

Pānui o te wiki

PUKEKOHE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Term 1 Week 9, 2026



Principal's Messages

Cultural Exchange

This week, we had the pleasure of welcoming a group of staff and students from Hara Junior High, our sister school in Japan. We were also pleased to welcome their long-standing tour guide of 29 years, Yasu, along with the Head of Education, from the Haramura Council. The group have a busy schedule during their time with us. On Sunday, they enjoyed a BBQ at Clarks Beach, where past host families also came along, a real testament to the strong connections that have been built over time. Monday- powhiri at the school, followed by a normal class day. Tuesday - a tour of local sites. Wednesday - classes. Thursday- tourist destinations across the wider Auckland area. Friday - Cultural Day. Thank you to the students and whaanau who hosted our staff and students. We hope this was a memorable experience for you all. We are always grateful for this cultural exchange. It is a valuable opportunity to learn from one another, strengthen relationships, and catch up with our Hara whaanau.

Multicultural Festival Performance

Last weekend, we performed at the Puni School MCF. 100 students joined the PIS Pasifika performance, and the stage could barely hold us. Students had to perform on the floor as we could not fit.

The students were sensational as they danced from Fiji, through Tuvalu, and over to Samoa and Tonga. Finishing on a catchy dance called Aso Kualava, which means "Enough is Enough!" The crowd was 3,000 strong, and the cheers of "cheehoo" just encouraged the students even more. A huge thank you to our staff for coming and encouraging us before our performance. It means a lot to us.

To the parents who supported us, thank you, ofa lahi atu, fa'afetai lava, fakafetai lahi lele from the bottom of our hearts.

The students' costumes and attitudes were faultless. They came ready to take the stage apart, and boy, they certainly did. Matua Sam, Whaea Christina, Whaea Tracey, Matua Elu and I (Whaea Laiha) are incredibly proud of all our students who represented Pasifika today with mana and whaka'apa'apa. Malo ni.



HEART Values lessons

Congratulations to our LC HEART Values winners!

Batten - Stephen Muller

Hillary - Tanveer Kaur

Lomu - Nova White

Rutherford - Hannah Kim

Sheppard - Sadie Wesche

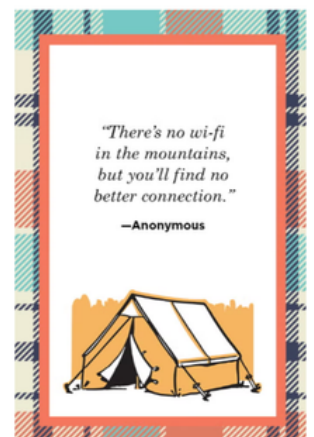
Te Puea - Taranveer Dhaliwal



HEART Values Lesson:

Kia Kotahi - Teamwork

At camp, we don't just have fun — we grow our HEART. Together, we'll make memories that show who we are.



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Auckland Interzone Swimming

Seven swimmers had an early start, leaving at 7:20am to arrive at West Wave Pools in Henderson for a 9:00am start.

They competed in tough fields against some very strong swimmers.

A great effort from all involved—just making the interzone swimming team is an achievement in itself. Well done. Missing from the photo: Thea Sambati.

-Ann-Maree, Sports Coordinator

What's on next week?

Term 1 Week 10

Monday

Year 8 Camp

Tuesday

Year 8 Camp

Wednesday

Year 8 Camp

Year 7 assembly

Thursday

-Outside Schools HUB

- Pukekohe North School Year 8 assembly

Last day of Term 1 - school finishes at 3pm

Friday

Good Friday - School Closed

2026 Term Dates

Term 2 Monday 20 April - Friday 3 July

Term 3 Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September

Term 4 Monday 12 October - Friday 11 December

- LC rubbish areas – organised, clean, and used correctly.

Whaea Erin has added a bonus point, and this week it is awarded to Te Puea!

Don't forget - the winning Learning Community will be announced five minutes before the 3pm bell on the last day of Term 1.

Counties Manukau Zone Touch

A group of excited students headed to Bruce Pulman Park on Tuesday to compete in the Counties Zone Touch Rugby Tournament. With three grades playing at the same time, it was great to see so many of our students involved. Our teams had a great day out, enjoying the games and continuing to learn and improve with each match. While we did not place this time, students were able to watch a high-quality final, with Randwick Park taking out both the girls' and boys' grades. A big thank you to Matua Josh for his time and commitment coaching our teams.

