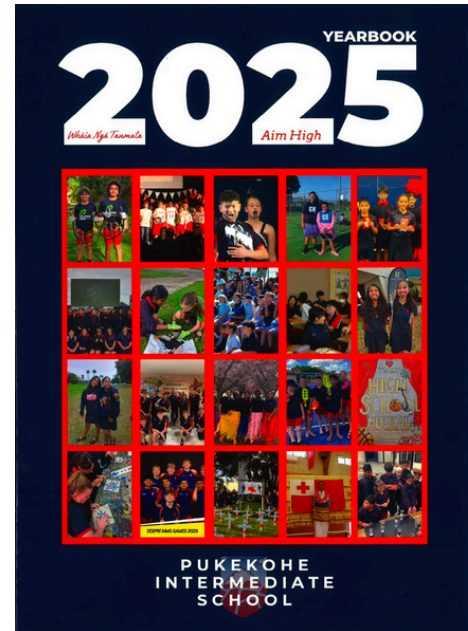


# Pānui o te wiki

PUKEKOHE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Term 4 Week 9, 2025



## Principal's Messages

### Farewelling Shirley Murray

On Tuesday, some of our staff gathered in the Waikato to farewell Shirley Murray, a founding member of the Franklin Attendance Service. Her legacy lives on in the important mahi the team continues to do, ensuring tamariki in our area have consistent access to education and the support they need to thrive.   
Moi mai raa, Shirley — moe mai i roto i te rangimaarie. Your dedication and aroha will continue to guide the kaupapa you helped build.

### FAS Free Community Event

A big thank you to our whaanau who came out in great numbers on Sunday to support our Free Community Event, held here at school — even with the unpredictable weather. Our kapa haka roopu gave a wonderful performance, representing our kura with pride and mana. Thank you to the charitable trust for supporting the event and providing staff and resources, and to our Franklin Attendance Service team for the important mahi you do every day to remove barriers to education for our tamariki and whaanau.

### Auckland Champions Athletics

Twenty two athletes had an early start to the day, travelling to Mount Smart Stadium to compete. Our students represented our school and zone with pride, achieving some impressive results. Ava Capper gained second place in the 200m Year girls. Both the girls relay teams qualified for the finals. Our Year 8 girls gained fourth place and Year 7 girls gained their place. Tremendous results. Evelyn Rowan gained 6<sup>th</sup> place in the 100m final.

-Ann-Maree Woods

### Road Patrol

This week we acknowledged and celebrated the incredible service of our Road Patrollers. Every day, rain or shine, these students carry out an essential role in our kura—ensuring their peers cross the road safely and confidently.

We are truly grateful for their commitment, their reliability, and the sense of responsibility they bring to this important job. Their mahi helps keep our school community safe, and they represent our HEART values with pride.

### 2025 Yearbook

The last day of the school year is Friday, 12 December. The school bell will ring at 12:30pm. Buses will run at the usual time, from the usual place.

2025 Yearbooks will be given to all students in attendance as a gift from the School Board. We would like to have all students at school on this day.



### HEART Value Winners

Congratulations to our LC HEART Values winners! 🎉

**Batten** - Rory Lim

**Hillary** - Azaria Naera

**Lomu** - Georgia Holliday

**Rutherford** - Harlem Newton

**Sheppard** - Isla Williams

**Te Puea** - Ave-Maria Carmichael

Our PB4L lesson this week is:

Prize giving Expectations, the HEART Values is Ka Rangatira.

We show respect for our peers who have worked hard to receive an award at prizegiving. We acknowledge those who worked hard but are not formally recognised this time.



### Attendance

Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to improve, strengthen, and maintain attendance this year.

Your collective mahi — from our tamariki, whaanau, and kaiako — has made a real difference.

As you know, the expectation for 2026 remains at 85% attendance or above, and the Government's target increases to 90% by 2030.

The Ministry of Education has asked us to lift our school attendance rate to 90% from 2026 onwards. This is a lofty challenge, but one I know we can achieve!

