

# Pānui o te wiki

PUKEKOHE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Term 2 Week 1, 2026



## Principal's Messages

Welcome back to Term 2!

A warm welcome to the new families who have joined our kura this term, we are delighted to have you as part of our school community.

This is an 11-week term, filled with many opportunities for our students to learn, grow, and get involved.

Trials are continuing for our Zone and AIMS sports teams, and winter sports will soon be underway.

Our Year 7 students will be participating in Watercare science lessons, and we also look forward to our upcoming speech competition.

Parent interviews and mid-year reports will take place towards the end of the term, providing a valuable opportunity to connect and reflect on student progress.

We look forward to working alongside you to support your tamariki and to another positive and busy term ahead.

## Attendance and fuel

The Ministry of Education has confirmed that New Zealand is in Phase 1 – “Watchful” of the Fuel Response Plan. This means fuel is available and our kura continues as normal.

Attendance remains a priority. Last term, over 80% of our students attended school 90% of the time. A strong result we aim to build on. We expect all students at school each day, ready to learn.

We are taking simple, proactive steps such as encouraging carpooling, and planning ahead. All learning programmes, sport, and EOTC will continue as planned.

We will keep you informed of any changes. Thank you for your ongoing support.

## ANZAC Day Commemorations

We warmly invite our school community to join us in honouring ANZAC Day, a time where we come together to remember and reflect on the service and sacrifice of those who have served our country.

The Dawn Service will be held at 6:00am. In the event of wet weather, this service will

be held at the school, ensuring our community can still gather in remembrance.

Later in the day, our kura will host the Civic Service at 11:00am. This is a special opportunity for our students, staff, and whaanau to come together in a spirit of respect and unity.

Our students will play an important role in the service, demonstrating manaakitanga and rangatiratanga as they honour this significant occasion.

## Year 8 Attendance Assembly

Congratulations to the students who worked hard to achieve an attendance level of 90% and above.

Above are photos from our Year 8 Attendance Assembly, held on the final day of Term 1. It was fantastic to celebrate the large number of students who achieved 100% attendance, along with those whose names were drawn for prizes for maintaining attendance at 90% and above.

Ka pai to our students for their commitment to being present and engaged in their learning.

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## Counties Zone Orienteering

On Wednesday, 22nd April, 48 students caught the bus to Manurewa Botanical Gardens to compete in Counties Zone Orienteering. For once, the weather was on our side, such an awesome place to hold this event. We had eight teams competing, with some great team results and individual course times.

Year 7 Girls team 2 placed 2nd. Team 1 placed 3rd

Individual course results

Ashleigh O'Brien - 1st, Ella Ford - Ella Ford - 2nd, Mila Chan- 3rd, Isla Brett-Chinnery 3rd.

Year 8 girls Team 5 placed 4th.

Individual course results

Zoe Everitt- 2nd, Zara Cooksley - 2nd, Anna Gordon - 3rd, Ava Mullins -3rd.

Year 7 boys Team 3 placed 3rd

Individual course results

Tommy Kitchin - 2nd, Taylor Budge -2nd, Austin Birchall -2nd.

Year 8 Boys team 7 placed 2nd

Individual course results

Kade Foote -1st, Lachlan Kimber -1st, Alex Brady -2nd, Theo McRobbie - 2nd, Morgan Hayes - 2nd, Luca Hollingsworth -3rd.



Congratulations to Te Rau Kohekohe ki te Pūaha o Waikato, who competed in the Tainui Regional Kapa Haka Competition in Hamilton over the weekend. We also acknowledge our very own Matua Antonio, who is a proud member of the roopu.

The group performed on Tainui Day 1, with six roopu from Tainui progressing through to represent the rohe at Te Matatini—a fantastic achievement.

Footage of their performance can be viewed on Māori Television. Simply search for Day 1 and the roopu name to watch or use the link below:

<https://www.maoriplus.co.nz/show/haka-regionals-2026-tainui/tainui-day-1/episode-4/play>.

## What's on next week?

Term 2 Week 2

**Monday**

**School Closed**

**ANZAC DAY Observed**

**Tuesday**

-Batten HUB (AM)

-Rutherford HUB (PM)

Zone boys' football

**Wednesday**

Outside Schools HUB

- Pukekohe North School

**Thursday**

-Hillary HUB (AM)

-Te Paea HUB (PM)

**Friday**

Outside Schools HUB

- Waiau Pa School

## 2026 Term Dates

Term 2 Monday 20 April - Friday 3 July

Term 3 Monday 20 July - Friday 25

September

Term 4 Monday 12 October - Friday 11

December

## ENVIRO Challenge

As we begin our Term 2 Enviro Challenge, this week is a fresh start for all Learning Communities.

