

Pānui o te wiki

PUKEKOHE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Term 1 Week 8, 2026



Principal's Messages

Year 8 Assembly

At our recent Year 8 assembly, we acknowledged the many opportunities available to our students and the positive way they are being embraced across our kura. It was great to see our HEART values on display in classrooms, the playground, and in the way students support one another.

Students were recognised for representing the school in swimming, softball, and tag. Congratulations to Lomu, our overall school swimming sports winners.

Whaea Janine reminded students about Echo Waste Day and caring for our environment. Whaea Leah spoke about expectations for Year 8 students, particularly in the playground and during Gaga Ball.

We also welcomed Finlay Barnett, captain of the NZ Touch team, who shared his journey and passion for the sport.

ANZAC Day

Preparations are underway for our ANZAC Day commemorations on Saturday 25 April. This is an important time for our kura to pause and honour the service and sacrifice of those who served our country. We would like to acknowledge Doug, President of the Pukekohe RSA, for generously donating a flag to our school. Whaea Kirsty has begun preparing the memorial garden, with work soon to start on the arch and garden benches. Whaea Toni will also be working with students in the STEM Room to create wooden poppies that will line the nature trail. Our community is warmly invited to attend the services:

6:00am – Dawn Service at the cenotaph (if raining, the service will move to the school hall)

11:00am – Civic Service at the school

Our student learning community leaders will lay a wreath on behalf of the kura. Armani Howard-Matene will read the Ode in Maaori at the civic service at our school, and McKenna Rhind will read the Ode in Maaori at the Buckland Hall service. Thank you to these students for representing our kura with pride.



HEART Values lessons

Congratulations to our LC HEART Values winners! 🎉

Batten - Isla Retzlaff

Hillary - Sean Stone

Lomu - Layla Cooper

Rutherford - Abigail Le Roux

Sheppard - Joshua Huang

Te Puea - Matua Kingi-Hicks



Ka Rangatira

HEART Values Lesson:

Ka Rangatira - Respect

Before we announce our 2026 student leadership team, we acknowledge all that applied and look ahead to what 2026 has available to us all.



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Counties Manukau Zone Swimming Sports

Our Pukekohe Intermediate Zone swimmers had a fantastic day on Friday 13 March, competing strongly and showing excellent sportsmanship throughout the event.

Our students represented our kura with pride, giving their best in every race and supporting one another both in and out of the pool. It was great to see them uphold our HEART values and encourage their teammates and competitors.

Thank you to our students for their effort, and to the staff and whaanau who supported the team.

A special thank you to Whaea Jody, who organised the event and ensured everything ran smoothly for our swimmers.

We are very proud of the way our students represented Pukekohe Intermediate.

*Check out the results further in the newsletter.



Special Intentions

Last week, Nikita shared her special intentions with staff and students across the school.

These small messages were given out simply to put a smile on people's faces and remind us of the joy in our day.

It was a thoughtful act that brightened many people's day and reflected the kindness we value in our school community.

Thank you, Nikita, for spreading a little extra positivity around our school.

Haramura Cultural Exchange

It was great to see so many students and whaanau at the parent information evening for the 2027 Haramura cultural exchange.

Thank you to Whaea Raewyn for leading the evening and sharing her knowledge of the programme, especially so soon after her knee operation.

There is real interest and commitment from those looking to be part of this experience. Selection will take place in early Term 2.

We are also looking forward to welcoming students from Hara Junior High to our kura this Friday afternoon.

What's on next week?

Term 1 Week 9

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

- Outside Schools HUB
 - Buckland School
 - KingsGate School

Thursday

- Hillary HUB (AM)
- Te Puea HUB (PM)
- Mufti Day - FireFighters Fundraising

Friday

- Outside School HUB
 - Waiau Pa School

ENVIRO Challenge

Each Learning Community can earn points by taking care of:

- Recycling – using the correct bins and keeping recycling clean
- Classroom areas – tidy, cared for, and ready for learning
- Learning Community spaces – shared areas respected and looked after
- LC rubbish areas – organised, clean, and used correctly

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

Teaching and Learning

PUKEKOHE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Year 8 Extension Maths Class

Student's brains were working hard this week.

What is the question exactly asking me?

Where do I start?

- Do I convert the fractions to decimals?
- Do I make them all have the same denominator?

Whaea Lorraine Devaney had these students talking, working together and challenging each other mathematically. Fantastic mathematical discussion where no one way was the right way!

Here is a set of six fractions:

$$\frac{1}{6} \quad \frac{1}{25} \quad \frac{3}{5} \quad \frac{3}{20} \quad \frac{4}{15} \quad \frac{5}{8}$$

Choose some of the fractions and add them together. You can use as many fractions as you like, but you can only use each fraction once.

Can you get an answer that is close to 1?

What is the closest to 1 that you can get?



