

Pānui o te wiki

PUKEKOHE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Term 1 Week 7, 2025



Principal's Messages

A big thank you to all staff involved in selecting and preparing our students for last Friday's School Swimming Sports.

A special acknowledgement to Whaea Jody for her outstanding organisational skills and clear communication with staff, students, and whaanau. Your efforts ensured a well-run and enjoyable event.

This was a fantastic occasion to celebrate our talented swimmers and the first opportunity for our students to come together as a school this year.

Our students represented their Learning Communities with pride, earning points through both participation and their race placings.

Thank you to our school community for your support throughout the day, and to our students for showing such enthusiasm for your Learning Community through your colourful outfits and loud chants.

Ka mau te wehi – what an incredible day!

Road Patrol

A huge thank you to Lisa and Varinder, our local community constables, for training our 32 new road patrol monitors. Their guidance has equipped our students with the essential skills needed to keep staff and students safe at the three pedestrian crossings on Queen Street, Harris Street, and Edinburgh Street.

During their training, students learned how to manage traffic effectively, use correct signals, and maintain clear communication to ensure the safety of everyone crossing.

Whaanau, please help us keep everyone safe by following these reminders:

- Reduce your speed near schools.
- Be patient at crossings.
- Avoid distractions while driving.



HEART Value Winners

Congratulations to our LC HEART Values winners for Week 6! 🎉

Batten - Declan Andrews

Hillary - Tokanga Loni

Lomu - Jadon Eeseese

Rutherford - Puafuti Taumalea

Sheppard - Caleb Hasey

Te Puea - Taawera Kouka

Seaweek Inspired Art

Congratulations to our ākonga for their creative sea-inspired artwork! Their thoughtful pieces highlight the beauty of the ocean and the importance of protecting marine life.

- Isla – A sand turtle at Whangamata Beach, symbolising the need to protect endangered turtles.
- Isabellah – A sunset glowing over the sea, appreciating the ocean for future generations.
- Maeva – A representation of a love for the sea and black sand beaches.
- Leshay – A powerful wave crashing down, advocating for a pollution-free ocean.

-Whaea Erin, Kaitiaki Lead Teacher

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Teaching and Learning

Learning is alive in our playground with so many options at lunchtime. Breaktimes are such an important part of learning as a young adolescent. Students learn all the skills of being social, tolerant, understanding, resilient and empathetic.

This week I had the pleasure of visiting the games room on several occasions in the school hall. This place is a real buzz with students mixing from all over the school.

Great to see students off devices, talking to each other nicely and simply having fun. Kids being kids!

-Whaea Janine,
Deputy Principal of Teaching and Learning



Knitting and Crocheting

We are trying to set up a little lunchtime knitting/crochet group. If you have any crochet hooks or knitting needles at home that you no longer need, we'd love to have them. Also looking for wool/yarn that is surplus to your requirements- any thickness.

Any donations can be brought to Room 8

-Whaea Raewyn, Learning Support Coordinator



Zone Tag

Both girls and boys Tag teams played at Bruce Pulman park on Tuesday the 11th. The boys took a while to get into the first game, it was a draw right up to the last minute until Roshill scored to win. After that they got into their work, learnt a new rule from Randwick park, which they applied in their last two games. They came 5th out of 9 schools.

The girls were in a tough pool, they played Manurewa, the eventual winners, in their first game. Then they played Kauri Flats and had a big loss as well, so that was a rough start which knocked their confidence a bit. They managed to beat Randwick Park in pool play who ended up 2nd overall. After pool play they too learnt the same rule as the boys had and tried to apply it their games. They had a close game with Papakura normal ending in a draw, but going on count back they played off for 5th and 6th place against Kauri flats who they played in pool play already. This time the score was a lot closer only losing by 2.

6th Place out of 9 schools. All in all I feel as the day went on both teams started gelling and got better the more games they played.

Thanks to Whaea Jilly, Matua Josh for selecting and training and Matua David for helping manage/coach on the day.

Whaea Ann-maree

What's on next week?

