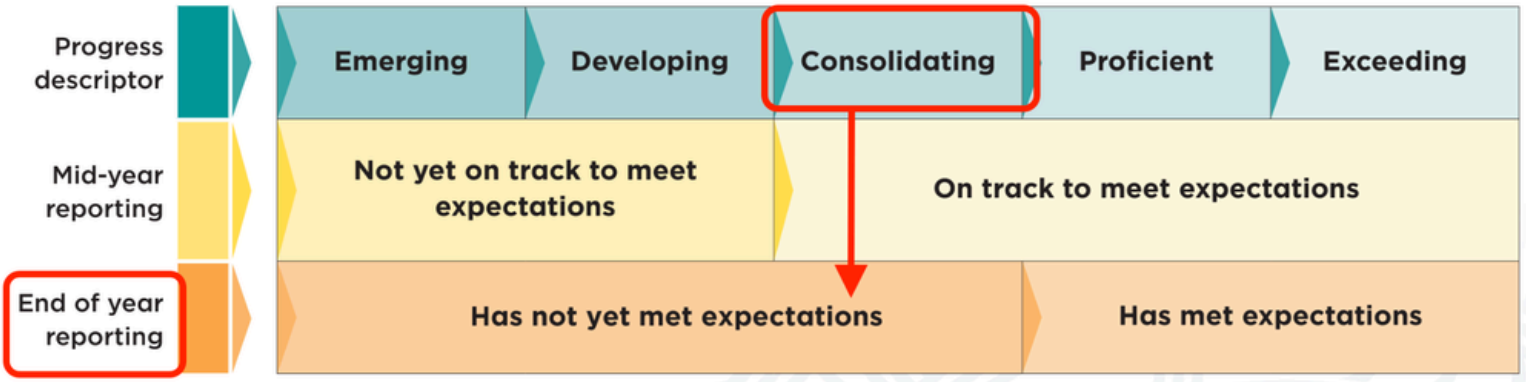
The statement you will see on your child's End of Year report will be either:

- **Has not yet met expectations - for Year 7 / Year 8**
- **Has met expectations - for Year 7 / Year 8**

The five progress descriptors describe student progress across the school year - the aim is for students to be proficient by the end of the school year.

A student who is **Consolidating** at the end of the year "**Has not yet met expectations**" for Year 7 / Year 8.

From 2027 we will report the five descriptors to parents at mid-year and end of year.



Stepz Dance Lessons

Every year we hear the hall come alive with dance instruction!

We ensure that our year 8 students are exposed to the arts curriculum through dance. All students are expected to participate and this week they had their first lesson, so the nerves should be put aside now. We love seeing our year 8 students mature and being able to approach new challenges.

Dance is a way to bring our students together across the year 8 cohort.



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Art Exhibition

This week we had a number of students exhibiting their art in the Auckland Middle school art exhibition. This annual exhibition contains over 300 art works from Middle and intermediate schools from all around Auckland.

Running for nearly 40 years, the exhibition returns to Silo 6 for its 6th year. Featuring artworks in diverse mediums including painting, clay, print, Trash to Fashion and many others. The exhibition is a joyful celebration of the creativity of the tāmariki of Tāmaki Makaurau.

Congratulations to our students Grace Wilson, Kaia Anderson, Lucy Taylor, Buckley Kershaw, Katherine Chen, Whenua Tule, Holly Jackman, Isla French, Lucy Simich, Kirsten Bignell, Maia Rameka, Mackenzie Douglas, Kyla Martin, Ethaniel Huggard and Abbie Hey.



Stationery 2027

We have negotiated with our suppliers to keep our 2027 stationery pack to $40.

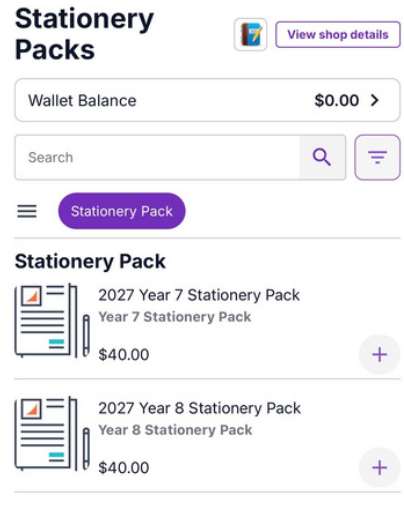
If you are a parent with a child in year 7 heading into year 8 with us next year then you are welcome to pre-pay this now on Kindo.

Student stationery will be ready and waiting in your child's new 2027 year 8 classroom.

