

Pānui o te wiki

PUKEKOHE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Term 4 Week 6, 2025



Principal's Messages

School Athletics

This week, all the training and preparation paid off as our students travelled to Navigation Homes Stadium for our annual School Athletics Day.

The atmosphere was filled with energy and enthusiasm as students gave their best in a range of track and field events. It was wonderful to see so many of our school whānau there to cheer on and support our athletes. We are incredibly proud of the way our students represented our kura, showing teamwork, positivity, and HEART values throughout the day.

A huge thank you to Jody McCort, our Sports Lead Teacher, Ann-Maree, our Sports Coordinator, and all staff who helped run events and support our students.

Year 6 assemblies

This week, I joined our student leaders in visiting two local contributing schools. It was a great chance for them to share what life is like at Pukekohe Intermediate and connect with our future Year 7s for 2026. We look forward to seeing many familiar faces at transition days later this term.

Year 7 Assembly

On Wednesday, we held our Year 7 Assembly, providing an opportunity to reflect on the final weeks of the school year and discuss the leadership opportunities available in Year 8. Students were encouraged to continue to AIM HIGH and uphold our school's HEART Values right through to the end of the year.

We also announced the long-awaited winner of the School ENVIRO Challenge, with the ENVIRO Certificate presented to **Te Puea Learning Community** — congratulations on your fantastic efforts!

2026 Year 8 Camp payments

A reminder that final payments for the 2026 Year 8 Camp are due by Friday, 5 December. Camp will take place in March next year at Totara Springs Christian Camp in Matamata.

We are looking forward to this exciting school event and the opportunity it provides for our students to challenge themselves, build confidence, and create lasting memories with their peers.



HEART Value Winners

Congratulations to our LC HEART Values winners! 🎉

Batten - Mia Cameron

Hillary - Nikita Fenton

Lomu - Tupou Senituli

Rutherford - Ron McIndoe

Sheppard - Laithan Wilkerson

Te Puea - Sophia Lal

Our PB4L lesson this week is: Ka Rangatira. Caring for and Respecting our school Toilets. We must all care and respect our school toilets. The poor choices of a few are affecting many in our school around this issue.



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What's on next week?

Term 4 Week 7

(Monday 17th - Friday 21st November)

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

- Outside School HUB
- Pukekohe North School
- PHS visit - all Y8 students enrolled for 2026 at PHS

Thursday

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

Friday

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

ENVIRO Challenge

Thank you to everyone for your ongoing commitment to caring for our environment and keeping our school grounds clean and tidy. Well done to **Lomu**, **Sheppard**, and **Te Puea** for your outstanding efforts this week!

Congratulations to **Te Puea Learning Community** – the ENVIRO Challenge Winner for Terms 3 & 4!

Your consistent effort to keep your learning community clean, tidy, and recycling correctly has truly stood out.

Learning Community	Recycling	LC Area	Bonus
Batten	3		
Hillary	5		
Lomu	4	1	
Parkside	1		
Rutherford	0		
Sheppard	4	1	
Te Puea	4	1	

Counties Zone Tennis

After two postponements, we were finally treated to a mostly fine day for the Franklin Tennis Tournament, allowing all matches to be completed. It was great to see such strong participation from our school, with 14 students signing up to play. Each player competed in at least two to three matches, with some games played first to seven and finals decided over the best of two sets to four. Well done to all our players for your effort, sportsmanship, and enthusiasm throughout the day! everyone.

Results:

Girls - Azaria Forbes 1st, Katarina Radosevic 2nd, Zoe Everitt runner up in the consolation cup. Azaria and Katarina played a very close match that was by a tie breaker. Both girls played really well. Boys: Flynn Lundon 3rd and Liam Ontong winner of consolation cup. -Ann-Maree, Sports Coordinator

Murals

We are excited to show the two new murals installed this week. The first mural, located in Hillary Learning Community, celebrates Sir Edmund Hillary's historic climb of Mount Everest. The second, painted by artist Jonny, features Jonah Lomu and is displayed in Lomu Learning Community. These artworks honour two inspirational New Zealanders whose determination and achievements reflect the HEART values we uphold at our kura.