A Planet In our Care

Lomu students have this week been working towards presenting their learning about their chosen endangered species. They discussed with me how even as 11 and 12 year olds they can make a difference to the protection of these creatures for future generations.

- Isla - Hawksbill Turtle (Pacific Islands)
- Ashton - Kakapo (NZ native parrot)
- Mei-Ling - Panda (China)
- Nova - Blue throated parrot (Mexico)

-Whaea Janine,
Deputy Principal of Teaching and Learning



E-WASTE DROP OFF DAY

Saturday 21st March 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Gate 2 Queen Street, Pukekohe Intermediate School.

Get your pile ready. Turn up, drive through and drop off.



ELECTRONIC WASTE DROP OFF DAY

e-days

Our tamariki will be learning about electronic waste and its impact on the environment.

To round this off we will have a FREE e-waste drop off for the Pukekohe Intermediate whānau on Saturday 21st March, 10AM - 2PM.

Come along, support your children's learning and help protect our environment by getting rid of old electric items. Join in the fun.

Visit the Sioha website to check what electronic items are accepted.

echatech.co.nz

Polyfest

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Ngaa mihi nui ki a Whaea Laiha, Whaea Christina, and the ten students who represented our kura at the ASB Polyfest held at the Due Drop Events Centre.

ASB Polyfest is the largest Pacific cultural festival of its kind in the world, bringing together thousands of students from across Tāmaki Makaurau to celebrate language, culture, and identity through performance.

Our students represented our kura with pride, upheld our HEART values, and embraced the experience of watching powerful performances from across the Pacific.

It was a fantastic opportunity to connect with culture, celebrate diversity, and be inspired by the talent and commitment of other young people.



Some talavao PIS students were taken to ASB Poly Fest to enjoy the 'Many Cultures, One Community' with Whaea Christina and Whaea Laiha. The performances were incredible, the music was catching, and the costumes were breathtaking. The theme this year is, 'Ko au ko te Taiao! Ko te Taiao ko au! He toa Taiao taiaho no to moana nui a Kiwa, ake, ake, ake!! This means that the environment lives in me, as I live in it - a Pacific Youth Eco - Warrior" for generations to come. The students experienced the variety of pasifika cultures through dance, music, food and talanoa. It was a beautiful experience that ignited the students passion for their cultures. A big thank you to management for their great support of all things Pasifika. Fakamaloato ki management.

Ofa lahi atu, Whaea Laiha and Whaea Christina,

Counties Manukau Zone Swimming Results

Counties Zone Swimming Results 2026

Year 7 Girls

Mischa Chaney	3rd 100m freestyle, 2nd 50m freestyle
Thea Sambati	3rd 50m freestyle
Katherine Chen	2nd 50m Backstroke
Brooklyn Vaipulu	3rd 50 backstroke
Bhana	
Ella Ford	3rd 50m breaststroke

Year 8 Girls

Sydney Hughes	2nd 100m freestyle, 2nd 50m freestyle, 3rd backstroke
Matilda Shackleton	3rd 100m freestyle, 3rd 50m freestyle, 1st Breaststroke, 3rd Open Butterfly Freestyle Relay - 1st place

Year 8 Boys

Declan Te Rangi	2nd Breaststroke
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Freestyle Relay - 3rd - Pukekohe Intermediate School
Open Girls 4x 50m Medley Relay - 2nd place
Open Boys 4x 50m Medley Relay - 2nd place



Community Messages



Mufti Day

On Thursday 26th March we will be holding a whole school fundraiser mufti day.

Please ensure your child has appropriate mufti clothes for school that are age appropriate.

This fundraiser is to support our local Pukekohe Fire Brigade and their members who are participating in the Firefighters Sky Tower challenge - in support of Blood Cancer NZ.

All students wearing mufti are expected to give a small monetary donation. This can be made via Kindo or by bringing a cash donation which will be collected by LC student leaders.

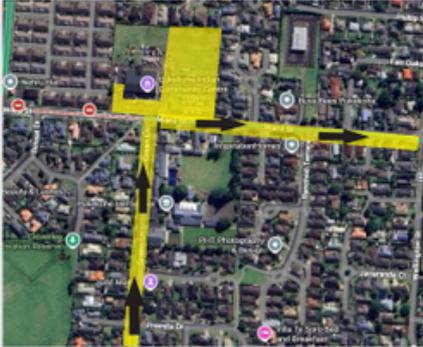


FRANKLIN
MULTICULTURAL
Festival 2026

Important Note

Entry and Exit to Event:
Due to Roadworks on the top half of Ward Road. You will have to enter via Green Ln ↑ below is a map of entry to the event. You can not enter via the bottom end of Ward, only EXIT.

The yellow shows where you can park. There will be parking wardens to show you where to go.



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.
For more info: www.pukekohecommunityaction.co.nz/seasons.