

Pānui o te wiki

PUKEKOHE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Term 4 Week 1, 2025



Principal's Messages

We hope you all had a restful break and are ready for an exciting final term of the year. A very warm welcome to our seven new students and their whaanau who joined our school on Monday. We're so pleased to have you as part of our Pukekohe Intermediate whaanau and hope you enjoy your time with us — making new friends, learning new things, and embracing all the opportunities this term has to offer.

Term 4 is always an action-packed time at Pukekohe Intermediate, filled with exciting learning and celebrations. Highlights this term include school camp, sports events, a kapa haka experience afternoon, community singing at local rest homes, end-of-year Learning Community Fun Days, and the Year 8 Leavers' Social. As we move through the term, it's important that students maintain at least 85% attendance to ensure they can fully participate in all of the end-of-year activities and celebrations.

Let's make the most of this final term, celebrate our achievements, and finish the year strong!

Year 8 Assembly

During this week's Year 8 Assembly, students were acknowledged for their outstanding achievements in the Kiwi Assessments (Merit and Excellence), their participation in Franklin Mathex, and recipients of a Hub Certificate of Excellence.

A special congratulations to the following students who have received Excellence Certificates from their classroom teachers for their hard work, perseverance, and commitment to learning, while consistently demonstrating our school's HEART values. Ben Cooper, Le'ley Dexter, Malaika Easow, Lia Flinkenberg, Matteo Oti, Ethan Scholtz Jackson Southey, Mikaela Truter, April Tuaga, Cohen Thompson, Kayla Walker and Genevieve Watson.

Ka mau te wehi — we are proud of your efforts and the example you set for others!

Art Exhibition

Congratulations to our students exhibiting artwork in the Auckland Middle Schools Association Art Exhibition.

Sara Keven, Isla Alderton, Isla Murphy, Hunter Green, Maxine Eksteen, Lachlan Kimber, Zoe Everitt, Aamir Shariff, Johnson Shumkuenip and Taylor Butler



HEART Value Winners

Congratulations to our LC HEART Values winners! 🎉

Batten - Levi Bretz-Malcolm

Hillary - Dominic Gibbs

Lomu - Ashani Khusal-Patel

Rutherford - Lydia Zwanyanya

Sheppard - Jett Sivewright

Te Puea - Flora Sili

Our PB4L lesson this week is:

Keep Aiming High Kia āhei

AUCKLAND MIDDLE SCHOOLS' ART ASSOCIATION



ART EXHIBITION

SIL0 6, JELLCOE ST, WYNYARD QUARTER

Opening @ 2pm Nov 2nd
Mon to Sat - 10am to 5pm
Sun 9th 9am - 12pm

FREE ENTRY

Sponsored by: David Baylis
Gordon Harris & Exhibition Hire

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Haramura

During the school holidays, a group of our students and staff travelled to Japan as part of our sister school relationship with Hara Junior High in Haramura Village — a cultural exchange that has lasted for over 20 years.

Students spent time at the nursery, elementary, and junior high schools, experienced daily life with their homestay families, and became part of the warm and welcoming Haramura community.

Beyond Haramura, they explored Kyoto, Osaka, and Hiroshima, gaining a deeper understanding of Japanese culture and history.

I had the privilege of attending the trip to support our students and staff and was proud of the way they represented our kura. The experience provided many opportunities for learning, growth, and cultural understanding — both individually and as a group. It was rewarding to see students step outside their comfort zones and take on new challenges while embracing life in Japan. A huge thank you to our staff — Pip, Kim, and to Whaea Reawyn, who coordinated the itinerary alongside our on-the-ground organisers, Yasu and Matsuse. A special thank you to Whaea Christina for teaching our student Japanaese, which they put to good use during our travels.

We look forward to welcoming our Japanese friends to Aotearoa in March.

Zone Basketball

Tough going having to be ready to go off to basketball straight after the school holidays. Both teams had to hit the ground running when we got there due to the traffic and weather making us late. The event was held at Bruce Pulman arena in Takanini on Tuesday 7th October. Both boys and girls teams did pretty well considering they had one training session before they went.

The boys had to play a really hard team in their first game against the eventual winners Clendon Park but ended up coming away with 4th place at the tournament.

The girls played in a round robin format and played 5 games two wins, one draw and two loses and on a count back came third place. Thank you to Matua Josh and Whaea Jill for coaching and managing the boys team and Whaea Christina for coaching the girls. Well done everyone.

Franklin Basketball

We were proud to see a strong group of Pukekohe Intermediate students competing in the Franklin Basketball Regionals recently. The event was full of energy, teamwork, and great sportsmanship — and our students certainly made us proud! All of the players represented our kura with HEART values on full display, showing determination, respect, and teamwork throughout the tournament. It was wonderful to see their skill and enthusiasm shining on the court.

Students involved were: Georgia Holliday, Aaria Knez, Coco Wackrow, Esra Balaban, Tyler Hinton, Hugh Jones, Taawera Kouka, Aden Van Huyssteen, Keaton King. Ka mau te wehi to all of you — you were amazing!

Thank you to the organisers, coaches, and whaanau who supported the team.

What's on next week?

Term 4 Week 2

(Monday 13th - Friday 17th October)

Monday

-Sheppard HUB (AM)

-Batten HUB (PM)

Student-led conferences

Tuesday

-Hillary HUB (AM)

-Lomu HUB (PM)

Wednesday

Outside School HUB

- Pukekohe North School

Year 7 Assembly

Thursday

-Rutherford HUB (AM)

-Te Puea HUB (PM)

FINAL Otago Maths Exam

Friday

Contributing Schools visiting KapaHaka P5-6

ENVIRO Challenge

Thank you all for your ongoing commitment to protecting our environment. Well done to **Batten**, **Hillary**, **Lomu**, **Sheppard** and **Te Puea** for your outstanding efforts this week!