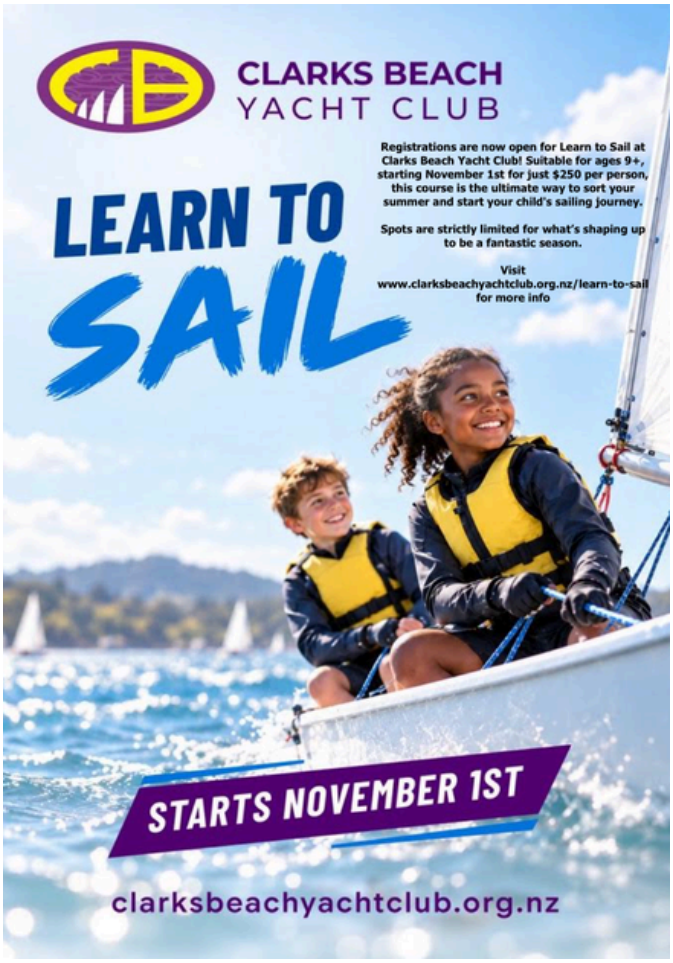
- No lining up to pay at school
- No finding individual items at different shops
- No naming every item (students do this at school)

Simply pay online through My Kindo.

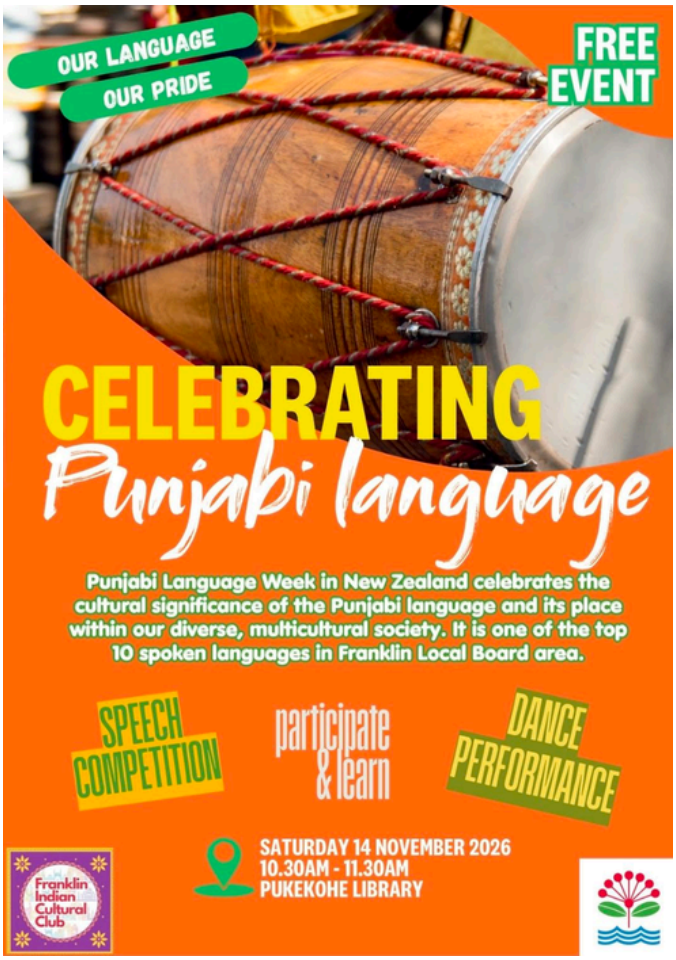




Community Messages





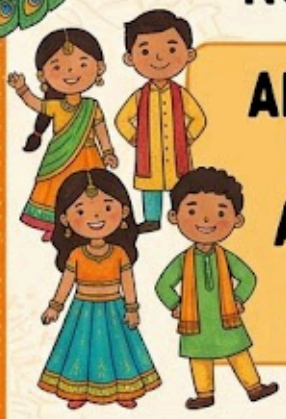




CELEBRATE OUR HERITAGE!

INDIAN CULTURAL WEEK

NOVEMBER 9th – 13th



ALL INDIAN KIDS CAN WEAR CULTURAL ATTIRE THIS WEEK!

(allowed Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri.
Wednesday: School Uniform)



MONDAY - HENNA STALL



Outside Rutherford Hall.
Get beautiful designs!

Attire: Allowed

TUESDAY - HENNA STALL

(Same as Monday)



WEDNESDAY - HENNA STALL CLOSED



(Attire: Regular School Clothes/Uniform)

THURSDAY - CHALK COMPETITION



Create amazing patterns!

Attire: Allowed

FRIDAY - INDIAN DANCE COMPETITION



SIMPLE PRE-CHOREOGRAPHED DANCES

COME WATCH & JOIN THE FUN!
Attire: Allowed

PRIZES & SWEET TREATS!

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GET A SWEET TREAT IF YOU ATTEND THE EVENTS!

WHOLE SCHOOL COLORING COMPETITION:
1st, 2nd, 3rd PLACE WINNERS GET CANDIES!