Kindo - Stationery payments

Whaanau can now pre-order stationery packs for 2026. The packs, tailored for both Year 7 and Year 8 students, are available for \$40.00 each. Orders can be made through Kindo, ensuring the packs will be ready and waiting on your child's desk at the start of the school year.

This convenient option ensures your tamariki have everything they need from day one.

Second-hand Uniforms Available

Starting next week, second-hand uniforms will be available for purchase from the Student Centre.

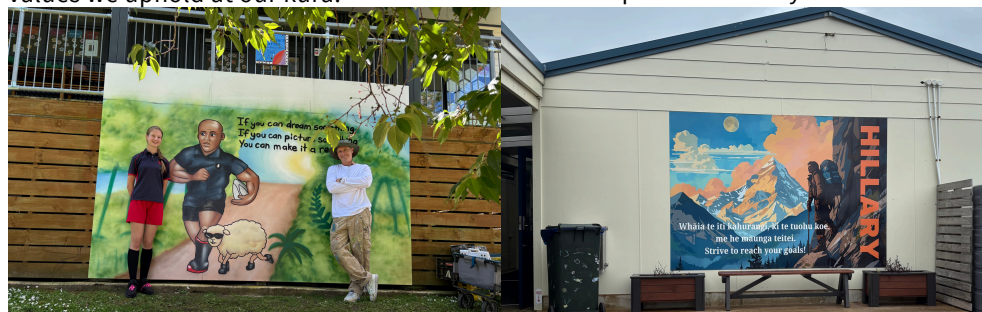
We have a limited range of items, so we encourage you to come in early to find what you need. Prices range from \$5 to \$30, depending on the item's condition – some are even brand new.

Please ensure all uniform items are clearly named before being worn to school.

Last day of the year

Our final day for 2025 will be Friday, 12 December.

Please note that school will finish early at 12:30 p.m. on this day.



School Athletics

2025 Track Events - Results

100 m		Yr 7 Girls	LC	Place	Yr 7 Boys	LC	Place	Yr 8 Girls	LC	Place	Yr 8 Boys	LC
	1	Sophia Muir 15.17	L	1	Luca Hollingsworth 16.06	H	1	Ava Capper 15.19	H	1	Maniyah Hyde 14.78	H
	2	Evelyn Rowan	R	2	Tofunmi Amira	H	2	Amelya Hill	R	2	Robert Uaati	H
	3	Maryann Ochoa	R	3	Alex Brady	S	3	Konka Selupe	L	3	Declan Wolfe	R
200 m		Yr 7 Girls		Place	Yr 7 Boys		Place	Yr 8 Girls		Place	Yr 8 Boys	
	1	Sophia Muir 31.78	L	1	Luca Hollingsworth 30.80	H	1	Ava Capper 28.94	H	1	Maniyah Hyde 29.57	H
	2	Anna Gordon	S	2	Tofunmi Amira	H	2	Amelya Hill	R	2	Cayden O'Connor	H
	3	Bianca Hill	L	3	Frankie Gago	L	3	Konka Selupe	L	3	Declan Wolfe	R
400 m	Place	Yr 7 Girls		Place	Yr 7 Boys		Place	Yr 8 Girls		Place	Yr 8 Boys	
	1	Ava Mullins 1.12.16	TP	1	Luca Hollingsworth 1.10.41	H	1	Esra Balaban 1.09.01	B	1	Cayden O'Connor 1.06.41	H
	2	Bianca Hill	L	2	Hunter Green	R	2	Devi Hari	R	2	Quade Williams	L
	3	Maryann Ochoa	R	3	Tofunmi Amira	H	3	Kiana Jackman	TP	3	Declan Wolfe	R
1500	Place	Yr 7 Girls		Place	Yr 7 Boys		Place	Yr 8 Girls		Place	Yr 8 Boys	
	1	Sophia Muir 6.05.04	L	1	Luca Hollingsworth 5.42.29	H	1	Kiana Jackman 5.44.38	TP	1	Joost van Dorsser 5.24.88	S
	2	Bianca Hill	L	2	Theo McRobbie	B	2	Keira Elliot	R	2	Micah McDowell	L
	3	Anna Gordon	S	3	Alex Brady	S	3	Devi Hari	R	3	Cayden O'Connor	H

