

# Pānui o te wiki

PUKEKOHE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Term 3 Week 7, 2025



## Principal's Messages

### Basketball court opening

Last Friday afternoon, our kura proudly celebrated the official opening of our new basketball courts and grandstand. The project has been several years in the making, and it was a special moment to see this vision come to life for our aakonga and community.

The courts have been named Davis Court in honour of Stacey Davis, who served on our School Board for more than ten years, including as Presiding Member. Even after her own tamariki had moved on, Stacey continued her service, showing aroha and commitment to all tamariki.

Stacey has also been a driving force in basketball — at our kura, Pukekohe High School, and with the Franklin Bulls — inspiring countless young people and building a culture where basketball is a passion, a pathway, and a place of belonging.

Joined by her husband Phill, Stacey unveiled the Davis Court sign. We also thank our tireless School Board members, and Presiding Member, Dave Cockerton, for his speech on behalf of the Board. Stacey's whaanau who joined us for the occasion, and our kapa haka students who performed beautifully for our guests. We look forward to seeing generations of aakonga enjoy these facilities and carry forward Stacey's legacy of service, passion, and community.

### Maaori Hui

Ngaa mihi nui ki a taatou whaanau who attended the Maaori Hui on Tuesday evening. We truly appreciated the opportunity to share the journey of our kura with you and feel privileged to receive your goals and aspirations for our aakonga.

We look forward to honouring these aspirations and continuing together on our journey of growth and improvement for our kura.



Kia pono



Kia manaaki



Kia ahei



Kia Rangatira



Kia kotahi

### HEART Value Winners

This week our school focus has been on taking care of communal spaces in our school. Congratulations to our LC HEART Values winners! 🌈

**Batten** - Ollie Wallbutton

**Hillary** - Tu Whare

**Lomu** - Scarlett Creegan

**Rutherford** - Eli Klem

**Sheppard** - Maddy Hilton-Trainer

**Te Pua** - Lupe Faiva

Our PB4L lesson this week is: How do my words affect those around me?

## WORDS ARE MAGIC

*Our words have so much power, and we don't even realize it.*

*Your words have the ability to transform your life and the life of others.*

**BE IMPECCABLE WITH YOUR WORD.**

*Mean what you say & Speak with intention.*

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The countdown is on — in just a few days our athletes will be heading to Tauranga to represent Pukekohe Intermediate at the AIMS Games 2025, one of the biggest sporting events in Aotearoa for intermediate-aged students.

### Thank You for Your Support

A huge mihi to all our students who supported the mufti day, chocolate sales, and social fundraiser. Your efforts have helped raise the funds needed to get our teams ready for this exciting event. We are especially grateful to our dedicated staff and whānau who supervised the social, sold refreshments, and assisted with the selection and preparation of our teams. Your contribution has been invaluable and has made a real difference for our aakonga.

### Important Reminder for Travelling Students

All baking must be handed in to the Management Centre today (Friday), or when students leave, in a disposable container (as these will not be returned). These contributions help keep our fundraising strong throughout the week.

### Teams Travelling to AIMS

Our kura is proud to be sending teams to compete across a range of sports:

- Basketball (G & B), Cross Country, Futsal (G & B), HipHop, Hockey (G & B), Netball, Ripa, Sevens

We have 14 Individuals representing the school in:

- BMX, Gymnastics, Mountain Biking, Rhythmic Gymnastics, Swimming, Tennis, Trampolining

### Departure Dates

- Friday 29 August – Futsal teams
- Saturday 30 August – Hip Hop, Netball and the majority of our individuals
- Sunday 31 August – All other teams

### Come and Support

We look forward to seeing our school whānau out in force on the sidelines in Tauranga, cheering on our athletes.

For game times and daily updates, please visit the AIMS Games website

<https://www.nzaimsgames.co.nz/> or download the AIMS Games app.

Nō ngā mihi nui to everyone involved in preparing and supporting our students — we know our tamariki will give their all and represent our kura with HEART values both on and off the field.

Kia kaha, Pukekohe Intermediate — bring on AIMS 2025.

### Kaitiaki Nature Trail Events

On Wednesday, our aakonga braved the chilly winds to take part in our Tiny World Sketches event along the Native Tree Trail. By zooming in on small details of the ngahere, our young artists discovered beauty in the textures, patterns, and colours of te taiao. The experience reminded us that nature itself is the greatest artist, offering endless inspiration when we slow down and look closely. Thank you for joining us and sharing your talents.

-Whaea Erin



### **What's on next week?**

#### **Term 3 Week 8**

(Monday 1st - Friday 5th September)

#### **AIMS tournament week**

**No HUB**



### **Reminder: School Board Elections**

Voting is now open for our Parent Representative positions on the Board. This is your opportunity to help shape the direction of our kura and ensure our community's voice is heard. Candidate information has been emailed to you — please take a few minutes to read about the nominees and cast your vote before the closing date - Wednesday 10 September 4pm.