What our attendance data shows

The graph highlights how well our students have done this year:

- 72% of our students (467 tamariki) had less than 5 days' absence in a term — placing them in the Good category with a strong chance of success.
- 17% (110 students) had up to 10 days' absence, placing them in the Worrying range where progress becomes harder.
- 8% (51 students) had up to 15 days' absence, which is considered Concerning.
- 4% (24 students) had 15 or more days' absence, the Serious Concern category where learning progress is very hard to maintain.

These results show that the majority of our students and whaanau are doing an outstanding job. With continued support, we know we can shift even more learners into the Good attendance range next year.

Weekly Attendance Updates for

Whaanau

To help everyone stay informed, weekly attendance updates will be sent home for each child. This ensures whaanau have a clear picture of how their child is tracking and helps avoid any unnecessary concerns when students who have not been attending regularly are unable to participate in certain school events.

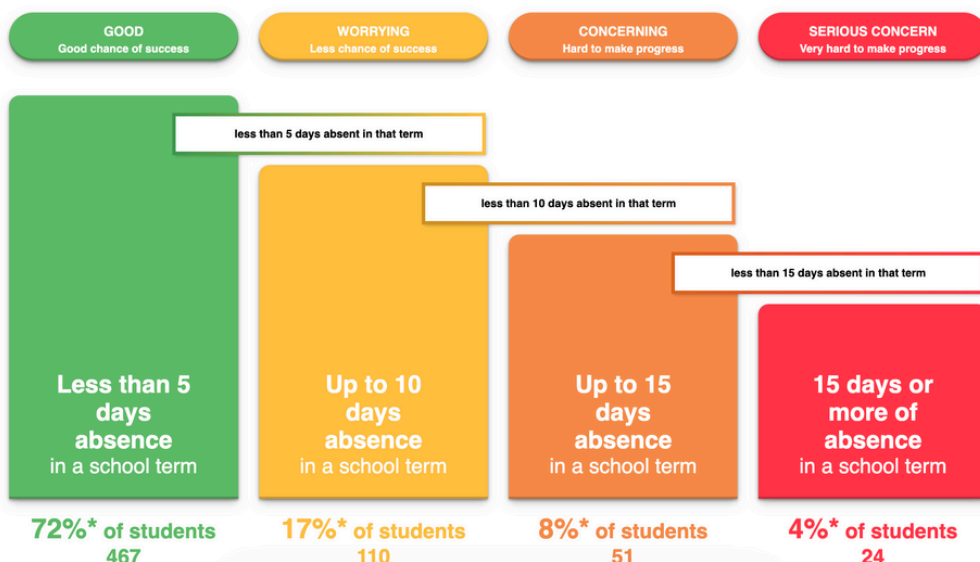
Attendance Hui and Celebrations

We will also be holding our Attendance Hui to celebrate the incredible achievements of our tamariki. Many of our students have managed to maintain 100% attendance this year, and they are very much looking forward to being recognised for this exceptional milestone.

He mihi nui ki a raatou — their commitment and resilience are something to be truly proud of, and their determination sets a positive example across our kura.

#### Responding to all absences

The Government's target is for 80% of students to attend regularly, that is to attend school more than 90% of the time.



### What's on next week?

#### Term 4 Week 10

(Monday 8th- Friday 12th December)