Students are encouraged to take pride in their environment, showing responsibility, teamwork, and care for our kura. We look forward to seeing each Learning Community step up and embrace the challenge.

Learning Community	Recycling	LC Area (Windows, TVs, Lights, Doors & locks)	LC Rubbish (Designated Area)	Classroom Bins	Bonus Point
Batten	3	1	1	1	
Hillary	4	1		1	
Lomu	4	1	1	1	
Parkside	1				
Rutherford	4	1		1	
Sheppard	4	1	1	1	
Te Paea	3	1	1	1	

# Teaching and Learning



## Diary These Dates!

Friday 19 June - Mid Year Reports - sent to parent email on record.  
Monday 22 & Tuesday 23 June - Follow-up parent/teacher interviews.



## Community E-Waste Event

Last term we held a community electronic waste drop off day. Please see the results below - fantastic community effort!

Our school was involved with the E-Waste Education Programme with students learning specific lesson content related to E-waste. Information about “batteries” was a hot topic. Students were amazed at how many household items have lithium batteries that can then end up in landfill.

Invited students got to visit the Echo factory in Penrose to actually see our Pukekohe waste and how it was sorted, seeing what could be re-used by companies around the world and how items are disposed of safely so, not to contaminate our soils and water systems.

Through the partnership between **Pukekohe Intermediate** and Echo, we were able to make a significant difference in the community. Working together, we reached 195 households and diverted the following e-waste from landfill:

4,289kg

Total e-waste collected

1,230kg

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Avoided

25.4kg

Toxic metals diverted from landfill



## Auckland Watercare Lessons

This week students have started the term off with practical hands on science, thanks to our colleagues at Auckland Watercare Services.

Year 7 students have been learning about “Drinking Water”. When you turn on the tap where does it come from? How is it so clean?

Year 8 students have been learning about “Wastewater” and water density. They now know what happens to the water when they flush!



## Creature Creations Exhibit

Whaea Steph has been working with her Rutherford Y7 HUB group to create hand crafted “creatures”. This week students shared with us how they started with a design then used fabrics, craft equipment and sewing to make awesome creatures.

Students were super proud of their end product - lots of hard mahi to get to this stage. Great perseverance!



# Community Messages



## Wesley College

### Discover Our College Community

Wesley College is a small co-educational, state integrated Methodist secondary school in Paerata with a free bus network serving the south Auckland area including Waiuku.

Founded in 1844, we have a proud history of excellence in education which is grounded in our strong Christian values.

We warmly invite prospective students and whaanau to visit our campus and experience the unique spirit of our College.

### Upcoming Opportunities to Visit

#### Open Morning

- ▶ Thursday 14th May (9.30 - 12.30)

#### College Tours (9.30 - 10.30)

- ▶ Thursday 30th April
- ▶ Thursday 28th May
- ▶ Tuesday 9th June
- ▶ Thursday 25th June

For more information and to register, please visit our website [www.wesley.school.nz](http://www.wesley.school.nz) or contact [admin@wesley.school.nz](mailto:admin@wesley.school.nz).

**We look forward to welcoming you!**

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PUKEKOHE HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

# JOSEPH

AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

MUSIC BY ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER

LYRICS BY TIM RICE

### Performances

Thursday 7 May, 7.30pm  
Friday 8 May, 7.30pm  
Saturday 9 May, 2.30pm and 7.30pm

### Ticket Information

Students: \$15  
Adults: \$20  
Seniors: \$15

HARRINGTON THEATRE  
2 HARRINGTON AVE, PUKEKOHE

BUY TICKETS ONLINE AT TRYBOOKING

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Seasons For Growth is a grief, loss and change programme for children dealing with challenges in their lives e.g. separation, divorce, death, other significant changes. Our after school programme starts next term on Thursday 30th of April, held in Pukekohe and runs once a week over 8 weeks. An optional Parent Programme also runs at the same time. For enquiries or enrolments please phone/text Marisa on 021 142 5812, office (09) 238 7228, or email [seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz](mailto:seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz).

For more

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