-Ann-Maree, Sports Coordinator

Anna Gordon was voted Player of the Tournament by all students who attended the zone day, across both boys and girls teams. She was recognised not only for her performance, but also for being a great teammate throughout the day.

Ann received a NZ Touch Blacks jacket from captain Fin Bennett for being named "Player's Player of the Day."

-Matua Josh



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.

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

Teaching and Learning

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Year 8 Extension English Class

This week the Year 8 Extension English class were developing their arguments ready for the big debate early next term.

Whaea Laura Padayachee, lead teacher of English, had prepared a planning template for students to map out and strengthen their arguments using strong emotive language.

There is no doubt they can convince an audience. There are certainly some future lawyers amongst this group of students!

I look forward to attending their class debating event next term where they can put their arguments to the test.



Student Book Collection - Celebrating Learning with Curriculum Leaders

Every term we collect a sample of student books from every classroom. We are looking for consistency and coverage of the NZ English and Maths curriculum learning sequence for year 7 and year 8.

Mrs Lorraine Devaney, lead teacher of maths and Mrs Laura Padayachee, lead teacher of English could see clearly in books the particular focus areas that teachers were asked to really spend time explicitly teaching this term.

We enjoyed talking to students about what they had been learning this term. A celebration of the teaching and learning across our kura.



The Inside Story - Term 2

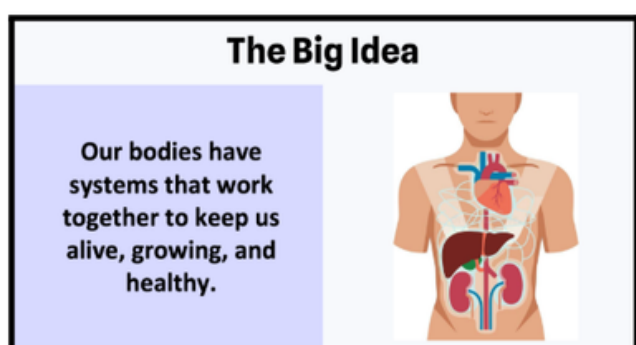
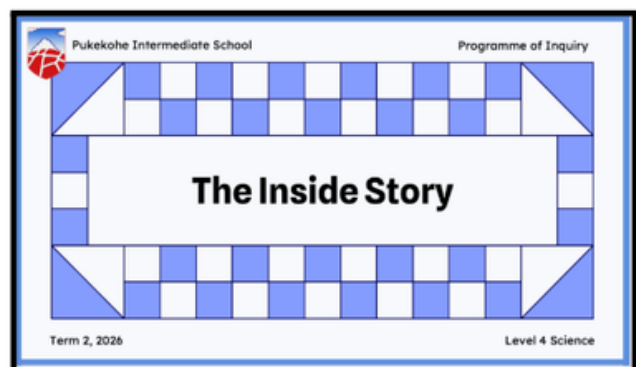
Staff have already started planning our Term 2 focus inquiry with an emphasis on the Science curriculum and Health Curriculum.

Students will unpack the big idea “our bodies have systems that work together to keep us alive, growing and healthy.” during week one. They will study the 12 systems of the body, how these systems work and most importantly the link to our physical, mental and emotional health.

I am keen to talk to any parents who currently work in the medical, health, nutrition and fitness profession. Making connections with what students are learning to people working in our community in areas that connect to our body makes learning real.

Our students would love to learn from you.

Whaea Janine,
Deputy Principal of Teaching and Learning



Multicultural Festival

Thank you to our students who performed at the Multicultural Festival. You did a fantastic job showcasing your talents to our wider community.

A special thank you to our tutors for their time and dedication in preparing our students and supporting them on the day:

Kapa Haka – Matua Antonio and Whaea Iwa

Pasifika – Whaea Laiha, Matua Sam, Whaea Tracey and Matua Elu



Community Messages



Seasons For Growth is a grief, loss and change programme for children dealing with challenges in their lives e.g. separation, divorce, death, other significant changes. Our after school programme starts next term on Thursday 30th of April, held in Pukekohe and runs once a week over 8 weeks. An optional Parent Programme also runs at the same time. For enquiries or enrolments please phone/text Marisa on 021 142 5812, office (09) 238 7228, or email seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz. For more info: www.pukekohecommunityaction.co.nz/seasons.