#### Monday

-Hillary, Rutherford, Batten fun day

#### Tuesday

-Sheppard, Lomu, TePuea fun day

#### Wednesday

-Y8 Leavers' Social, 7-10 pm, Pukekohe Indian Event Centre, Ward Street

#### Thursday

-Prize Giving, 11 am, Pukekohe Indian Event Centre, Ward Street

#### Friday

**-Last Day school ends at 12:30pm.**

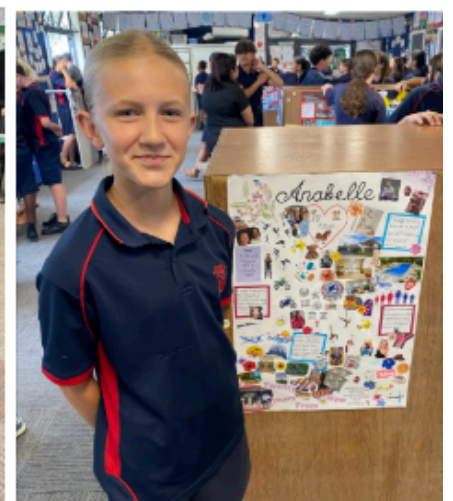
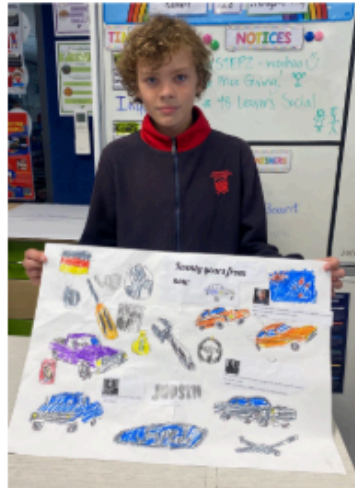
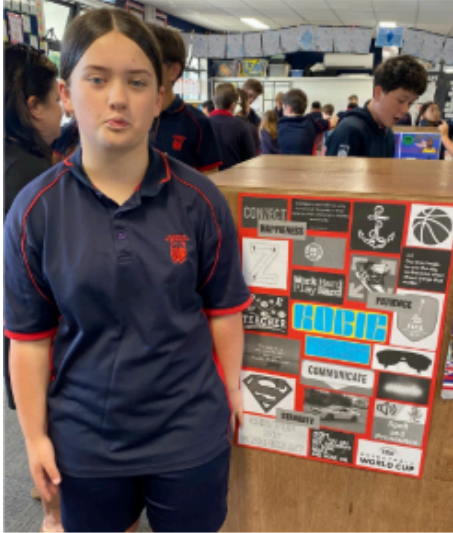
**Buses will run at the usual time, from the usual place.**

#### 2025 End of year report

Student end of year reports were emailed to caregivers on Monday 1 December. If you have not received your child's report, first check your spam/junk folder, and if it still has not been received, contact the school via email at [admin@pukekoheint.school.nz](mailto:admin@pukekoheint.school.nz).

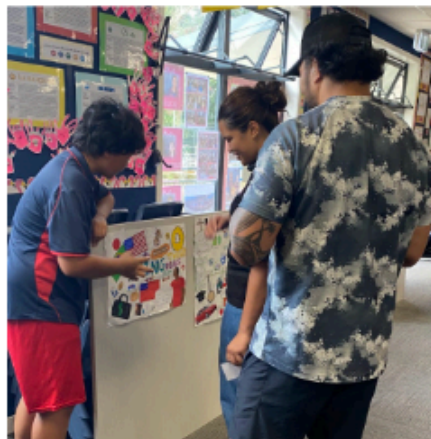
# Teaching and Learning

## Year 8 Careers & Year 7 Seminars



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# Community Messages

## EPIC HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

IS YOUR CHILD OR  
TEEN INTERESTED  
IN TECHNOLOGY?



JANUARY 2026

For beginner & advanced coders  
Ages 9&10, 11&12, 13&14, 15 to adult  
Fun, Free & Educational!

Sign up at [codingnz.com/holidays](https://codingnz.com/holidays)

## FRANKLIN BASKETBALL HOLIDAY CAMP IS BACK!

Mark your calendars — 16th-18th December 2025

This camp isn't just for ballers —  
it's for everyone in our Franklin community

Led by our awesome Franklin coaches and helpers, every day is packed with skills, games, challenges & good vibes only

Franklin Pool & Leisure Centre

\$45 per day | \$120 for 3 days

Ages 8–15 | Boys & Girls

To register, visit [www.fbb.nz](https://www.fbb.nz)

Seasons For Growth is a grief, loss and change programme for children dealing with challenges in their lives e.g. separation, divorce, loss through death, or other family changes. Our after school programme starts next year in Term 1, 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 the coordinator Marisa on 021 142 5812, office (09) 238 7228, or email [seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz](mailto:seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz). For more information, visit [www.pukekohecommunityaction.co.nz/seasons](https://www.pukekohecommunityaction.co.nz/seasons).

