

Pānui o te wiki

PUKEKOHE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Term 4 Week 5, 2025



Principal's Messages

NZEI Graduation dinner

He mihi maioha – warm congratulations to our two graduating teachers, Catherine Burr and Christina Letcher, who were formally recognised at the NZEI Graduation Dinner on Wednesday evening alongside other graduating teachers from across Franklin.

This special occasion marked the culmination of their dedication, learning, and growth as beginning teachers. We are very proud of the progress they have made and the positive impact they continue to have in our kura.

A special thank you to Paul Grant and Laura Anderson for your mentoring and words of encouragement along the way. It was great to have so many of our staff attend to celebrate this achievement and support our teachers on this important milestone.

Ka mau te wehi, Catherine and Christina – we are very proud of you both!

Year 8 Assembly

At this week's Year 8 Assembly, I had the opportunity to congratulate our Year 8 students who attended camp last week for their exemplary behaviour and the positive way they represented our kura.

Feedback from staff, whaanau, fellow students, and the team at Totara Springs Christian Camp was overwhelmingly positive – a true reflection of our HEART values in action.

I also took a moment to remind our Year 8s that their time at Pukekohe Intermediate is quickly coming to an end, and encouraged them to make the most of their final weeks at our school.

We were proud to acknowledge the achievements of many of our students at this assembly. Certificates were presented to those who have represented our school in Volleyball, EPro8, PIA Diwali Celebrations, Basketball, and the William Pike Challenge.

We also had the pleasure of recognising the following students who received Excellence Certificates for their outstanding effort and achievement throughout the year: Lydia Cain, Ava Capper, Janika Chaney, Bella Dorizac, Tegan Fraser, Nina Gordon, Markus Groenewald, Sophie Hollard, Ashani Khusal-Patel, Romeo Jilani, Micah McDowell, Isla Murphy, Sheldon O'Brien, Penny Raos, Alicia Ridgley, Angela Ung, Charlene Van Rensburg and Ivy Williams.



HEART Value Winners

Congratulations to our LC HEART Values winners! 🎉

Batten - Haven Kennedy

Hillary - Zoey Deyzel

Lomu - Jackson Southey

Rutherford - Puthearith Thuy

Sheppard - Anna Gordon

Te Pua - Liam Griffin & Taranveer Dhalwal

Our PB4L lesson this week is: Kia ahei
Year 8 students begin preparing for STEPZ.

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Tokelau Language Week

Last Friday, to acknowledge Tokelau Language Week, our staff and students came together to celebrate by raising the Tokelauan flag and singing the national anthem. Some of our students also researched aspects of Tokelauan culture and history.

A big thank you to Whaea Laiha, Matua Sam, and a special thank you to Whaea Christina for your efforts in organising this meaningful celebration for our staff and students.

It was a wonderful way to honour Tokelauan culture and language within our kura.



EPro 8

On Wednesday evening, our EPRO8 teams, accompanied by Ms Wolfe, competed in the South Auckland Semi-Final held at The Garden School.

Both teams represented Pukekohe Intermediate with pride, demonstrating teamwork, perseverance, and our HEART values throughout the event.

A huge thank you to Ms Wolfe for her ongoing support and guidance in growing our EPRO8 teams.

We are proud to share that they placed 7th overall — a fantastic achievement at this level of competition.

What's on next week?

Term 4 Week 6

(Monday 10th - Friday 14th November)

Monday

School Athletics

Tuesday

-Lomu HUB (AM)

-Hillary HUB (PM)

Wednesday

Outside School HUB

- Buckland School
- Kingsgate School

Year 8 Assembly

Thursday

-Te Puea HUB (AM)

-Rutherford HUB (PM)

Friday

-Batten HUB (AM)

-Sheppard HUB (PM)

Last day of the year

Our final day for 2025 will be Friday, 12 December.

Please note that school will finish early at 12:30 p.m. on this day.

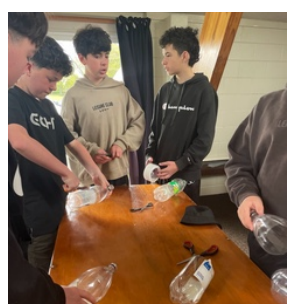
ENVIRO Challenge

Thank you all for your ongoing commitment to protecting our environment.

Well done to **Batten**, **Sheppard** and **Te Puea** for your outstanding efforts this week!

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

Year 8 Camp



Teaching and Learning

Otago University Maths Problem Challenge

Congratulations Kate Foote Room 33, Sheppard Learning Community.

Kade along with Davin Harrex sat the final problem solving challenge. Kade has been awarded a Distinction grade and will receive a voucher as a prize from the University of Otago.

Kade is pictured below with his classroom teacher Sarah MacLeod and Lead teacher of Maths at our school Lorraine Devaney.

From our records Kade is part of an elite group of only 3 students who have ever been awarded this grade in the final exam challenge.