2025 Field Events - Results

	Place	Yr 7 Girls	LC	Place	Yr 7 Boys	LC	Place	Yr 8 Girls	LC	Place	Yr 8 Boys	LC
H I G H	1	Sophia Muir 1.36m	L	1	Luca Hollingsworth 1.42m	H	1	Ava Capper 1.48m	H	1=	Heath Ramsay 1:48m Quade Williams 1:48m	H L
	2	Olivia Silipa	TP	2	Jadon Eseeese	L	2	Poppy Beavis	H			
	3	Alexus Grass-Round	B	3=	Tyler Hinton Alex Brady	L S	3	Ashani Khusal-Patel	L	3	Odin Wharepapa	TP
	Place	Yr 7 Girls		Place	Yr 7 Boys		Place	Yr 8 Girls		Place	Yr 8 Boys	
L O N G	1	Anna Gordon 3.72m	S	1	Luca Hollingsworth 3.82m	H	1	Esra Balaban 4.08m	L	1	Tu Whare 4.18m	H
	2	Sophia Muir	L	2	Kingsley Harding	S	2	Azaria Forbes	B	2	Robert Uaati	H
	3	Alexus Grass-Round	B	3	Picydon Wati	L	3	Kiana Jackman	TP	3	Puafuti Taumalea	R
	Place	Yr 7 Girls		Place	Yr 7 Boys		Place	Yr 8 Girls		Place	Yr 8 Boys	
D I S C U S	1	Marulika Macaskill	L	1	Matua Kingi-Hicks 22.11m	TP	1	Rosa Tukiri 20.00m	R	1	Samani Konelio 27.95m	TP
	2	Delylah Teina	TP	2	Tyler Hinton	L	2	Wai Matthews	H	2	Wetere Tule	TP
	3	Isla Williams	S	3	Niko Jansen Van Vuuren	R	3	Bronze Butcher	L	3	Tiraa Matangi	R
		Yr 7 Girls		Place	Yr 7 Boys		Place	Yr 8 Girls		Place	Yr 8 Boys	
S H O T	1	Marulika Macaskill - 7.25m	S	1	Meihana Miller 9.41m	TP	1	Le'ley Dexter 9.27m	H	1	Wetere Tule 9.36m	TP
	2	Anna Gordon	H	2	SJ Tonga	TP	2	Wai Matthew	H	2=	Samani Konelio Puafuti Taumalea	TP
	3	Tokanga Loni	B	3	Charles Tuineau	B	3	Mia Paewhenua	TP	3	Odin Wharepapa	TP



Teaching and Learning

The NEW - New Zealand Curriculum - Te Mātaiaho

As parents and carers, you want the best for your children. And the New Zealand Curriculum is designed to ensure just that. The strengthened national curriculum is organised into five phases of learning and includes year-by-year teaching and learning sequences.

This means your child will build on their last year's learning.

It sets out what your child is expected to learn over their time at school including the intended levels of knowledge, understanding and skill to be achieved.

The new curriculum is clear, sequenced and evidence-based.

It means teachers will use explicit teaching which involves connecting current learning to what your child already knows, providing concise step-by-step explanations with your child's input, and discussion, explaining, modelling and demonstrating new learning, regularly checking for understanding and providing feedback and providing opportunities for your child to practice both in groups and independently.

