

Pānui o te wiki

PUKEKOHE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Term 1 Week 3, 2024



Principal's Message

Tēnā koutou katoa, Kia orana, Talofa lava, Faka alofa lahiatu, Malo elelei, Namaste, Aslam Alaykom, Bula vinaka, Ni hao, Welkom.

Happy Chinese New Year everyone!
This week our school student centre was decorated by some of our Chinese students to recognise this special time of the year for our Chinese community.

This week we held our first Year group assembly. As this was the first assembly of the year, it was also an opportunity to introduce our senior management and deans who will oversee the smooth running of our year groups. During my talk with the students, I emphasised the significance of arriving on time at school to commence their day with their classmates. Furthermore, I instructed them to use the pedestrian gates located around the school to enter the campus. It is crucial to note that students should not use the driveway on Queen Street, as it is solely reserved for vehicles.

Year 7 & Year 8 Deans

It is my pleasure to announce our two year group deans.

Year 7 Dean Lorraine Devaney



Year 8 Dean Nicola Gibson



Our deans will organise cohort events, run year group assemblies and ensure clear and consistent messages are communicated across our school.

Our deans will also unpack the pastoral alerts from our school's Stymie system. As always, your main point of contact as a parent is your child's classroom teacher.

Lunchtime breaks

We have a variety of activities offered during our lunch break. These activities are designed to cater for a range of interests including, our games room, the quiet room, staff running sports activities on the field and Ann-Maree and sports coaches working with students in preparation for upcoming sports tournaments. Students, should you have an idea for a lunchtime club you wish to discuss, please email me.



HEART LC Winners

Congratulations to the following students who received a HEART Values award for their learning community in week 2.

Batten - Jayden Wyatt

Lomu - Darian Morrow

Ngata - Mia Watson

Rutherford - Denzel Grevers-Smith

Sheppard - Edie Hussey

Te Pua - Declan Wolfe

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Making our way to school

It is fantastic to see a growing number of students making their own way to school - walking, biking and scootering.

We have received comments from the public about our students' safe conduct while biking with students wearing a helmet and using appropriate hand signals. We have bike and scooter racks placed around the school for students to use. Please remind your child to bring a combination lock.



Year 8 Camp REMINDER

Our Year 8 students are looking forward to attending camp on Monday 11th - Wednesday 13th March at Matamata Christian Camp.

To secure a place for your child at camp, please ensure all outstanding money for camp is paid in full no later than Monday 19th February at 3 pm.

If there is a hardship concern, please immediately contact Leah McNaughten, Assistant Principal
l_mcnaughten@pukekoheint.school.nz

Health forms have been sent directly from Venue360@totarasprings.org.nz; this is the camp email.

Please identify any dietary or health concerns. This information will ensure the camp fully caters for your child's needs.

Learning a musical instrument

Our lead music teacher held a meeting on Tuesday to gauge the students' interest in learning a musical instrument this year. The meeting was well-attended by over a hundred students.

Those who attended have received a permission letter, which needs to be signed by their family. After this, they will receive another letter to confirm their preferred instrument.

Due to the high demand for the music programme, both letters must be returned as soon as possible to secure a place.

ENVIRO Challenge

Our school's ENVIRO Challenge has commenced for the year, and it's lovely to see our learning communities taking responsibility for our school environment.

We are ensuring that all waste is disposed of properly and that indoor and outdoor environments are kept clean and well-organized. Additionally, we are working on reducing our electricity consumption by closing doors and windows when the air conditioning is in operation and switching off lights and TVs when we exit the classroom.

Every week, we will announce the learning communities that have contributed positively to our school environment.

Our caretakers, Matua Ken and Matua Kevin and Kaitiaki Whaea Kirsty, selected **Ngata** and **Rutherford** Learning Communities.



What's on next week?

Term 1 Week 4

(Monday 19th February - Friday 23rd February)

Monday

Batten Hub AM
Lomu Hub PM
ASB Get Wise Financial Literacy

Tuesday

Te Puea AM
Ngata PM
ASB Get Wise Financial Literacy

Wednesday

Outside schools Hub
- Buckland
- Kingsgate
ASB Get Wise Financial Literacy
P5 - Camp meeting - cabin groupings

Thursday

Sheppard Hub AM
Rutherford Hub PM
ASB Get Wise Financial Literacy

Friday

P1-2 Kapahaka
P3-4 Choir
P5-6 Pasifika

Lost Property

We have a growing number of unnamed uniform items and towels in our school lost property box.

This is located outside the Rutherford learning community side of the student centre.

If your child is missing an uniform item please remind them to look in the lost property box.



PAT testing

Our kura uses a variety of assessment tools to determine what level our ākonga are at, what progress they are making, what their next learning steps are, and where they may need extra help. Progressive Achievement Tests, commonly known as PATs, are one of the tests that we use.

There are PATs for pāngarau/mathematics, pānui/reading comprehension, listening comprehension, punctuation and grammar, and reading vocabulary.

PATs are standardised, multiple-choice assessments. They are designed to support kaiako and kura to understand where your tamaiti is in their learning and what progress they are making.

PATs are also important because they help identify the progress your tamaiti is making from year to year.



Te noho mārama ki ngā PAT – mā te whānau Understanding PATs – for whānau

He aha tēnei mea te PAT? What are PATs?