## Christmas 2025 Holiday Programme

**KIDS AFTER SCHOOL**

Based at Pukekohe Hill School  
12 Green Lane, Pukekohe  
Programme: 027 694 3011

WINZ SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE FOR ELIGIBLE FAMILIES  
MSD SOCIAL SECTOR LEVEL 3 ACCREDITATION  
Office: 09 236 4078 [www.kidsafterschool.co.nz](https://www.kidsafterschool.co.nz)

School Finishing Dates: Pukekohe Hill 12<sup>th</sup> - Kingsgate 16<sup>th</sup> - Buckland 16<sup>th</sup> - Puke Intermediate 12<sup>th</sup> - Puni 16<sup>th</sup> - St Josephs 17<sup>th</sup> - Valley 17<sup>th</sup>

**Monday 15th December**

**SKID INTO THE HOLIDAYS!**

Get ready to roll!  
Bring your wheels & tackle  
the wildest obstacle course  
ever!

\$37

**Tuesday 16th December**

**ULTIMATE WATER FIGHT!**

Water water everywhere...  
BRING IT ON!

\$37

**Wednesday 17th December**

**KAS CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL**

Bouncy castles, messy fun,  
races, treats — the  
Christmas Carnival is ON!

\$40

**Thursday 18th December**

**SANTAS HELPERS**

Enjoy the gift of giving &  
spread some Xmas cheer.  
Make gifts for the special  
KAS elves to deliver to  
senior citizens in the  
community!

\$37

**Friday 19th December**

**SWEET TREATS**

Tempt your tastebuds  
with handmade  
happiness, making  
Christmas treats the KAS  
way!

\$37

**Monday 22nd December**

**CHRISTMAS FUN OR**

**SHOPPING TRIP 10+**

KAS is hosting a special  
Christmas storyteller while  
our 10+ go on a shopping  
adventure

TRIP \$50 INHOUSE \$37

**Tuesday 23rd December**

**REINDEER GAMES**

Get ready to laugh your  
antlers off with our  
hilarious reindeer games!

\$37

Please note prices listed are for our Main  
Programme 8am to 3pm but we are open  
from 7.00am to 6pm. For all other session  
details & to book please go to  
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office on 09 236 4078



**CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS!**

2025 is a wrap - What a year it was! Filled with lots of fun, friendship & adventures we can't wait to welcome you  
back to do it all over again from the 5<sup>th</sup> of January 2026.

From the KAS family to yours - We wish you all a safe, happy & very Merry Christmas!

## Summer 2026 Holiday Programme

**KIDS AFTER SCHOOL**

Based at Pukekohe Hill School  
12 Green Lane, Pukekohe  
Programme: 027 694 3011

WINZ SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE FOR ELIGIBLE FAMILIES  
MSD SOCIAL SECTOR LEVEL 3 ACCREDITATION  
Office: 09 236 4078 [www.kidsafterschool.co.nz](https://www.kidsafterschool.co.nz)

School starts: Puke Hill 29<sup>th</sup> Jan - Kingsgate 30<sup>th</sup> Jan - Buckland 31<sup>st</sup> Feb - Puke Int 29<sup>th</sup> Jan - Puni 27<sup>th</sup> Feb - St Josephs 27<sup>th</sup> Feb - Valley 4<sup>th</sup> Feb

