

Pānui o te wiki

PUKEKOHE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Term 3 Week 6, 2026



Auckland Interzone netball

What an outstanding performance from our Year 8 Girls Netball team who qualified and competed at Auckland Interzone on Thursday 20th August, finishing 2nd overall after an incredible tournament!

The team won 3 games in their pool, then produced an excellent quarter-final performance to defeat Glen Eden, before backing it up with a strong semi-final victory over Northcross Intermediate to earn their place in the final.

The final ended up against our other Counties team attending, Clendon Park. Having two Counties teams competing in the final is a fantastic achievement and a wonderful statement about the strength and quality of netball in our region.

-Whaea Jody

Tumuaki for the day

On Wednesday, we welcomed Matua Zayvia as Tumuaki of our kura for the day. Matua Zayvia stepped into the principal's shoes and experienced what it is like to lead our kura. He joined meetings, worked alongside staff and students, and took on some of the many responsibilities that come with being Tumuaki.

It was wonderful to see Zayvia embrace the opportunity with confidence and enthusiasm. Ka rawe, Matua Zayvia – you made a fantastic Tumuaki for the day.

NIWA

On Monday 24 August, our STEM Fair placegetters were entered into the NIWA South and East Auckland Earth Sciences NZ Science and Technology Fair.

Our students had the opportunity to present their projects and talk with judges about their investigations, ideas and processes.

Students were interviewed about their work and received valuable feedback from experts in the field.

It was a fantastic opportunity for our students to share their learning, explain their thinking and experience what it is like to have their scientific ideas challenged and celebrated. We are incredibly proud of the effort, curiosity and commitment they have shown throughout their projects.

-Whaea Jody



Congratulations to our LC HEART Values winners! 🎉

Batten - Stephen Muller

Hillary - Myah Cooper

Lomu - Heidi Tu

Rutherford - Levi Kastermans

Sheppard - Zoe Everitt

Te Pua - Jomason Uaati

Hub Y7 - Ethan Bidois

Hub Y8 - Spencer Kelsall

“Kāore te kūmara e kōrero mō tōna ake reka.” The kūmara does not speak of its own sweetness.

This week, students are learning about humility and perseverance through Aesop's fable The Hare and the Tortoise. They will explore how our actions speak louder than our words, before creating their own modern version of the fable.



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Digital Leaders in Action

Our Digital Leaders are getting ready to go behind the lens.

With support from Miss Wolfe, our Digital Leaders will learn how to use our new Osmo camera and microphones to capture some of the action happening across our kura. From special events and sporting successes to performances and everyday school life, they will develop skills in filming, interviewing and creating short reports.

Keep an eye on our school Facebook and Instagram pages as our Digital Leaders begin sharing stories and highlights that celebrate our aakonga and bring life at Pukekohe Intermediate to our wider community. We can't wait to see what they capture.

ENVIRO Challenge

Our ENVIRO Challenge has been refreshed!

Learning Communities can now earn points for recycling, reducing rubbish, saving energy and recycling soft plastics, with a bonus point for achieving maximum points across all areas.

Every action counts – which Learning Community will take the lead?

New Volleyball Space Brings Us Together

Our new volleyball net was installed this week on the grassed area in front of Lomu Learning Community. On Wednesday morning, our Pasifika and Maaori student leaders were among the first to enjoy the new space.

Max Carson Taefu writes:

At the Pasifika mentoring meeting, we played on the new volleyball court in front of Lomu.

It was so fun playing with our friends and the teachers and connecting with students that I don't really talk to.

We welcome anyone to come play Volleyball with us. Thank you, Matua Ken and Matua Kevin; we love it.

- Max Carson Taefu



What's on next week?

Term 3 Week 7

Monday 31 August- Friday 4 September

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

- Outside Schools HUB
 - Buckland School
 - Kingsgate School

Thursday

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

Friday

- Outside Schools HUB
 - Waiau Pa School

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	3	1	3		
Hillary	2	1			
Lomu	4	1			
Parkside	1	1			
Rutherford	4	1	4		
Sheppard	4	1	1		
Te Puea	4	1	1		

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Bader Intermediate School

On Wednesday, we took four of our AIMS teams across town to Sir Douglas Bader Intermediate School in Mangere for the second year running of our sports exchange programme with them. We were welcomed onto their school grounds by a whole school Whakatau. A special shout out to Kingsley Harding for his ability to korero in Te Reo on behalf of our group, and to Matua Antonio for preparing him and our group for that moment.