**Your vote matters!**

### **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** for your outstanding efforts this week!

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



# Teaching and Learning



## NIWA South & East Auckland STEM Fair Competition

Last week we had 11 students represent our school for the NIWA South & East Auckland STEM Fair.

Students who placed in our competition were invited to this opportunity. Students had to stand next to their projects and were interviewed by many different judges who work in the sector. We congratulate this group of students who represented our school with pride and scientific / technology knowledge. Tyler Bretz-Malcolm, Ryan Burr, Zoe Evertitt, Anna Gordon, Axel Gudmundsson-Davies, Kingsley Harding, Davin Harrex, Joseph Hughes, Stirling Kelly, Rona Neal, Nicholas Stabler and Vann Tapper.

From the judging last week we had four students who were very successful after competing against tough competition from all the intermediate schools in south and east Auckland. One student even competed against Year 9 and 10 students in the technology and Innovation category.

Last night at the prize giving ceremony the four students, accompanied by their whanau received accolades including certificates and prize money on the big stage!



Congratulations to the following students:

Anna Gordon - Biogas Balloon Blow Up: 1<sup>st</sup> Y7-Y8 Environmental Science; Special Prize Overall Best Year 7 Project, Innovation, Investigation or Invention

Ryan Burr - Loaf It or Leave It: 2<sup>nd</sup> Y7-Y8 Physical & Material World; Special Prize 1<sup>st</sup> Award for Best Project Using Flour

Rona Neal - Holey Moley - Are Kawakawa Leaves Good for Bread: Highly commended Y7 - Y8 Living World; Special Prize 2<sup>nd</sup> Award for Best Project Using Flour

Davin Harrex - Ther Vertical Lunch Box: Highly commended Y7-Y10 Technology & Innovation

Great to see our students, science and technology celebrated with high honours and achievements. Thanks to staff member Kerrie Lewthwaite who led our STEM fair and supported students last night at the prize giving.



## Carus Mural Competition

Congratulations to Felicity Jarvie on her outstanding entry in the Carus Mural Competition! Her creativity and hard work earned her first place, and as a result, her design will be painted at our school at no cost.

This is the first time our school has entered this competition, and we are incredibly proud of her achievement and can't wait to see her artwork come to life later this year.

### Senior Mural Competition Winners

**1st Place** Pukekohe, Auckland



*"My mural was inspired by my school Learning Community, named after Jonah Lomu, an amazing part of New Zealand history. The brief was to include nature, so I imagined Jonah running through a native bush filled with ferns and a cheeky sheep in kiwiana gumboots and sunglasses running behind him. I wanted it to be fun and represent our kiwi spirit. The quote is there to remind us that if you can dream something, you can make it happen. Just like Jonah did."*

**Name:** Felicity Jarvie      **Age:** 12      **School:** Pukekohe Intermediate School

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## Auckland Mathex 21st August

Last Thursday night 16 of our top mathematicians took part in the Auckland Mathex competition held at the Barfoot and Thompson Stadium in Kohimarama with hundreds of teams from schools across Auckland. This competition is crazy with a stadium full of students solving difficult mathematical problems as fast as they can with a student running to get the questions. Thank you to Whaea Lorraine Devaney our lead teacher of Maths along with Matua Paul Grant who attended with students. A big effort by parents also to get their child up after work into Auckland battling traffic with a very late night home.

Year 7 Team A: Nicholas Stabler, Anna Gordon, Zara Cooksley, Taksh Patel

Year 7 Team B: Morgan Hayes, Kingsley Harding, Arnav Sharma, Kade Foote

Year 8 Team A: Sam Kitchin, Georgia Holliday, Vann Tapper, Joseph Hughes

Year 8 Team B: Miu Iwamoto, Davin Harrex, Mateo Oti, Edwin Latu-Vailea



Health New Zealand  
Te Whatu Ora



## Healthy Active Learning - Voice of Tamariki Survey

Our school has been invited to be part of the 'Voice of Tamariki' (VoT) Survey run by CLM Community Sport. The survey is jointly run by Sport NZ and CLM Community Sport and seeks to understand the sport and physical activity experiences of tamariki (children) at school.

### About the survey

The VoT survey helps us understand the physical activity experiences of tamariki from schools and kura across Aotearoa. The survey is open to all schools/kura for tamariki in years 4-8.

By listening to their voices, we can gain valuable insights to improve the quality of physical activity experiences for tamariki.

All students at Pukeohe Intermediate School will be taking part on Friday 12 September. Students have 12 questions to answer with support of the classroom teacher and should take no longer than 15 - 20 minutes to complete.

# Community Messages



## PUKEKOHE

### Junior Touch 2025

- 6 Week Module
- Starting early November
- Friday nights 5-6pm
- Team or solo Entries welcome
- Year 1 - Year 8 Boys & Girls

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