## Pānui o te wiki

#### PUKEKOHE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Term 4 Week 8, 2025





















#### Statement from the Pukekohe Intermediate School Board: Te Tiriti o Waitangi

Pukekohe Intermediate School's Board reaffirms its strong and ongoing commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi. While recent legislative changes have removed the legal requirement for school boards to "give effect" to Te Tiriti, our Board has chosen to uphold this responsibility as a matter of integrity, identity, and community partnership.

Our commitment to the principles of Partnership, Protection, and Participation remains central to how we govern, how we engage with whaanau, and how we design learning experiences for our aakonga.

This includes ensuring te reo Maaori, tikanga, and local histories continue to be visible, valued, and actively integrated across our kura.

This stance is firmly supported by our school's strategic plan, which places:

- Teaching for Impact at the forefront, ensuring culturally sustaining practice and high-quality teaching for all aakonga.
- Empowered Learners as a core goal, recognising identity, language, and culture as essential to student success.
- Hauora and Connectedness as a foundation, strengthening relationships with whaanau, iwi, and the wider community.
- A Thriving Bilingual Pathway that honours mana whenua and supports the growth of te reo Maaori me nga tikanga in our kura.

Our Board remains committed to upholding these goals and to honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi in meaningful, authentic ways. This commitment reflects who we are as a school, the community we serve, and the values we stand for.











#### **HEART Value Winners**

Congratulations to our LC HEART Values winners!

Batten - Nokita Otia

Hillary - Mila Whittingham

Lomu - Paige Van de Westerlo

**Rutherford** - Janika Chaney

**Sheppard** - Grace Childs

Te Puea - Jacob Kerekere-Campbell

Our PB4L lesson this week is: Kia Kotahi

As we prepare for the end of year we are focussed on the fact that Celebrations are a hit when everyone shows



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#### **Transition Visits to PIS**

On Monday and Tuesday this week, our school welcomed staff from our contributing schools and the students who will be joining us in 2026. It was a great opportunity for our new learners to get to know our kura, understand what makes us unique, and become familiar with how our school day works.

Thank you to all staff and students who hosted in their Learning Communities, and a special thank you to Whaea Janine and Whaea Leah for organising this event. Your mahi ensured our incoming students felt supported, informed, and excited about their start at Pukekohe Intermediate.

We look forward to welcoming our new students and whaanau on the first day of school, Thursday 29 January, for our poowhiri and official welcome to our kura at 8:40 am.

You will receive further information about the first day by email before the end of the school year, so please keep an eye on your inbox.

#### **Year 8 Assembly**

On Wednesday, we held our final Year 8
Assembly, led beautifully by Sam and
Lydia. This was an important moment to
remind our aakonga that the end-of-year
attendance decision will be made this
Friday for those sitting below the 85%
threshold.

I spoke with our students about making the most of these final weeks—showing commitment to their learning, upholding our HEART values, and recognising the hard mahi of their kaiako who have supported them throughout the year. Ngā mihi nui and warm congratulations to Hillary, who received the School Athletics award, and to Lomu Learning Community for winning the overall Sports Shield. A fantastic achievement and a reflection of sustained teamwork, perseverance, and pride in our kura.

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#### What's on next week?

#### Term 4 Week 9

(Monday 1st- Friday 5th December)

#### Monday

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

End of year reports emailed home

#### **Tuesday**

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

#### Wednesday

Outside School HUB

• Pukekohe North School

#### **Thursday**

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

#### **Friday**

#### **Kaitiaki Leaders**

On Tuesday, our Kaitiaki leaders visited two local early learning centres to gift them a set of unusable keyboards for imaginative play. Instead of sending these electronic items to landfill, we believe they deserve a second life—one that encourages creativity and exploration for our youngest learners.

During our visits, we were warmly treated with waiata, and our Kaitiaki leaders showed their appreciation by sharing waiata in return. It was a meaningful exchange that highlighted the power of connection, service, and community.

We returned to school feeling grateful, inspired, and proud to give back to our local kura.

Ngaa manaakitanga, Whaea Erin

# **Teaching and Learning**

#### **End of Year Reports**

On Monday 1st December you will receive an email from me with your child's End of Year Report attached. This report will provide an overall end of year NZ Curriculum level for your child in Reading, Writing and Maths. It will also include a general comment from the classroom teacher.

With changes in the NZ curriculum and the way we report to whanau this may be the last report with curriculum levels. More to come on this next year.

Please share your child's report with them and celebrate their learning, progress and goals for the future.





#### **Excellence Certificates**

Congratulations to our Year 8 students who have received Excellence Certificates in our Year 8 Assembly this week. Photos have been uploaded to school's Facebook page.

Isla Alderton, Declan Andrews, Emily Baillie, Esra Balaban, Willa Beverland, Ruby Booth, Zach Boniface, Boyd Broughton, Patricia Cabrel, Dion Crosswell, Amber Dalmer, Roslyn Davis, Unique Fenton, Kruiz Fenton-Williams, Immanuel Finauga, Madison Graham-Slee, Ollie Greene, Davin Harrex, Lyric Hodge, Felicity Jarvie, Sara Keven, Sam Kitchin, Josh Knee, Jaime Kirker, Tanisha Kumar, Edwin Latu-Vailea, Jade Marino-Rawiri, Lily McMiken, Griffin McQueen, Nishtha Mehta, Parima Niemeyer, Ryan O'Hagan, Liam Ontong, Mia Paewhenua, Cheryl Parekura, Ava Pham, Hailey Poch, Addison Pope, Kishan Prajapati, Kobie Rack, Eliki Rasaqa, Olivia Reddish, Nico Sambati, Amelia Schmidt, Vaiola Setefano, Jett Sivewright, Konka Selupe, Puafuti Taumalea, Emily Thompson, Roselyne Totio, Selena Tran, Rosa Tukiri, Wetere Tule, Robert Uaati, Jayden Vave, Ethan Venter, Ruby Walker, Isla Walker- Anthony, Anabelle Warne, Ajay Woolnough.

#### **Itinerant Music Groups Performance**

Last Friday four of our music groups performed outside the Franklin library. Tutor Roz Turnbull led both the year 7 and year 8 guitar groups, followed by Tania Johnson with the ukulele group and finishing with Rosemary Lamborn with our strings group. A wonderful way to celebrate our itinerant music programme, students talents and most importantly seeing the progress from the beginning of the year in what we hope will be a life time of enjoyment for music.

Thank you to our tutors and to our students who manage themselves each week amongst a busy intermediate extracurricular programme to get themselves to practice.



## **Community Messages**