The games were played in great spirit, were competitive and were an awesome opportunity for our students to get another game under their belts before they head off to AIMS games. Following the games, our students had the chance to break bread and form relationships with the Bader students, showing these exchanges are bigger than the sports themselves.

Thank you, Bader Intermediate and to all our staff that made this day possible, especially Ann-Maree, whose time and effort doesn't go unnoticed. It was a great day out for all.

-Josh Leger, Learning Assistant



VR Experience

On Wednesday 26 August, Batten learning community had the opportunity to spend one hour in the hall, with the Blake cooperation, to do a VR headset experience. A special thanks to Whaea Erin for entering a competition and winning this awesome experience, where we got to learn about the effects of climate change and what we can do, greenhouse gases, and the effect of climate change towards animals.

Each student received a headset to wear and explored through different climates, weather types, and habitats. We listened to information and stats about climate change in New Zealand and other foreign countries. We learnt valuable information and had a great time exploring New Zealand landmarks, and seeing the changes happening - good and bad.

Thank you Leigh and Sydney for taking the time to come to Pukekohe Intermediate, and give the Batten learning community a fun and memorable learning experience.

-Harlow Watson, Room 37



Teaching & Learning



NIWA - South & East Auckland Earth Sciences NZ, Science and Technology Fair

On Monday 24th August, our Pukekohe Intermediate STEM fair finalists had the opportunity to showcase their projects at the NIWA - South & East Auckland, Earth Sciences NZ, Science and Technology Fair, being held at St Kentigern College.

Students attended the fair where they presented and discussed their investigations, ideas and processes with the judges.

Students were interviewed about their projects and received valuable feedback from experts in the field. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to share their learning, explain their thinking and celebrate the hard work and curiosity that went into their projects.

We were very proud of the students for their effort, commitment and enthusiasm throughout the experience.

Thank you for Whaea Jody McCort for her organisation.



Virtual Reality experience

This week the Batten learning community Room 36, 37, 39 and 40 got to experience The BLAKE NZ-VR experience. This is a mobile virtual reality educational roadshow that transports students underwater to explore Aotearoa's marine and coastal environment.

Wearing VR headsets provided by the BLAKE Foundation educators, students explored underwater ecosystems, viewed marine life, and witnessed the impacts of human activity.

Lessons covered Climate Change (impacts and clean solutions), Threats to our Moana (pollution and overfishing), and Marine Mammals (species protection).

Thanks to Whaea Erin Warne in Batten who arranged this opportunity by winning a competition for the BLAKE staff to visit.



Community Messages



Spring 2026 Holiday Programme

KAS

KIDS AFTER SCHOOL

Based at Pukekohe Hill School
 12 Green Lane, Pukekohe
 Programme: 027 694 3011
 WINZ SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE FOR ELIGIBLE FAMILIES
 Office: 09 236 4078 www.kidsafterschool.co.nz