The New Zealand Curriculum is the building blocks that support your child's growth. At Pukekohe Intermediate School we have;

1. Implemented the new maths curriculum across the school this year with all teachers being provided a new yearly overview with exactly what to teach, when to teach it and in what sequence. In October the maths curriculum was further updated. These changes will be introduced in 2026.
2. Been learning as a staff from new research about the “Science of Learning” and how students learn best through specific teaching approaches. Students have told us they like it when their teacher is clear with exactly what the task is, when the teacher allows them to have a go but with support and how important it is to have time to practice, not just once but, many times.

In 2026 as a school we will begin to unpack the new English curriculum introducing the new content in our classrooms, deepen application of the new maths curriculum and include more opportunities for students to re-practice, be re-taught and revise new content. Lots of “new” for our staff who are doing an incredible job!

Accelerated Learning in Writing

This week it was my honour to celebrate with students from Room 14, 48, 40 and 43 along with their teacher, the progress and success in writing. Every student shared with me what made a difference in their writing progress this year and what their classroom teacher did that supported them. Congratulations to these students for really working hard, taking risks, persevering when writing was hard and most importantly gaining confidence in their ability as authors.

Our staff Erin Warne, Sharon Boon, Amy Ash and Paul Grant committed to developing their practice with an outside facilitator and committed to providing their students with explicit teaching approaches. Incredible staff, striving to be the best teacher for their students.

Celebration of writing this week did include Mrs Fryer’s shout for icecreams.... at 10 am!



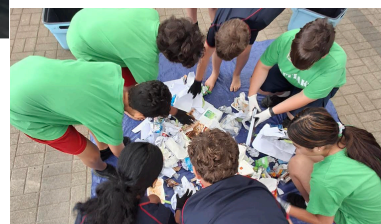
Waste Audit 2025

On Wednesday, our Kaitiaki leaders rolled up their sleeves and completed our annual waste audit, guided by our incredible Sustainable Schools Advisor, Kylee. Auditing 24 hours’ worth of our kura’s rubbish is no small task — but with determination (and a few gloves!), our team got it done!

The results have been recorded and will soon be compared with last year’s data to see how we’re tracking as a school. This mahi helps us understand the impact we’re making and what changes we can take next to reduce waste.

A huge mihi to Kylee for her ongoing support, guidance, and commitment to helping our kura learn, grow, and take collective action towards a more sustainable future.

Ngaa manaakitanga, Whaea Erin and the Kaitiaki Crew



Community Messages



Decorate for Good
A Mai Lighthouse fundraiser in collaboration with the Pukekohe Christmas Store

Get inspired with a Xmas Decor demonstration by expert stylists (light refreshments included)

Saturday 15th November, 3pm - 5pm

Pukekohe Christmas Store, 102 King Street, Pukekohe

Get your tickets here:

Tickets \$25 with all proceeds going towards our annual Smiles Appeal to support whānau in our community!



Mai Lighthouse
Guiding whānau to wellbeing

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OPEN INVITATION
FREE
PUKEKOHE
GIVE BACK EVENT

FREE
Food, Clothing & Household Items
Come and enjoy a hot lunch with our community



Pukekohe Intermediate School entry on Edinburgh Street
SUNDAY
30 NOVEMBER
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Car parking on surrounding streets

This is a **FREE** event
Bring your appetite, Whānau!!
We look forward to seeing you there

This day has been sponsored by a wonderful benefactor who would like to remain anonymous.



PUKEKOHE LIONS PRESENT
CHRISTMAS GROTTO

MEET SANTA!

WISHING WELL, SANTA'S POSTBOX, LIGHT SHOW, RAFFLES!

GOLD COIN DONATION ENTRY

2PM TO 8.30PM | 15-23 NOVEMBER

MASSEY HALL A&P SHOWGROUNDS STATION RD

Pjama Party 15 November 6pm to 8pm
music, fun & games
All are welcome!

Vote for your favourite tree
Special Westpac Gifting Tree
Make your own decoration
Meet Santa
Join us for our PJ party

All proceeds to be donated to Westpac Rescue Helicopter