

# Pānui o te wiki

PUKEKOHE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Term 2 Week 3, 2025



## Principal's Messages

This Friday, 16 May, we are proud to support Pink Shirt Day! It's our opportunity to unite as a kura against bullying, promoting kindness, inclusivity, and respect within our school and wider community.

Wear your favourite pink clothing or accessory and help us show our commitment to creating an environment where everyone feels safe, valued, and respected. Together, let's say loud and clear: "No to bullying!" and "Yes to kindness!"

### Canteen – Ordering and Expectations

To help ensure everyone receives their kai on time, we encourage all students to place their food orders during morning tea.

Lunch orders will be delivered directly to your classroom – making it quick and easy for everyone.

As you order, remember to demonstrate our HEART values.

### Year 8 Assembly

This week, our Year 8 students gathered for their scheduled assembly. Thank you to [insert names] for hosting and supporting the smooth running of the event.

During the assembly, we acknowledged students who represented our kura in the recent Counties Manukau Zone competitions, including school swimming, boys' softball, and football. These opportunities allow students to develop their skills, demonstrate teamwork, and represent our kura with pride.

Assemblies like this are an important part of our school routine, providing an opportunity to share information, recognise achievements, and reinforce expectations as a learning community.

We look forward to continuing to see our Year 8 students uphold our HEART values throughout the term.



### HEART Value Winners

Congratulations to our LC HEART Values winners! 🎉

**Batten** - Ana Faiva

**Hillary** - Cohen Thompson

**Lomu** - Aria Elliot

**Rutherford** - Nina Gordon

**Sheppard** - Lyhla Wilson

**Te Puea** - Kayla Walker

PB4L lesson focus for weeks 3 and 4:

School Appropriate Language

Words have wings, so speak good things.

### William Pike Challenge

The William Pike Challenge trip to Mt William was a huge success!

It was a challenging hike up the mountain but the view was worth it. There were lots of laughs along the way, and great memories made.

Thank you to the amazing parent helpers that were able to join the group!

-Whaea Amanda

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## What's on next week?

### Term 2 Week 4

(Monday 19th May - Friday 23rd May)

#### Monday

-Batten HUB (AM)  
-Sheppard HUB (PM)  
Pasifika Fono - 5:00-6:00 pm  
Maori Hui - 6:15-7:15 pm

#### Tuesday

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

#### Wednesday

Outside Schools HUB  
• Pukekohe North  
School Speeches in Hall  
P3-4 Year 7s and P5-6 Year 8s

#### Thursday

-Te Puea HUB (AM)  
-Rutherford HUB (PM)  
AIMS tournament parent meetings 5.30 and 6.00 pm

#### Friday

Hospice Mufti fundraiser - Super Hero Day

#### Sunday

Production Practice 1pm-4pm

#### 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: Sheppard Learning Community.

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

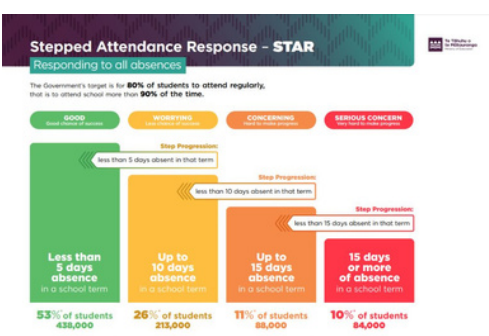
#### Congratulations

Whaea Laiha in Lomu recently achieved her Master of Education, having studied part-time over the last three years. She completed her thesis, "Koe Mata Ae Liaki Ako," Tongan for "the missing student." Her thesis was interpretivism and autoethnography research into the truancy journey of Maori and Pasifika students in Franklin. Whaea Laiha graduates in August with First Class Honours, Master of Education.



#### Attendance

Thank you to everyone for supporting daily attendance and for contacting the school when your child is absent. Regular attendance is important for student success and wellbeing. Students who attend school at least 85% of the time will continue to be eligible for selection to represent our kura in sporting, cultural, and academic opportunities outside of school. Students whose attendance falls below this threshold will not be considered for these opportunities. We appreciate your support in ensuring our tamariki are at school every day they are well enough to attend.



#### Breakfast Club Sausage Sizzle

##### Fundraiser

The Breakfast Club is hosting a Sausage Sizzle with the generous support of Kickstart Breakfast and Baker's Delight.

Funds raised will help transform our outdoor area into a warm, welcoming space for all our ākonga who start their mornings with us.

Established in 2021, our Breakfast Club runs every morning from 7:45-8:15am, offering hot chocolate, toast, Weet-Bix, and other tasty treats. We rely on the kindness of our community to keep the kai flowing! If you'd like to help, donations of spreads (like jam or Nutella) or cereals are always appreciated. Contributions can also be made via the MyKindo app.

Sausage Sizzle orders must be placed through the MyKindo app and will close on Monday, 26 May.

##### Ordering is via KINDO

Last day to order will be Monday, 26 May.  
-Steph Baldwin, Food Technology Teacher





# Teaching and Learning

## Auckland Writers Festival

On Tuesday 44 students were very fortunate to attend the Auckland Writers festival. Travelling right into Auckland, the students got to listen to four very acclaimed authors. Keeping books alive for our young adolescents was the purpose behind this whole language-rich experience. As a school, we were one of five schools selected for our long standing commitment to this event to receive \$1000 of the latest books, hot off the press. Thank you to Whaea Laura Padayachee, our lead teacher of English for her organisation around this experience for our students.



## Te Reo

Continuing to grow both our staff and student oral te reo is a curriculum priority. Staff have continued their learning with an outside facilitator focusing on teaching students te reo in a very formal but fun approach. Students at our school are seeing their kaiako learning and working hard on pronunciation. Students have begun a unit focusing on speaking te reo with classroom items, subjects and the timetable. A big Ka mau te wehi - How awesome to our administrative staff who are also learning te reo.



## May the Force be with you - Science (Physical World)

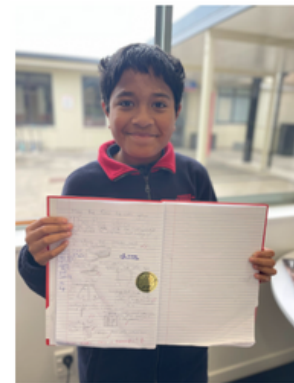
I have enjoyed speaking to students around the school this week discussing their wonderings about the forces around us.

Moses from Room 12 had these wonderings;

Why does the needle on a compass always point North?

What force is involved with this?

Why do we have gravity on earth but in space there is no gravity?



## Maori Hui - Monday 19th 6:15 - 7:15 pm

We welcome all Maori whanau to our first hui of 2025. Matua Antonio and Whaea Laura Anderson will lead this in the school hall to update families. A letter was sent out to all families this week.

-Whaea Janine, Deputy Principal of Teaching and Learning

# Community Messages

## Pukekohe High School



**OPEN EVENING**  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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

## 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



A huge thank you to Rapid Facility Services, which became the main sponsor of the 2025 Japan Trip Trivia Night on the 23rd May. Thank you so much for your amazing support, it makes the running of our fundraising event so much easier.

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