

Pānui o te wiki

PUKEKOHE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Term 1 Week 7, 2026



Principal's Messages

School and Counties Manukau Zone Swimming

Congratulations to all our students who participated in our school swimming sports last Friday. It was great to see swimmers giving their best in the pool, strong cheering on the sidelines, and excellent sportsmanship and behaviour throughout the day.

Our lifeguards commented on the fantastic atmosphere at the pools, and our staff were equally impressed with the way students represented our school. We hope our whaanau and wider community enjoyed the festivities.

A big thank you to Whaea Jody for organising the event and coordinating the Counties Manukau Zone Swimming for our wider community.

Today, our selected swimmers will compete at the Counties Manukau Zone Swimming Championships at Jubilee Pools. All the very best. We know you will represent our kura with pride and do us proud. Ka mau te wehi!

Attendance

Maintaining strong attendance at our kura is something we work on together with our whaanau. We continue to monitor attendance each week and stay in touch with families when students are away so we can support them to be at school as much as possible.

It has been encouraging to see attendance strengthen this term, including our first day with no unexplained absences. Thank you to our whaanau for supporting your children to attend school each day and helping us maintain strong attendance across our kura.

Every day at school counts.

Across Term 1, 78% of our students attended school 90% of the time, and many others were only just below this mark.

Together we will continue working with our students and whaanau to keep attendance strong across our kura.



Kia pono



Kia manaaki



Kia āhei



Kia Rangatira



Kia kōtahi

HEART Values lessons

Congratulations to our LC HEART Values winners! 🎉

Batten - Indie Mitchell

Hillary - Lewis Kirk

Lomu - Arnav Sharma

Rutherford - Evie McDonald

Sheppard - Emile Schutte

Te Puea - Brooke-Lynn Vaipulu Bhana

HEART Values Lesson:

Kia āhei: Aiming high is ensuring that we know the processes and procedures in an emergency at our school.



Kia āhei



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Multicultural festival

PIS Kapa Haka and Pasifika are performing at the Franklin Multicultural Festival on the Saturday 21st March 2026 at PIA, Ward Street, Pukekohe.

Pasifika are performing at 11:15am and Kapa Haka is at 12:30pm.

All families are warmly welcome to come and support the event. It is a free family event supporting the Puni School fundraiser. There are stalls, activities and cultural performances from all of the Franklin Schools.

Whaea Laiha is taking the Pasifika and Matua Antonio is taking the Kapa Haka.

Any queries can be directed to them.

Malo aupito, Ngaa mihi nui,
-Whaea Laiha, Lead Pasifika Teacher



Counties Manukau Zone Girl's Softball

Our 2026 Year 7 and Year 8 girls' softball teams were a mix of experienced players and girls who were picking up a mitt for the first time. With only a week of training before the tournament, the teams showed great commitment and teamwork.

Thank you to Matua Josh for supporting our training sessions.

Both teams played strongly on the day, each finishing in an impressive third place. By the playoff games the girls were playing with real confidence.

Thank you to the whaanau who came along to support. The girls were a fantastic group to work with and represented our kura with pride.

-Ann-Maree, Sports Coordinator

School Photos

On Tuesday, Photolife were in school taking class and individual photos. This included all staff and students across the school, as well as our colleagues from RTLB, FAS and Parkside. These photos help us maintain accurate records and assist staff to easily identify students across our kura. Photolife will soon email whānau with the information on how to purchase photos.

What's on next week?