Click the **BOOK NOW** button on our website www.kidsafterschool.co.nz

MONDAY 28 SEPT 2026 BLAST FROM THE PAST! Step back to simpler times when marbles ruled, yo yos were the coolest toy around and imagination did the rest. Get ready for a day of old school fun! Dress up Day. \$40	TUESDAY 29 SEPT 2026 PLANES, TRAINS & AUTOMOBILES REV your engines for a day of transport themed fun! Build, race, create & let your imagination take the wheel! \$40	WEDNESDAY 30 SEPT 2026 TRIP - SHREK THE MUSICAL Join us as we head to the Hawkins Theatre in Papakura to experience the magic of the theatre! It's going to be a donkey-load of fun! SNAK PAK INCLUDED \$70 \$40	THURSDAY 1 OCT 2026 CRAZY DAY Warning... KAS has gone a little crazy! Everything is upside down, back to front and inside out. Join us for a day of wacky fun, silly surprises & organised chaos! \$40	FRIDAY 2 OCT 2026 TRIP - KAIPATIKI HOT SPRINGS We are off to Helensville today for hot pools fun! Slides for Age 8+ kids only EXTENDED SESSION to 4PM to give the kids more time for fun! \$75
MONDAY 5 OCT 2026 VISITOR - FLASH BANG SCIENCE Fizz, pop, bang... & plenty of fun! Prepare to be amazed as science comes to life with exciting experiments & spectacular surprises. \$60	TUESDAY 6 OCT 2026 BRING ROBLOX TO LIFE Log out and level up! Experience your favourite Roblox inspired games and challenges in the real world for an action packed day of fun! \$40	WEDNESDAY 7 OCT 2026 AYE AYE CAPTAIN All hands on deck! Build your own boat, create a fishing line & see who can reel in the biggest catch. Then dive into a sea of games, crafts & adventures! \$40	THURSDAY 8 OCT 2026 TRIP - GAME OVER PAKURANGA Get your game on! Enjoy Go Karts & Ninja City! \$75 OR INHOUSE OPTION SHADOW NINJA DAY Train like a true ninja! Games, Science & even throwing stars! \$40	FRIDAY 9 OCT 2026 SURPRISE BOX DAY What's in the box? A game, a challenge, a craft... or something completely unexpected? Join us for a day full of surprises & twists! \$40

PRICES LISTED ABOVE ARE FOR OUR MAIN PROGRAMME 8AM TO 3PM HOWEVER WE ARE OPEN FROM 7AM TO 6PM EVERYDAY! FOR FULL DETAILS OF ALL AVAILABLE SESSIONS, PRICES & TO BOOK PLEASE GO TO WWW.KIDSAFTERSCHOOL.CO.NZ OR CALL THE KAS OFFICE ON 09 236 4078

PLEASE NOTE: IN THE EVENT OF WEATHER DISRUPTION OR CIRCUMSTANCES OUTSIDE OF KAS CONTROL SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES MAY CHANGE & CHILDREN MAY BE TRANSPORTED TO OTHER KAS PROGRAMMES

MSD SOCIAL SECTOR LEVEL 3 ACCREDITATION

DONUT DAY!

FUNDRAISER FOR PUKEKOHE INTERMEDIATE JAPAN TRIP 2027

BOXES - ORDER & PAY ON KINDO
 ORDERS CLOSE SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

ORIGINAL GLAZED DOZEN (12)	STRAWBERRY DELIGHT DOZEN (12)	ASSORTED DOZEN (12)	CHOC DELIGHT DOZEN (12)
\$26.00	\$34.00	\$34.00	\$34.00

ALL BOXES CONTAIN ONE DOZEN (12) DOUGHNUTS.

INDIVIDUAL DOUGHNUTS - ORDER ON KINDO OR BUY WITH CASH ON THE DAY (LIMITED AVAILABILITY)

GLAZED	STRAWBERRY SPRINKLES	CHOC ICED	STRAWBERRY JAM	CHOC ICED CUSTARD
\$3.00	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$3.50

DONUT DAY!
FRIDAY
25TH SEPTEMBER

BOXES MUST BE ORDERED & PAID FOR THROUGH KINDO
NO LATE ORDERS ACCEPTED

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS ON THEIR JOURNEY TO JAPAN IN 2027!

BUY A DONUT ♥ BRIGHTEN SOMEONE'S DAY ♥ SUPPORT OUR JAPAN TRIP 2027!

SWEET TREATS, BIG SUPPORT!

BAKE SALE!

DELICIOUS BAKES. AMAZING CAUSE. ♥

THIS FRIDAY
AT MORNING TEA!

FUNDRAISING FOR STUDENTS GOING TO

THANK YOU
FOR SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS! ♥

BAKE IT. BUY IT. SUPPORT OUR TEAM! ♥



Pukekohe High School

2027 Year 9 Enrolments

Enrolment interviews will be held at Pukekohe Intermediate on the following days:

- Monday 14 September 2.00pm-4.00pm
- Monday 21 September 2.00pm-4.00pm

No bookings required. Appointments are first in, first served.

Please bring a copy of the **student's birth certificate** and **proof of in-zone address** (utility bill such as power, rates or broadband). Please bring a copy of the student's passport/visa (if applicable).

Apply online