Te whāinga o ngā aromatawai Purpose of the assessments

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 may be one of several tools that your school uses to support your tamaiti in their learning.
- There are PATs for pāngarau | mathematics, pānui | reading comprehension, listening comprehension, punctuation and grammar, and reading vocabulary. Individual schools determine which PATs ākonga will sit, and why.
- PATs are designed to support kaiako and kura to understand where your tamaiti is in their learning and what progress they are making, and to help plan learning programmes.
- Ākonga can sit these assessments any time during the year, but often sit them during Term 1 to help schools develop their teaching and learning programmes, and again in Term 3 or 4 to measure progress.
- They are multiple-choice tests and can be sat either online, or as a paper test, depending on the kura.
- Pāngarau | Mathematics and Pānui | Reading Comprehension PATs have been refreshed (2023) to be more culturally relevant, authentic and accessible for our ākonga.

Ka ahatia ngā raraunga e ngā kura? What do kura do with the data?

Kaiako may use the data to:

- identify patterns of strengths and areas of need for individuals and groups of ākonga
- make informed decisions about the most useful kinds of teaching programmes and materials they will use
- communicate with you about the progress of your tamaiti, their strengths, and next steps.

Senior leaders may use the data to:

- plan professional development for kaiako; plan annual goals for the kura.

Me pēhea taku tautoko i taku tamaiti? How can I support my tamaiti?

- Ask their kaiako what PATs your tamaiti will be sitting, and when.
- Ask kaiako to explain how PAT assessments work and what they mean, and how they will be used.
- Reassure your tamaiti that PATs are something their kaiako uses to see how they are learning and to find out about the progress they are making in areas like pāngarau | maths and pānui | reading.
- Encourage your tamaiti to give the PATs a good go. They should try to answer all the questions, even if they don't know all the answers. They might find some questions easy and others a bit hard. That's totally normal.

Ētahi mea taketake, hei maharatanga Key points to remember

PATs are:

- just one piece of evidence of learning. They are a snapshot of a particular moment in time
- intended to be low stakes
- not about pass or fail
- not intended to support streaming
- about understanding learning and progress.

Mō ētahi atu mōhiotanga:

For more information:
go to the NZCER website, or contact your kura directly

Community Notices



**PUKEKOHE CENTRAL KINDERGARTEN
70TH
BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**



**SATURDAY 16 MARCH 2024
10 AM - 1PM**

**TO ALL PAST AND PRESENT STUDENTS, STAFF,
COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND WHANAU**

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

**RSVP BY FRIDAY 8 MARCH 2024
PUKEKOHECENTRAL@CMKA.ORG.NZ**



**TOOLS TO SUPPORT
OUR TEENS**
FREE 6 WEEKS SESSIONS FOR PARENTS OF 12-18YR OLDS

COURSE DETAILS:

**MONDAY EVENINGS
6PM - 8.30PM**

**FRANKLIN FAMILY SUPPORT
COMMUNITY HUB**

**START DATE:
26TH FEBRUARY 2024**

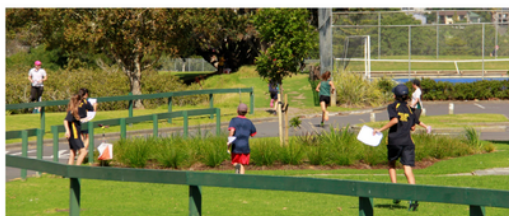
TOPICS INCLUDE:

- ✓ Connecting with your teen
- ✓ Having fun as a family
- ✓ Setting family boundaries
- ✓ Strategies to support drugs, alcohol, sex, teenage behaviours

**TO REGISTER PLEASE CONTACT:
PARENTING@FAMILYSUPPORT.ORG.NZ
OR 092386233**



Sprint orienteering series program 2024



The sprint series is an orienteering event run after school with rolling starts from 4 pm. These are individual event's and students can enter one or as many events as you like.

There is a points system with the top ten qualify for the finals

The event is run in four age grades Y7/8 --- y9 ---- Y10 11---- Y12 and above

February

Monday 19th Pukekohe High

Monday 26th Wesley College

Wednesday 28th Waiuku College

March

Monday 4th Rosehill College

Monday 11th Papatoetoe High

Monday 18th Strathallan ACG

Monday 25th Manurewa High

*It will be up to the parents/caregivers to get their children to and from the events after school.

Email entries and/or questions to Ann-maree. a_woods@pukekoheint.school.nz

Sports Coordinator - Pukekohe Intermediate School

**PUKEKOHE
RUGBY**



**JUNIOR
RUGBY**

U5-U13S BOYS AND GIRLS WELCOME

Registration dates

Tuesday 20th Feb | 5.30pm-7.00pm
Wednesday 21st Feb | 5.30pm-7.00pm
Monday 26th Feb | 5.30pm-7.00pm
Wednesday 28th Feb | 5.30pm-7.00pm

Contact Sam for more info
gdm@pukekoherugby.co.nz

Scan the QR code
to register



Pukekohe Rugby Club. 47 Reynolds Road, Pukekohe

**BOMBAY
JUNIOR
R.F.C.**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT
GIRLS RIPPA**

530pm Game times
All Games played in Franklin
Year levels: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-11

REGISTER TODAY!