Term 1 Week 8

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

- Outside Schools HUB
 - Pukekohe North School

Thursday

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

Friday

Student leaders assembly

Saturday 21 March

Community E-waste Event 10 am - 2 pm

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

Learning Community	Recycling	LC Area (Windows, TVs, Lights, locks)	LC Rubbish (Designated Area)	Classroom Bins
Batten	4	1	1	1
Hillary	3	1		1
Lomu	4	1	1	1
Parkside	1			
Rutherford	4	1		1
Sheppard	4	1	1	1
Te Puea	2			1

Teaching and Learning

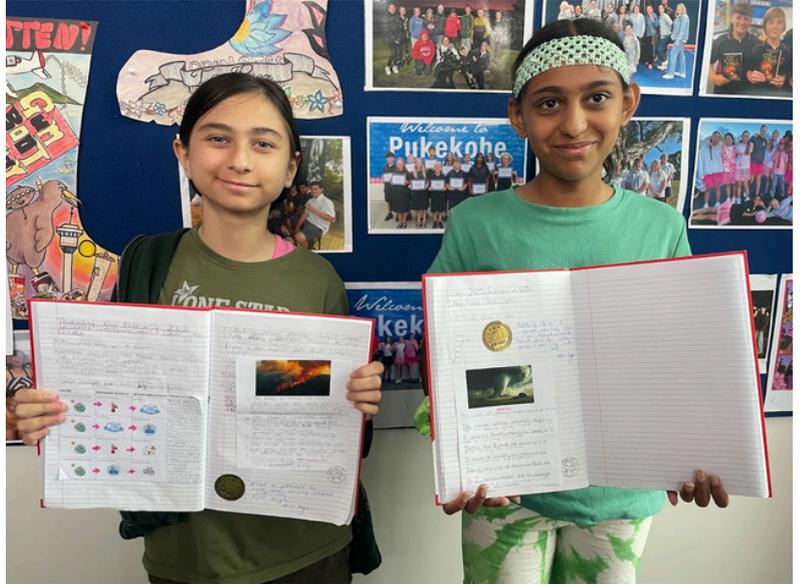
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Writing

Room 11 students Madeline and Tejas shared their writing with me. They have been learning to add detail to their writing. They do this by including adjectives, similes, personification and vocabulary that paints a picture in the reader's mind.

We discussed that often when adding detail less is more. We like the use of short sentences for impact.

Amazing writing these young ladies have produced, especially so early in term one.



Physical Education

Last week during our staff meeting, staff were preparing for the new change of focus in our PE lessons now that swimming is finished.

For the next four weeks it is all about Striking and Fielding.

Students will be exposed to Wicket Cricket, Long Ball, Ki o rahi, T Ball, Pickle Ball and under / over arm throw and catch skills.

Our aim with these very explicit lessons is all centered around skill development, learning through game play and active participation by all students.

PE is part of the NZ curriculum and at Pukekohe Intermediate school we want our students to be confident with these fundamental skills to be active healthy citizens.



School Swimming Results

2026 Pukekohe Intermediate Swimming Placegetters

100m Freestyle	Year 7 Girls	Year 7 Boys	Year 8 Girls	Year 8 Boys
1st	Mischa Chaney	Hunter Wood	Sydney Hughes	Carter Koekemoer
2nd	Ella Ford	Ryan Broughton	Matilda Shackleton	Declan Te Rangi
3rd	Brooklyn Vaipulu Bhana	Sam Austin	Olivia Kirkham	Kingsley Harding
50m Freestyle	Year 7 Girls	Year 7 Boys	Year 8 Girls	Year 8 Boys
1st	Mischa Chaney	Jaxon Keegan	Sydney Hughes	Lachlan Kimber
2nd	Thea Sambati	Hunter Wood	Matilda Shackleton	Carter Koekemoer
3rd	Ella Ford	Sam Austin	Olivia Kirkham	Max Dayal
50m Backstroke	Year 7 Girls	Year 7 Boys	Year 8 Girls	Year 8 Boys
1st	Katherine Chen	Jaxon Keegan	Sydney Hughes	Lachlan Kimber
2nd	Lucy Simich	Patrick Mclean	Matilda Shackleton	Sam Williams
3rd	Brooklyn Vaipulu Bhana	Jackson Weir	Riona Stafford	Carter Koekemoer
50m Breaststroke	Year 7 Girls	Year 7 Boys	Year 8 Girls	Year 8 Boys
1st	Ella Ford	Jackson Weir	Matilda Shackleton	Declan Te Rangi
2nd	Eliza Ferguson	Max Ingram	Sydney Hughes	Alex Brady
3rd	Mischa Chaney	Hunter Wood	Keeva Drury	Lachlan Kimber
Open Butterfly	Girls		Boys	
1st	Sydney Hughes		Kingsley Harding	
2nd	Matilda Shackleton		Declan Te Rangi	
3rd	Meela Goulstone		Levi Kastermans	
Relay	Girls		Boys	
1st	Lomu		Lomu	
2nd	Hillary		Hillary	
3rd	Rutherford		Sheppard	