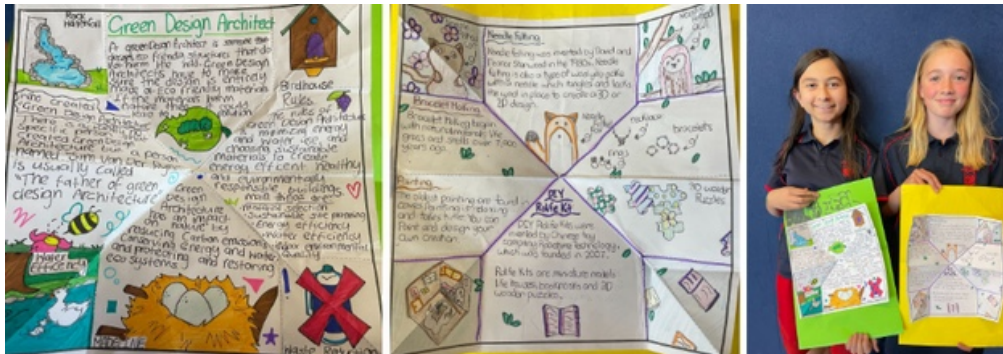
Congratulations Kade, we are all super proud of your mathematical achievement.



Find Your Voice and Share Your Fire

Te Pua Room 1 Year 7 students Zoe and Madeline have started preparing for their seminars to present at the end of the term. Zoe is focusing on her interest in “crafts” and Madeline on “Green design architecture”. This is an inquiry which all year 7 students are participating in this term. Students will be tasked with crafting an oral presentation that uses effective structure, meets the needs of a target audience, and engages listeners. Learners will also design supporting materials or digital tools that are purposeful and fit for function. Both Zoe and Madeline explained to me their ideas of preparing a seminar that will tell, show and teach the audience about their passion.

“Great communicators use passions, resources and appropriate tools to teach, engage and inspire others”.



Digital Technology

This week in Digital Technology students were explaining to me what they were learning. It was all about 3D printing and programming.

Hillary Year 7 Room 45 and 46 students Carter, Logan, Jazmin and Tofunmi.

The starting point was to create a cylindrical hole going through a 3D shape using “Tinkercad”.

The end product or task is to create a key chain with our name on it. We got shown examples so we could see how they were made. We could see some faults in the designs, so in our designs we need to plan to avoid these issues.



Community Messages



Decorate for Good

A Mai Lighthouse fundraiser in collaboration with the Pukekohe Christmas Store

 Get inspired with a Xmas Decor demonstration by expert stylists (light refreshments included)

 Saturday 15th November, 3pm - 5pm

 Pukekohe Christmas Store, 102 King Street, Pukekohe

Get your tickets here:

Tickets \$25 with all proceeds going towards our annual Smiles Appeal to support whānau in our community!




Mai Lighthouse
Guiding whānau to wellbeing

Stay connected



Public transport services for 2026

Kia ora,

With the end of the school year approaching, we want to reach out to schools and parents with information about public transport in readiness for 2026.

The beginning of the school year, from the second week of February through until Easter, see a sharp increase in demand on Auckland's roads and public transport as schools and universities commence and people return to work from summer holidays. There will be more people than usual on the roads and using public transport services, especially during peak hours.

Each year, Auckland Transport reviews the performance of the network from February to April of the previous year, including school bus services and other popular services. We have already reached out to schools across Auckland asking for roll changes to plan ahead.

Here are three things parents and students can do to help ease the impact on school journeys during this busy time:

- **Ensure student's HOP cards are topped up.** Children ages 5 to 15 are eligible for a child concession giving them 40% off travel by bus, train or ferry when using their registered AT HOP card. For information on how to set up concessions search 'AT HOP card' online.
- **Encourage students to tag on and off each school bus trip.** It is important that everyone tags onboard so we can get accurate information about how many students are onboard each bus. This information is used to make informed adjustments to school bus timetables and bus sizes.
- **Plan ahead for the busy season.** If school buses are not an option for students, they can use urban bus services. You can use AT Journey Planner to find the service that will work best for them. Please know that public transport services will be busier than usual, so it's important to allow enough time for them to arrive early to get their bus, train or ferry in case there are queues.

If you have any questions about public transport services, you can call **09 366 6400** or email info@at.govt.nz.

Have a great end of the year and summer break,

Auckland Transport




OPEN INVITATION
FREE
PUKEKOHE
GIVE BACK EVENT

FREE
Food, Clothing & Household Items
Come and enjoy a hot lunch with our community



Pukekohe Intermediate School entry on Edinburgh Street
SUNDAY
30 NOVEMBER
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Car parking on surrounding streets

This is a FREE event
Bring your appetite, Whānau!
We look forward to seeing you there

This day has been sponsored by a wonderful benefactor who would like to remain anonymous.



FREE EVENT

MOUNTAINS TO SEA CONSERVATION TRUST
EXPERIENCING NATURE RECONNECTING

Beautification Trust

Papakura Community Kayak Day
Youngs Park, Saturday November 22, 11:15 am-2:30pm

MUST register at mountainstosea.org.nz/events



Community Kayak Day

Mountains To Sea is running a community kayak day in Papakura on 22nd November as a way to connect people to the local waterways.

They would love to see tamariki/rangatahi and their whānau join them on the day.

Bookings are essential. The event is suitable for ages 7+.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/papakura-community-kayak-day-registration-1648882083699?aff=oddttdtcreator>