

Pānui o te wiki

PUKEKOHE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Term 4 Week 1, 2026



Tumuaki Update

What a fantastic start to Term 4. Our classrooms are humming with learning, bilingual Maaori interviews are underway, and our aakonga are already making the most of the many activities and opportunities on offer this week.

We have a busy and exciting term ahead, with plenty of events, celebrations and opportunities for our students to get involved. With Term 4 being a short one, the weeks are bound to fly by. Attendance remains a key focus as we work together to meet the Ministry of Education's attendance targets once again this term. Every school day counts, particularly in such a short term, and we encourage whaanau to support regular attendance.

A special congratulations to our Year 7 and Year 8 students who achieved 100% attendance last term, along with the many aakonga who reached 90% or higher.

We look forward to a wonderful final term of learning, achievement and celebration at our kura.

School Tuckshop Renaming

As part of Te Wiki o te Reo Māori, our aakonga designed a new name and look for our school tuckshop.

Congratulations to Elayna Te Anau, who took first place with Te Amohanga, followed by Kobe Libongcogon in second place with The Kai Hakomaha, and Alex Morgan and Khanh Peace in third place with Matea Kai. Eliza Ferguson received Highly Commended for REKA!

Elayna will now work with SignMax to bring her winning design to life. A big thank you to Whaea Laura Anderson for organising this creative competition.

Road Safety

Keeping our aakonga safe on their way to and from school is everyone's responsibility. We ask drivers to slow down, take extra care at pedestrian crossings and park safely during busy school times.

Please remind your children to use pedestrian crossings and travel safely when walking, biking or scootering. A big thank you to our dedicated road patrollers who help keep our students safe every day.



Lesson:

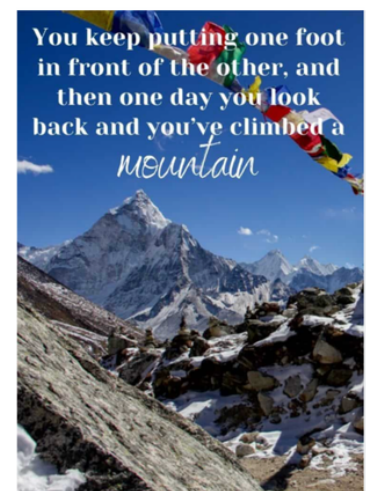
Kia āhei - As Term 4 begins we look at all that we have achieved already this year and look at what else we can do before the end of the year.



Whakatauki:

Whāia te iti kahurangi, ki te tuohu koe, me he maunga teitei".

Seek what you value most, and to only bow your head to the loftiest of mountains.



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PE Uniform

Our new PE uniform is now available at The Warehouse. It features a navy shirt with red side panels, a white kowhaiwhai design and PUKEKOHE INTERMEDIATE on the back, paired with red sports shorts.

The uniform is designed for comfort and movement during PE and sport.

There will be a transition period, so aakonga can continue wearing their current PE uniform. There is no need to purchase the new uniform immediately.

Girls' Zone Basketball

Despite a drizzly start on Tuesday 12 October, our Girls' Zone Basketball team headed to Bruce Pulman Arena ready to take on the competition! The girls battled hard through three pool games, finishing second in their pool and earning a playoff against Randwick Park for 3rd and 4th place.

As the day progressed, the team really began to gel, showing great teamwork, determination and some fantastic basketball skills. The competition was fierce, but the girls gave it their all, supported one another and represented Pukekohe Intermediate with pride. They finished the day in 4th place.

A huge thank you to Whaea Christina for sharing her coaching expertise and helping the girls bring their game to the next level, and to Whaea Lorraine for managing the team and keeping everything running smoothly.

-Whaea Lorriane- Batten Learning Community Leader



Boys' Zone Basketball

A great day out for our girls and boys basketball teams on Tuesday. They travelled to Bruce Pulman Arena for the Counties Zone Basketball day.

The boys finished top of their pool and had to play Manurewa in the semis, beating them 28-10. That meant the boys played Clendon Park in the finals and unfortunately lost, coming 2nd to a pretty good team.

What a great display of talent our boys showed Matua Josh and I were very proud.

Thank you to Tyler Hinton for reffing on the day.

-Whaea Ann-Maree, Sports Coordinator



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Students showcasing our school

What a fantastic school holiday break for Olivia Kirkham, who represented Counties at the Under 13 Hockey Tournament before flying to Australia to represent Auckland in lacrosse.

Olivia had an outstanding lacrosse tournament, earning two MVP awards for her incredible goalkeeping skills. Her impressive saves also helped her team secure victory in their final game.

Olivia also had the exciting opportunity to meet and chat with the New Zealand goalkeeper competing in the Sixes Tournament, where the women's team secured qualification for the World Championships.

International Peace Poster

Competition

Congratulations, Rinoa Bautista!