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



Teaching and Learning

Otago University Maths Problem Challenge

Congratulations to our top problem solving mathematicians! This year we had 100 students in total across the school who were invited to be part of the Otago University Maths problem challenge. Over terms 2 and 3, students sat five problem challenge tests.



Top Year 7 Student
Kade Foote 22/25



Top Year 8 Student
Davin Harrex 21/25

Year 7 Excellence: Mei-Ling Brougham, Nicholas Stabler and Morgan Hayes.

Year 8 Excellence: Aidan Kerr, James Edwards, Sam Kitchen, Felicity Jarvie and Nico Sambati.



Enviro School Hui

This week Whaea Erin Warne initiated and organised a formal hui with all of our student leaders. Students provided insightful ideas and ways to make our school and natural resources more sustainable. Students were in leadership groups providing us feedback about the topics below to help shape our Enviro Schools programme from 2026 and beyond.

1. Native Tree Trail,
2. Rubbish and Waste,
3. Maara / Gardens
4. Energy and Resources
5. Water and Wai Care
6. Community involvement

Wind Chimes

At the end of last term, Whaea Toni Ristic celebrated with students their finished “wind chimes”. Students were selected from across school and were involved with a Passion Project that included designing and making wind chimes from bamboo in the multi materials room. They are amazing and make a beautiful sound. I know students really looked forward to taking them home and sharing them with parents.



Community Messages

BREAKFAST CLUB

→ **TERM 4** **2025**

MON DAY **MILKSHAKE MONDAYS**
Cool, creamy, moo-velous milkshakes to kickstart your week!

TUES DAY **WEETBIX BAKE OFF TUESDAYS**
Bake, taste & vote — who's the WeetBix Bake Off Champion?

WED DAY **WEDNESDAY WEETBIX TREATS**
Midweek magic — crunchy, chewy, chocolatey WeetBix creations.

THURS DAY **THURSDAY HOT BREAKFAST**
Warm toast, eggs & good vibes before class — fill your puku and your day with energy!

HEART Values Reminder

- Honesty — Wait your turn and use manners.
- Empathy — Be kind and share space with others.
- Aim High — Help keep our Breakfast Club awesome.
- Respect — For the ka, the space & the helpers.
- Teamwork — Tidy up after yourself so everyone can enjoy!

Come hungry, leave happy — Breakfast Club is for everyone!

BRAVE & BEYOND

CRAIG ROSS

HELPING PARENTS & FAMILY NAVIGATE SPORT

PHIL KINGSLEY JONES LOUNGE,
COUNTIES MANUKAU RFU
21 STADIUM DRIVE,
PUKEKOHE.

JOIN A COACH, PARENT, AND MENTOR FOR
AN HONEST AND INSIGHTFUL EVENING TO
HELP PARENTS GUIDE THEIR CHILDREN IN
SPORT, REGARDLESS OF THE LEVEL.

TWO EVENTS FOR
COUNTIES MANUKAU

TUESDAY 21 OCT
7.00 PM-8.30 PM

THURSDAY 23 OCT
7.00 PM-8.30 PM

'YOUR SUPPORT. THEIR GROWTH. A POSITIVE PLACE IN SPORT FOR ALL.'

Tickets are now on sale for the Franklin Hospice Christmas Quiz Night. Bring your friends, family, and workmates for a night of fun, laughter, and friendly competition — all while supporting Franklin Hospice!

DATE : Friday 21st November
TIME : Doors open 6.30pm | Quiz starts 7pm
COST : \$30 per person | \$240 for a table of 8
WHERE: Navigation Homes Stadium - Franklin Road, Pukekohe

What's in store?

- A fun general knowledge quiz (with a special Christmas section)
- Auctions and raffles with fantastic prizes
- Cash bar and tasty snacks
- Prize for the best festive outfit — think ugly Christmas sweaters, Santa suits, or reindeer ears!

Whether you're after a unique staff Christmas outing or a great night out with friends, this event has it all.

To Purchase tickets:

Email: karena@franklinhospice.org.nz

Call: 09 238 9376

Come along, join the fun, dress festive, and support compassionate care in our community.

Creating pathways for success

Working with communities to provide support and opportunities for those facing challenging circumstances.



THRIVING WITH ADHD 2025!

Join us at this in-person event where we'll hear from our panelists & guests, tips, and stories to help you navigate life with ADHD. Whether you have ADHD yourself or support someone who does, this event is for you. Come connect with others, share experiences, and learn how to make the most of your unique strengths.

(Suggested age group 10yrs + and adults)



WALTER NIELANDS



CATHERINE TAFTO



TOM LITTLE

TO BE CONFIRMED

SPEAKER THREE

DATE: TUESDAY 23RD OCTOBER
TIME: DOORS OPEN 6.30PM FOR 7PM START.
LOCATION: UPLIFT CENTRE: 52 FRANKLIN ROAD, PUKEKOHE, AUCKLAND

REGISTER BEFORE FRIDAY OCTOBER 10 AND BE IN TO WIN \$100 PAK N SAVE VOUCHER

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WRIGGLE & RHYME

Do you love music, movement, and working with pēpi and tamariki (0-4 years)?

Are you confident leading songs, rhymes, and simple actions in a fun and welcoming way?

We're looking for a new Wriggle & Rhyme facilitator to run two sessions a week at Pukekohe and Waiuku Library.

INTERESTED? WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU! EMAIL US AT:

franklinoutreach@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

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Franklin Local Board