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PUKEKOHE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Term 4 Week 3, 2026





Tumuaki Update

What a fantastic Athletics Day, with our tamariki giving their best, showing great sportsmanship and supporting one another throughout the day.
A big thank you to Whaea Jody and Whaea Ann-Maree for organising the event, and to all our staff who helped make the day such a success.
Keep an eye on our school's Facebook and Instagram pages for photos from the day.

Free Ride, Roam and Learn Community Road Safety Event

Please slow down, park safely and watch out for tamariki travelling to and from school.

Bring the whaanau along this Sunday, 1 November, at the Pukekohe Netball Courts for free bike and scooter challenges, competitions and activities.

Our Road Patrollers will help alongside local schools, while our Year 8 William Pike Challenge students have prepared lolly bags as part of their community service.



Kapa Haka Regionals – Dress Rehearsal: Come and Support Our Tamariki

Te Kapa Haka o Te Kura Takawaenga o Pukekohe warmly invites our kaimahi, students and whaanau to our dress rehearsal on Wednesday 4 November, at 6.00 pm, at the Pukekohe Town Hall.

Our tamariki have been working incredibly hard as they prepare to take the stage for our kura's first-ever competitive Kapa Haka Regionals, right here in Pukekohe.

This is a fantastic opportunity to see their hard work come together and show your support before the big event.

We would love to see as many of our staff, students and whaanau there as possible, cheering on our tamariki and sharing in this special milestone for our kura.

Nau mai, haere mai e te whaanau.

-Matua Antonio and Whaea Iwa, Kapa Haka Tutors







Congratulations to our LC HEART Values winners! 🎉

Batten - Blake Gordon
Hillary - Izzy La Trobe
Lomu - Keeva Drury
Rutherford - Daniel De Bruin
Sheppard - Max Di-Cesare
Te Puea - Josh Otene
Hub Y7 - Kade Liefting
Hub Y8 - Richardo Langenhoven



Value - Kia āhei
Whakatauki- "Ka pū te ruha, ka hao te rangatahi" (The old net is cast aside, the new net goes a-fishing), which speaks to the wisdom of making way for new methods and approaches.
Year 8 students begin preparing for STEPZ. This is a highlight for many and an opportunity to try something new.

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Zone Volleyball

Bruce Pulman arena was the venue for our boys and girls volleyball teams on Wednesday 21st October. This is becoming a popular sport with some great skills on display. Our teams prepared well, played well but unfortunately didn't place. For some this is a new sport and they really enjoyed playing the game.
Big thank you to Whaea Jilly for coaching.
-Ann-Maree, Sports Coordinator





Celebrating Tokelau Language Week 🇹🇰

This week, our Pasifika Leaders celebrated Tokelau Language Week with a flag-raising ceremony and the playing of the Tokelauan national anthem. It was a special way to acknowledge the language, culture and traditions of Tokelau within our kura.

Fakafetai lahi lele to our Pasifika Leaders and Whaea Laiha for organising this celebration.



Bilingual Classes Visit Auckland Art Gallery

Our Maaori bilingual classes enjoyed a fantastic visit to Auckland Art Gallery, exploring artworks by Maaori, Samoan and Japanese artists. During a guided tour, our tamariki learnt about the stories behind Maaori portraits and how artists express their culture and identity through art. A highlight was the interactive studio, where students experimented with dyes, created their own artwork and enjoyed making korowai, strengthening their connections to tikanga Maaori and whaanau.
A big thank you to the whaanau who joined us on the trip. We really appreciate you giving your time to support our tamariki and help make this experience possible.





ENVIRO Challenge

The Term 4 ENVIRO Challenge is underway. Keep earning points by picking up rubbish, keeping our kura tidy and collecting Plazrok.
With three different Learning Community winners so far this year, who will take the final ENVIRO Challenge title for 2026?
Keep up the great mahi.

Learning Community	Classroom Recycling (Max points 4)	LC Area (Energy Saving and Security) (Max Points 1)	LC Rubbish In Designated Area Every day (1 point per day, Max 5 per week)	Recycling Of Soft Plastic (Max Points 1)	Bonus Point (Max Points in all areas get 1 bonus point
Batten	4	1	2	1	
Hillary	4	1	1		
Lomu	4	1	2	1	
Parkside	1	1			
Rutherford	4	1	2		
Sheppard	4	1	2		
Te Puea	4	1			

What's on next week?