We are proud to share that Rinoa's poster has been selected by the Pukekohe Lions Club to represent our area in the International Peace Poster Competition. Open to students aged 11–13 from around the world, this year's theme is "Harmony in Humanity – When we come together, we can do amazing things!"

Rinoa's poster will now be judged alongside entries from across New Zealand, with the national winner progressing to the international competition. We wish Rinoa the very best of luck and look forward to seeing how far her artwork goes!

-Whaea Pip, Visual Arts



What's on next week?

Term 4 Week 2

Monday 19 - Friday 23 October

Monday

- Lomu HUB (AM)
- Sheppard HUB (PM)
- PHS enrolments 2pm

Tuesday

- Rutherford HUB (AM)
- Batten HUB (PM)

Wednesday

- Outside Schools HUB
 - Pukekohe North School
- Zone volleyball

Thursday

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

Friday

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

ENVIRO Challenge

Our ENVIRO Challenge is back for Term 4, encouraging Learning Communities to keep our kura clean and tidy. Congratulations to our previous winners:

- Term 1: Lomu
- Term 2: Te Puea
- Term 3: Rutherford

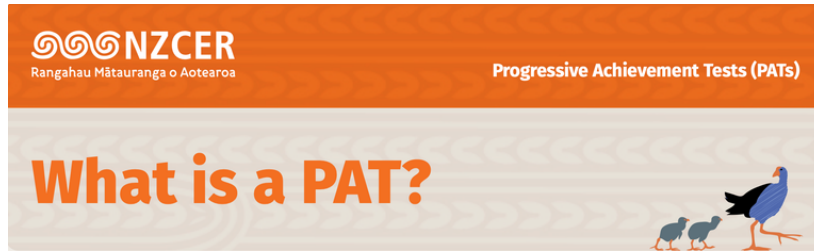
Plazrok collections will continue, with valuable points up for grabs. With three different winners so far, who will be our Term 4 ENVIRO Champions?

Let's take pride in our kura.

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	4	1			
Lomu	4	1			
Parkside	1	1			
Rutherford	4	1	1		
Sheppard	4	1	1		
Te Puea	3	1			

Teaching & Learning

Janine Fryer, Deputy Principal



PAT Testing

Over the next two weeks students will be conducting formal end of year PAT tests. These assessments help teachers to make final end of year judgements. PATs provide a point-in-time snapshot of how students are doing.

He aha ēnei - What they are:

- PATs (Progressive Achievement Tests) are a range of standardised assessments for use in Aotearoa for learners in Years 3 – 10. PATs are one of several tools that our school uses to support your child in their learning.
- PATs are designed to support our teachers to understand where your child is in their learning and what progress they are making, and to help plan future learning programmes.
- They are multiple-choice tests and are an online assessment.
- Our students will be formally tested in PAT mathematics and reading comprehension.

Our students will sit both of these assessments during the next two weeks.



Power to the People

Last term we had six political learning community parties present their policies to the whole school prior to our election day.

Students have gained new knowledge and understanding from this unit of inquiry which they can apply to our upcoming National election on November 7th.

The people voted and we wish to announce that the first past the post were the "**Cobalt Catalyst Party**", Amber, Grace, Aaron and Hudson from Room 33 in the Sheppard LC. CONGRATULATIONS!

Students will start working with the senior management team and present a report to our governing board about a proposal to include a "school hoodie" into our school uniform policy.

Celebration of the Arts

A wonderful event to see all of our students present their skills & passion in the arts. Thank you whanau for your support. Our school hall was jam-packed!



Community Messages



Seasons For Growth

Seasons For Growth is a grief, loss and change programme for children dealing with challenges in their lives e.g separation, divorce, death, other family changes. Our after school programme starts again this term, held in Pukekohe and runs once a week over 7-8 weeks. An optional Parent Programme also runs at the same time. For enquiries or enrolments please phone/text Marisa 021 142 5812, office (09) 238 7228, or email seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz. For more info please go to www.pukekohecommunityaction.co.nz/seasons



PUKEKOHE Association Football Club Inc



Hi there

We are reaching out to schools to promote our Milo Fantails programme for girls that runs on Wednesdays for 8 weeks from 14th October 2026.

Details are below. If you could add to your next newsletter so that girls that are keen to learn football skills and meet new friends can be part of this fantastic programme.

Who: Girls aged 5 - 12 years

When: Wednesdays 4 - 4.55pm

Where: Bledisloe Park Field 6, John Street side under the trees

Cost: \$20 covers 8 weeks of play and includes a specially designed Fantails t-shirt to keep

More information and registration link can be found here: <https://www.pukekoheafc.com/fantails/>

**PIA AND FICC
PRESENTS**

PUKEKOHE
Diwali
LET'S CELEBRATE THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS TOGETHER

SATURDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2026
PIA EVENT CENTRE - 55 WARD STREET, PUKEKOHE
4PM - 9PM



FOOD STALLS | KIDS CRAFTS | LIVE DJ DANCE
PERFORMANCES | FASHION SHOW & LOTS OF GIVEAWAYS

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