WHAT'S ON
FRANKLIN COMMUNITY HUB

School Holiday ECO FEST PROGRAMME

4 - 18 APRIL

FRANKLIN ARTS CENTRE | PUKEKOHE LIBRARY | WAIUKU LIBRARY
BEACHLANDS MEMORIAL HALL



Discover, Inspire, Act.

School Holiday Fun with EcoFest

EcoFest is returning to Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland with 400+ events celebrating nature and community.

Over the school holidays there are lots of family-friendly activities to enjoy from nature adventures, building bug hotels, craft and jewelry workshops, bike events and more! EcoFest is great for curious kids and adults alike with events suitable for ever age. Many events are free or low-cost and happening all across Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland.

Celebrate nature, learn new skills, and discover simple ways to care for our planet. Discover more - www.ecofest.org.nz

Week One

WAIUKU LIBRARY | FRANKLIN ARTS CENTRE
BEACHLANDS MEMORIAL HALL | PUKEKOHE LIBRARY

| Tuesday 07 | Wednesday 08 | Thursday 09 | Friday 10 | Saturday 11 |
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| Turn it up performing arts 9am - 3pm <i>*Booking required</i> | Turn it up performing arts 9am - 3pm <i>*Booking required</i> | Turn it up performing arts 9am - 3pm <i>*Booking required</i> | Turn it up performing arts 9am - 3pm <i>*Booking required</i> | Coding 9.30am - 11.30am <i>*Booking required</i> |
| Drop in poppy making from recycled materials 10am - 12pm | Drop in make a watercolour poppy badge 10am - 12pm | Drop in poppy making from recycled materials 10am - 12pm | Drop in poppy making from recycled materials 10am - 12pm | Drop in poppy making from recycled materials 10am - 12pm |
| BrainPlay Robotics and Coding <i>*Booking required</i> | Sewing session 10.30am - 11.30am <i>*Booking required</i> | T Shirt bags with Waluku Zero Waste 10.30am - 11.30am | Drop in make a watercolour poppy badge 10am - 12pm | |
| Magic the Gathering Ages 9-16 2pm - 4pm | Warhammer 40k Taster Session 1 2pm - 4pm <i>*Booking Required</i> | Make a Mini Session 1 2pm - 4pm <i>*Booking required</i> | Tshirt Bags with Waluku Zero Waste 10.30am - 11.30am | |

Week Two

WAIUKU LIBRARY | FRANKLIN ARTS CENTRE
BEACHLANDS MEMORIAL HALL | PUKEKOHE LIBRARY
AWHITU SCHOOL PAVILION

| Monday 13 | Tuesday 14 | Wednesday 15 | Thursday 16 | Friday 17 | Saturday 18 |
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| Turn it up performing arts 9am - 3pm <i>*Booking required</i> | Turn it up performing arts 9am - 3pm <i>*Booking required</i> | Awhitu Activations 10am-12pm | Poppy making from recycled materials 10am - 12pm | The girl whose twin was a bird performance 10.30am onwards | Coding 9.30am - 11.30am <i>*Booking required</i> |
| Poppy making from recycled materials 10am-12pm | DIY paper flowers 10.30 - 11.30am | Poppy making from recycled materials 10am - 12pm | Beachlands Activations 11am - 2.30pm | Mosaic art craft 10.30am-11.30am | Poppy making from recycled materials 10am - 12pm |
| Mosaic art craft 10.30am- 11.30am | Mason Jar Craft 10.30am-11.30pm | Sewing Session 10.30am - 11.30am <i>*Booking required</i> | Make a Mini Session 2 2pm - 4pm <i>*Booking required</i> | The girl whose twin was a bird performance 3.15pm onwards | Little Labs Sharks & Insects 1pm - 2pm <i>*Booking required</i> |
| Mason Jar Craft 10.30am- 11.30am | Magic the Gathering Ages 9-16 2pm - 4pm | Warhammer 40k Taster Session 2 2pm - 5pm <i>*Booking required</i> | | Little Labs Sharks & Insects 3.30pm - 4.30pm <i>*Booking required</i> | |

For more information or to book your place, please contact: franklinoutreach@akc.govt.nz



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