Term 4 Week 4

Monday 2 - Friday 6 November

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

Tuesday
-Rutherford HUB (AM)
-Batten HUB (PM)
-Year 8 Stepz lessons

Wednesday
-Outside Schools HUB
- Pukekohe North School

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

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

School Athletics

















Results will be shared with the community next week :)

Teaching & Learning

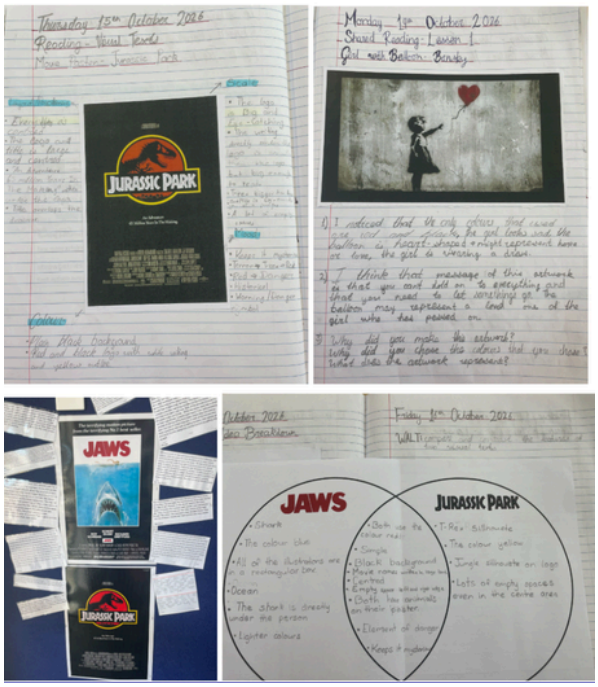
Janine Fryer, Deputy Principal

New English Curriculum

Our lead teacher of English, Laura Padayachee has introduced the new English curriculum to our staff this year through regular snapshots of direct content in phase 3 and what this looks like in classrooms with 11, 12 and 13 year olds.

At our school we have traditionally used school journals in our reading programme which will continue to have a presence, however this year we introduced every classroom teacher exposing students to formal novel studies - 1 x NZ based novel and 1 x novel with a more global connection.

This term Laura is exploring and trialing ways to expose our students to a broader range of texts, images and modes. In phase three students must learn how to gain a deeper understanding by gaining meaning beyond the actual words in a text and responding in written form.



PHASE 3 | ENGLISH CURRICULUM

Oral language • Reading • Writing | Key elements and sub-elements

Oral language	Communicating and presenting	Verbal reasoning
		Presenting to others
		Listening and responding to others
	Communication for learning	Reflective and strategic communication
Reading	Reading enrichment	Fluency
		Developing confident readers
	Comprehension	Vocabulary
		Text form, structure, style and features
		Comprehension strategies
	Critical analysis	Context and purpose
		Interpretations and connections
Writing	Transcription skills	Handwriting
		Keyboarding
		Spelling
	Composition	Audience, purpose, and language choice
		Sentence structures, grammar, and punctuation
		Writing to entertain
		Writing to inform
		Writing to persuade
	Writing processes	Planning
		Drafting
		Revising and editing

Kiwi Assessment Results

The Canterbury University Kiwi Assessment exam results have arrived. We have a number of students who received merit and excellence as well, one special student who received Distinction.

We will be celebrating the results in week five with students when we have our first formal full school assembly back in the town hall.

2026 Summary of Kiwi Assessments		
Science	45 students in Total	1 Excellence 9 Merit
English	85 students in Total	1 Distinction 8 Excellence 19 Merit
Maths	84 students in Total	9 Excellence 15 Merit

Community Messages









BIKE PUKEKOHE

FREE PUBLIC EVENT!

Ride, Roam & Learn!

PUKEKOHE NETBALL CENTRE, BLEDISLOE PARK, PUKEKOHE

11 AM - 3PM

SUNDAY

1 NOVEMBER

BRING YOUR BIKE OR SCOOTER OUT FOR A DAY OF FREE SPRING FUN INCLUDING:

- OBSTACLE COURSE
- WHEELIE COMPETITION
- ACTIVE TRANSPORT CONVERSATIONS
- ORIENTEERING COURSE
- BIKE MECHANIC ONSITE
- FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE
- SPOT PRIZES, GIVEAWAYS AND MORE!

SCAN ME

Franklin Local Board Auckland Council

New Zealand Police Ngā Pirihimana o Aotearoa

Auckland Council Te Kaunihera o Tāmaki Makaurau

Pukekohe Netball Centre

Pukekohe Business Association

Pukekohe High School

Pukekohe Hill School

Pukekohe Intermediate School

Pukekohe Hot Potatoes Pickleball Club Estd 2024

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Blossom Psychology

In partnership with Kia Ora Ake



A free, practical session for parents and whānau navigating neurodiversity, focused on understanding what support is available and how to access it.

The session will cover services, school-based support, community resources, financial entitlements, and where to go for further help. Whānau will leave with clearer information, useful contacts and a better understanding of the support available for their tamariki and whānau.

When? Wednesday 11th November
Time? 6:00- 7:00 p.m
Where? Patumāhoe School
38 Patumahoe Road

Registration required.
Scan the QR code to register, or book here:
https://www.trybooking.com/nz/BFYA
Light refreshments provided.

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