Community Messages



Franklin Schools' Career Expo

Over 65 tertiary providers and local businesses

- ✓ Explore further study
- ✓ Training options
- ✓ Apprenticeships
- ✓ Work opportunities

A Community Event
All Welcome
Franklin Local Board

Find us on Facebook > @franklinschoolscareerexpo

PIA Events Centre
Ward Street, Pukekohe
Thursday 30 April, 2026
5:30pm - 7:30pm

FREE E-waste Recycling

Pukekohe Intermediate School whānau!

SATURDAY 21st March
10am - 2pm

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Saturday 21 March 2026 from 10:00-14:00

FREE E-day - Pukekohe Intermediate School

Pukekohe Intermediate School

PLAY LEAGUE IN 2026!

Have fun, make friends and keep fit!

TEAMS FROM U/6 TO U/18!

COACHES & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

MUSTER DAY

Wednesday 18th March 2026 • 4.30pm

PUKEKOHE SHOWGROUNDS • 58 STATION RD

REGISTER HERE →

Community dental day

Kāinga Ora together with ARDS and Planet Dental are hosting a dental care event for rangatahi.

Don't delay stop tooth decay!

There will be two mobile dental vans on site offering:

- check ups for rangatahi up to Y13
- dental treatments
- freebies including toothpaste

We hope to see you there!

If you have any questions please contact:
Claire Hine
Community Development and Engagement Manager
0800 801 601 (ask to be transferred).

When:
Thursday, 9 April

Time:
10.30am - 2.00pm

Location:
McShane Park,
Holland Street, Pukekohe

FREE sausage sizzle from 11.30am ★ Easter activities for the whanau

Building brighter futures for Aotearoa New Zealand

BOLLYWOOD DANCE CLASSES

9:30 - 10:15am (All Ages)

Register now!

Free 6 weeks Course

7th March
14th March
21st March
28th March
11th April
18th April

Venue:
Pukekohe Intermediate
44 Queen Street, Pukekohe

For more info, call
Coach Arsh
021 164 1674

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Boarding Scholarships for Tibbs House, Auckland Grammar School

The Sir John Buchanan Scholarship: We are very fortunate to again be able to offer the Sir John Buchanan Scholarship in 2027 to an outstanding student from the South Auckland region. Established by Old Boy, the late Sir John Buchanan '56, in recognition of the role that the School played in his development during his secondary school years, this boarding scholarship is designed to give young men who live out of zone the opportunity to benefit from boarding and thus, attending Auckland Grammar School. The successful applicant will preferably live in the South Auckland region where Sir John himself grew up, and will be an outstanding student, a role model and future potential leader. He will be eligible for a full five-year Tibbs House boarding scholarship worth up to the full amount of the annual boarding fees.

The Cooper-Connell Scholarship: The Cooper-Connell Scholarship was established in memory of two Old Boys - Sir Henry Cooper '22 who attended Auckland Grammar School from Waiuku on a scholarship and went on to become the School's eighth Headmaster, and Barrie Frederick Connell '44, the first Chairman of the Headmaster's Council. This academic boarding scholarship covers half of the annual boarding fees and is designed for exceptional young men with "the potential to achieve excellence in academic endeavours, allied with participation in sporting and cultural activities".

Further information on all scholarships can be found on the [School website](#) and all applications by letter are due by **Monday 18 May 2026**. If you have any questions regarding these scholarships, please contact Director of Boarding Frank Haszard via email at f.haszard@ags.school.nz or phone 09 623 5432.