

Pānui o te wiki

PUKEKOHE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Term 1 Week 4, 2026



Principal's Messages

25 Years of Service

On Wednesday, we celebrated a very special milestone, recognising 25 years of dedicated service from Kerrie Marks, Lynette Slee, and Leoni Robinson.

Across the past 25 years, each of these staff members has made a meaningful and lasting contribution to our kura.

They have supported, guided, and inspired generations of young people, helping them grow in confidence and belief in themselves.

Their experience, care for students, and commitment to our school community have played an important role in shaping the strong and supportive environment we value today.

We thank Kerrie, Lynette, and Leoni for their outstanding service and the difference they continue to make in the lives of our students and our wider school community.

Culture and Music

Thank you to our cultural group and itinerant music tutors for working with our students each week and sharing your skills and expertise.

Kapa Haka – Iwa Holmes and Antonio Toetoe

Pasifika – Laiha Halliday, Sam Moala, Tracey Gaynor, and Elu Schuster

Music Itinerant Tutors – Guitar: Roz Turnbull; Ukulele: Tania Johnson; Violin: Rosemary Lamborn

Last week, our students had their first sessions with our itinerant music tutors and cultural groups. Thursday and Friday were important starting points, with students beginning to learn new skills, work alongside others, and take part in these groups.

These programmes are an important part of life at our kura, giving students opportunities to develop their talents and be involved in music and culture. We look forward to seeing their progress throughout the term and sharing their learning with our school community.



HEART Values lessons

Congratulations to our LC HEART Values winners! 🎉

Batten - Summer Hyndman

Hillary - Caitlin White

Lomu - Max Carson-Taefu

Rutherford - Oliver Evans

Sheppard - Hamish Tunzelmann

Te Puea - Maeva Mainey



HEART Values Lesson: Kia Kotahi, TEAMWORK

Creating a shared understanding of how our school Canteen works and how by using teamwork it can run efficiently.



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Year 7 Assembly

On Wednesday, we held our first Year 7 assembly of the year. This was an important opportunity to bring our newest students together and share key expectations, routines, and opportunities that will support them during their time at Pukekohe Intermediate School.

During the assembly, we introduced the management team; Assistant Principal of Pastoral Care and Wellbeing, Leah McNaughten, Deputy Principal of Teaching and Learning, Janine Fryer and our Year 7 Dean Kim Woolliams.

We talked about the many opportunities available to our students, including cultural groups, music itinerant lessons, sports trials, leadership opportunities, and upcoming school events.

We also reinforced the importance of attendance, punctuality, and wearing the school uniform with pride, as these all contribute to student success and a strong sense of belonging within our kura.

Students were reminded of our HEART values focus this week. Our values guide how our students learn, connect with others, and contribute positively to our school community.

Our Year 7 students represented themselves exceptionally well, listening respectfully and showing maturity throughout the assembly.

We look forward to seeing them continue to grow in confidence and make the most of the many opportunities available to them this year.



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

Our caretaking checks will happen daily, and points will add up across the term. Winning Learning Communities will be announced each week and the overall winners at the end of each term, so bring your best teamwork, pride, and kaitiakitanga.

What's on next week?

Term 1 Week 5

(Monday 23rd- Friday 27th February)

Monday

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

Meet the Teacher (school closes 2:00pm)

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

- Outside Schools HUB
 - Buckland School
 - KingsGate School
- Zone tag
- Year 8 Assembly P5&6

Thursday

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

Friday

- Outside Schools HUB
 - Waiiau Pa School

Learning Community	Recycling	LC Area (Windows, TVs, Lights, Doors & locks)	LC Rubbish (Designated Area)	Classroom Bins
Batten	4	1	1	1
Hillary	2	1		1
Lomu	4	1	1	1
Parkside	1	1		
Rutherford	2	1		1
Sheppard	4	1	1	1
Te Puea	4		1	1

Teaching and Learning

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Meet the Teacher - Monday 23 February

Thank you to the 450 families who have booked to meet their child's teacher. We are looking forward to having you in our kura on Monday.

To make a booking, go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz enter the code f7t2q and follow the instructions, or alternatively click on this [link](#).

The purpose of this hui is to

1. Meet your child's 2026 Classroom Teacher and share important information with the teacher to support your child's learning.
2. For the Teacher to share how your child has settled into school expectations, classroom routines and learning programmes.

The school will be finishing the school day early at 2:00 pm and we would appreciate your support to have your child collected at this time or alternative arrangements made. Buses will be operating at normal times. Gates 3, 4 and 8 will be open.

Specialist staff and Learning support will also be available for you to meet. You are welcome to pop into their classrooms either before or after your meeting with your child's classroom teacher. No appointment required.

Staff will break for afternoon team for 20 minutes 4:10 4:30 pm. Classrooms will be locked for this time.

Drowning Prevention Programme

Over the next two weeks students will be exposed to our Drowning Prevention Programme at the Jubilee pool. Lessons include assessing personal competency in the water, breathe control, float first, underwater competencies, use of life jackets and flotation aids and recognising someone in trouble. This education is part of our Health and PE curriculum and is vital with so many open water spaces in Franklin. Teachers will use life jackets, buckets, milk bottles, a chilly bin and ropes to engage students with learning these key skills.



Community Messages



Pukekohe AFC Football (Soccer) Update

Registrations for all players from 5 to 17 years old are open. Please follow the registration link on the website.

Musters for this age group begin on Sunday 1st March. Schedule and information on the website.

For girls aged between 5 and 12 we are running the Milos Fantails Programme. This is a free programme that runs every Wednesday evening at Bledisloe Park. Week one has already kicked off, but we still have 7 weeks to go. Look for the Fantails page under the Juniors tab on our website.

For more information, please contact our administrator on admin@pukekoheafc.com

Website link: <https://www.pukekoheafc.com/>



Waikato Diocesan School for Girls **OPEN DAY** Friday 13 March 2026

BOARDING TOUR 9AM - 9.30AM

Our boarding tour will begin at the All Saints Chapel. Boarding families are then invited to attend our information session.

OPEN DAY INFO SESSION 10AM - 1PM

Our Open Day information session will be held at the All Saints Chapel, followed by day school tours.

Please register your attendance at www.wakatodiocesan.school.nz

We have limited onsite parking at 16 Martin Street car park (off McNicol Steet). Please follow directions at the gate.



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