Term 1 Week 8

(Monday 17th - Friday 21st March)

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

- Outside Schools HUB
- Buckland School
- Kingsgate School

PhotoLife Photos

Thursday

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

Friday

- Passion Projects
- Haramura -Japan Arrive
- Student leadership announcements

ENVIRO Challenge

Our dedicated caretakers, Matua Ken, Matua Kevin, and Whaea Kirsty, have reviewed students' recycling efforts to determine this week's winners.

🌱 Congratulations to our winning Learning Communities: Parkside and Sheppard

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

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



2025 Pukekohe Intermediate Swimming Placegetters

100m Freestyle	Year 7 Girls	Year 7 Boys	Year 8 Girls	Year 8 Boys
1st	Sydney Hughes	Shaan Patel	Azaria Forbes	Oliver Coombes
2nd	Anna Gordon	Liam Stander	Janika Chaney	Micah McDowell
3rd		Nico Jansen Van Vuuren	Vivienne Patel	Quade Williams
50m Freestyle	Year 7 Girls	Year 7 Boys	Year 8 Girls	Year 8 Boys
1st	Sydney Hughes	Lachlan Kimbel	Azaria Forbes	Oliver Coombes
2nd	Ava Schaumkel	Carter Koekemoer	Janika Chaney	Joost Van Dorsser
3rd	Olivia Kirkham	Declan Te Rangi	Frankie Utatao	Grayson Dean
50m Backstroke	Year 7 Girls	Year 7 Boys	Year 8 Girls	Year 8 Boys
1st	Sydney Hughes	Xavier Hogan	Azaria Forbes	Oliver Coombes
2nd	Meela Goulstone	Sam Williams Kingsley Harding	Ava Capper	Iggy Reyes
3rd	Matilda Shackleton		Frankie Utatao	James Edwards
50m Breaststroke	Year 7 Girls	Year 7 Boys	Year 8 Girls	Year 8 Boys
1st	Matilda Shackleton	Declan Te Rangi	Azaria Forbes	Oliver Coombes
2nd	Sydney Hughes	Alex Brady	Penny Raos	Joost Van Dorsser
3rd	Ava Schaumkel	Shaan Patel	Frankie Utatao	Grayson Dean
Open Butterfly	Girls		Boys	
1st	Azaria Forbes		Oliver Coombes	
2nd	Janika Chaney		Grayson Dean	
3rd	Penny Raos		James Edwards	
Relay	Girls		Boys	
1st	Rutherford		Rutherford	
2nd	Lomu		Lomu	
3rd	Hillary		Hillary	



Bakers Delight



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BAKERS DELIGHT HOT CROSS BUNS**

3 FLAVOURS:

TRADITIONAL, CHOC CHIP, APPLE & CINNAMON

\$12 PER PACK

ORDERS CLOSE: FRIDAY 4TH APRIL (WEEK 10)

DELIVERY: TUESDAY 8TH APRIL (WEEK 11)

**Fundraise with us
this Easter!**



**ORDER FORMS AVAILABLE AT THE
STUDENT CENTRE.**

**PAYMENTS VIA KINDO (ONLINE) OR
CASH/EFTPOS AT THE
STUDENT CENTRE.**

**ANY QUERIES PLEASE SEE
WHAEA LAURA R31**

Community Messages

GIANT WATERSLIDE!

11am – 5pm Sat 15 and Sun 16 March
Pukekohe Showgrounds
Family fun for all ages*

100m long downhill waterslide
Swim rings provided to zoom down on
\$12 p/p for a 1 hour session (max 28 people per session)
Fundraising for Pukekohe Intermediate's Japan exchange trip



To book, please email the following to ondine.crosby@hotmail.com

- your name
- your contact phone number
- number of people in your group
- preferred day and time

***Any age can ride the slide, but it is recommended for 5 years +**

Firewood- we have some wood from a tree that was cut down in November that is available to purchase. It is currently in large round and needs splitting. Pick up needs to outside of school hours. \$250 ono. Funds going to the 2025 Japan Trip. If you are interested please email Raewyn r_austin@pukekoheint.school.nz



PUKEKOHE Association Football Club Inc

Hi Players & Parents/Caregivers

We are looking for children turning 11 this year to join a team. We have 2 full teams and one team that is only half full. It would be great to hear from you if you have an 11 year old keen to join in.

Please get in touch with me - admin@pukekoheafc.com

Thanks

Suzi