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| <b>Monday 5th Jan</b><br><b>WATER SLIDE FUN</b><br>Slip, slide & splash your<br>way into holiday fun!<br>Slides, Kickball & Races<br>Cowabunga!   | <b>Tuesday 6th Jan</b><br><b>BORISPOW BUSTERS</b><br>Bored? Not today!<br>We're busting boredom<br>with non-stop fun for<br>everyone!                       | <b>Wednesday 7th Jan</b><br><b>ICE ICE BABY</b><br>Frozen Tees, Icy Treats<br>& Epic Beats!<br>Join us for some really<br>cool games & crafts!  | <b>Thursday 8th Jan</b><br><b>VISITOR - SACHA SHIPS</b><br>The ultimate skipping<br>rope experience - Learn<br>some cool skipping<br>tricks to impress your<br>family & friends! | <b>Friday 9th Jan</b><br><b>TRIP - JUBILEE POOLS</b><br>No time to be fools...<br>we are off to the pool!<br>Grab your tags, hat &<br>sunscreen for an epic<br>day!   |
| <b>Monday 12th Jan</b><br><b>TRIP - RAINBOW'S END &amp;<br/>INHOUSE: SUMMER FUN</b><br>Crafts and games to<br>enjoy summer! May travel<br>to another programme!<br>TRIP \$75 INHOUSE \$37 | <b>Tuesday 13th Jan</b><br><b>THE MEGA CHALLENGE</b><br>The 100 Challenges<br>Challenge - don't miss<br>your chance to conquer<br>the tot!                  | <b>Wednesday 14th Jan</b><br><b>OSCARS BIG DAY OUT</b><br>Get ready for a action<br>packed sports day<br>extravaganza! Creating<br>unforgettable moments<br>with other OSCAR<br>programmes<br>@ Pukekohe High<br>School today | <b>Thursday 15th Jan</b><br><b>CAMP OUT</b><br>Pitch a tent, toast some<br>marshmallows, and<br>discover the wonders of<br>the outdoors!   | <b>Friday 16th Jan</b><br><b>TRIP - FUN FEET 5-7YO</b><br>Bouncy castles, teacup<br>rides, face painting and<br>more!<br>VISITOR-ORLINS &<br>Learn some awesome<br>drumming skills!<br>TRIP-\$50 DRUMS-\$47 |
| <b>Monday 19th Jan</b><br><b>TRIP - FUNZONE</b><br>Step into a world of non<br>stop excitement! Mini<br>Golf, Soccer, Giant<br>Snakes and Ladders<br>and heaps more!                      | <b>Tuesday 20th Jan</b><br><b>H2O ADVENTURE</b><br>Water water<br>everywhere!<br>Water slides, water<br>games & watercraft fun.<br>Don't forget your towel! | <b>Wednesday 21st Jan</b><br><b>TRIP - OHANA BEACH</b><br>We are off to the beach!<br>Sandy toes, sun-kissed<br>noses - our beach day<br>is a fave for all ages.  | <b>Thursday 22nd Jan</b><br><b>ARTISTIC OR ATHLETIC?</b><br>Unleash your inner<br>artist or be your best<br>sporty self.<br>What to choose?                                      | <b>Friday 23rd Jan</b><br><b>TRIP - PICNIC AT THE PARK</b><br>Yummy treats, sunny<br>vibes & playground<br>adventures await!<br>Spend the morning<br>making treats before<br>heading to the park.           |
| <b>Monday 26th Jan</b><br><b>AUCKLAND<br/>ANNIVERSARY DAY<br/>PROGRAMME CLOSED</b>  | <b>Tuesday 27th Jan</b><br><b>SLIDE, SWING, SPRINT!</b><br>Check out the coolest<br>playgrounds in town &<br>then beat the heat at<br>the splashpool!       | <b>Wednesday 28th Jan</b><br><b>FOKEN DAY</b><br>Experience Exchange<br>The motivation<br>experience<br>tokens = tokens<br>tokens = rewards   | <b>St Josephs, Puni School, Valley School &amp;<br/>Buckland School</b><br>Care is available at our Putumohoe<br>Programme on the 29 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup> of January |   |

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**REMEMBER!**

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT EVERY DAY CHILDREN BRING A DRINK BOTTLE, PACKED SNACKS, LUNCH, SUN HAT, SUNSCREEN,  
TOGS & TOWEL & A CHANGE OF CLOTHES. FOR ALL INFORMATION RELATING TO EACH DAYS ACTIVITIES  
PLEASE CHECK THE DAILY INFORMATION SHEET FOR FAMILIES.