

Pānui o te wiki

PUKEKOHE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Term 2 Week 4, 2025



Principal's Messages

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our recent Pasifika Fono and Maaori Hui. These gatherings are an important part of our commitment to honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi, celebrating our cultural identities, and strengthening the partnerships between our school and whānau.

This year's Pasifika Fono marked a special milestone—10 years of celebration, connection, and cultural pride. It was a powerful reminder of the legacy we are building together and the importance of continuing this journey for future generations. The cutting of the cake during the fono was a meaningful way to honour this taonga and the many whānau who have contributed over the years. Our shared vision is for Pukekohe Intermediate to be a place where culture is not only celebrated but woven into the everyday fabric of teaching and learning. Together, we are creating a kura that reflects the richness of our community, grounded in manaakitanga, whanaungatanga, and ako. Ngā mihi nui to all who were able to attend.

School Speech Finals

Congratulations to the following students who competed in the school speech finals on Wednesday.

Year 7

1st - Anna Gordon: Why we should close the Waipoua Forest

2nd - Jadon Eeseese: Parents should practice what they preach

3rd - Lachlan Kimber: Why advertisements are a bad influence

Grace Karim

Tofunmi Amira

Lydia Zwanyanya

Theo Bradley

Ava Mullins

Lei Namel

Mia Cameron

Mei-Ling Brougham

Year 8

1st - Davin Harrex: The rise of reality TV

2nd - Chase Payne: Percentages

3rd - Elsa Bell: Why we should be more understanding to people with disorders

Ava Capper

Prince Pedrozo

Jade Marino-Rawiri

Mikaela Truter

Ella Cox

Amber Dalmer

Oliver Thorpe

Grayson Dean

Dion Crosswell

-Whaea Laura, Reading and Writing Curriculum Leader



HEART Value Winners

Congratulations to our LC HEART Values winners! 🎉

Batten - JD Hemopo

Hillary - Kaylee Spear

Lomu - Zeke Hunter

Rutherford - Braedan Gedult

Sheppard - Latham Barnett

Te Puea - Kiana Jackman

Week 4 HEART Values lesson: Kia kotahi

Celebrating those who work together for others who find themselves in unfortunate or difficult situations.

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Healthy Active Learning

One of our goals on our Healthy Active Learning journey was to introduce our students to a variety of new sports. With our Tu Manawa grant at the end of 2025, we were able to purchase a range of new equipment for our students.

In our current Term 2 P.E. rotation, we have introduced flag football. This has involved students learning new skills such as throwing, catching, and 'hiking' a flag football. Both students and teachers have enjoyed having this sport as part of the rotation.

-Whaea Jilly, Healthy Active Learning lead teacher



School Bus

Caregivers are responsible for getting tamariki safely to and from the bus stop.

Please:

- Stick to 20kph when passing a stopped school bus (both directions)
- Drop tamariki on the same side as the bus stop
- Ensure they exit the car on the kerb side
- Walk tamariki to and from the stop
- Remind them not to run across the road
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At the stop, tamariki should:

- Wait well back from the road
- Board only once the bus has stopped and doors are open
- After getting off, wait until the bus has moved before crossing

-Whaea Leah, Assistant Principal of Pastoral Care and Wellbeing



Results from Auckland Orienteering Champs

A 24 strong team represented Counties zone and our school at Massey rugby club on Wednesday.

Competing against all the other schools in greater Auckland that placed at their own zone events. Some pleasing results from our school with Lachlan Kimber placing 1st on his course out of all the other 73 competitors including year 8's that completed that particular course.

Congratulations Lachlan.

Others great top 20 results;
Year 7 Boys: Kade Foote placing 10th/83 competitors.

The team placed 9th out of 21 teams.

The Year 7 Girls: Team placed 6th out of 21 teams.

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The team placed 11th out of 19 teams.

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-Whaea Ann-Maree, Sports Coordinator

What's on next week?

Term 2 Week 5

(Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May)

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Outside Schools HUB

- Buckland School
 - Kingsgate School
- Year 7 Assembly

Thursday

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

Friday

Term Dates

Term 2 - Monday 28 April-Friday 27 June

Term 3 - Monday 14 July-Friday 19 September

Term 4 - Monday 6 October-Friday 12 December

ENVIRO Challenge

Thank you all for your commitment to protecting our environment—together, we're making a real difference. 🌱🌍

Congratulations to: Batten Learning Community.

Learning Community	Recycling	LC Area	Bonus
Batten	4	1	
Hillary	3		
Lomu	4		
Parkside	1	1	
Rutherford	2		
Sheppard	2	1	
Te Puea	3	1	

Teaching and Learning

Structured Literacy

Our learning assistants work most days with a group of students one-to-one to ensure the important sounds and phonics that make up our English language are mastered.

They use the letter tiles to form words with the same sound. Students enjoyed making the sounds and speaking them orally. Very concentrated learning with students increasing their confidence and increasing their repertoire of



Performing Arts

In the performing arts room this week students are learning about improvising. Whaea Vicki Appleton-Tattersall is seeing students really develop confidence and communication skills in this curriculum area context. I enjoyed participating in the warm up games with the students which required my working memory to be put to the test!



Support staff day

We have the most amazing team of support staff from learning assistants, administrators, sports administrators and the caretaking team. Where would be without them?

Thank you to our very valued support staff who ensure our kura keeps functioning in every possible way. A lovely morning tea to acknowledge their amazing mahi was part of Pink Shirt day celebrations.



Pink Shirt Day

A real vibe around our school last Friday to celebrate Pink Shirt day. Students, staff and even the canteen team were all dressed up in support of this cause.

Student leaders organised a range of activities school wide for everyone to participate in. The leaders created our own in-school focus to address bullying.

Keep your conversations clean and honest!

Light hearted, avoid “just jokes” conversations.

All fundraising and donations in both cash and kindo came to \$553.10 which will be sent today to the Mental Health Foundation.

Community Messages

Pukekohe High School



OPEN EVENING
Wednesday 4th June
4 - 6pm

- Take a tour of the school with a student leader
- Get a taster of our curriculum offerings
- Attend our principal's address
- Enrol your student for 2026
- Speak with our teachers and students



Attendance

Regular school attendance helps build strong learning habits, supports friendships, and creates positive routines that prepare our tamariki for success—both now and in the future. Your ongoing encouragement and support in this kaupapa is truly appreciated.

Together, as a kura and a wider whaanau, we are seeing real progress. The majority of our students are now attending regularly, and it's making a difference. The Education Review Office (ERO) is currently carrying out research into school attendance and would love to hear from you. Your voice matters. Please take a moment to complete their survey:

[Parent and Whānau survey](#)

Together, as a kura and community, we are making a real difference.



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