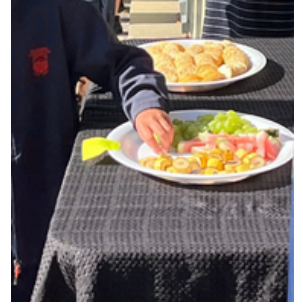


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PUKEKOHE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Term 1 Week 1, 2025



Principal's Message

Welcome Back to School!

It was wonderful to welcome our new students, their whānau, and new staff with a special pōwhiri on Thursday, supported by our kaumatua, Matua Rob and Whaea Jocelyn.

We are all looking forward to the year ahead! Our goal is to ensure students experience a well-rounded journey—achieving academic success, building positive social connections, participating in sports, cultural activities, and the arts, and, of course, having plenty of fun along the way.

Students, please listen carefully when daily notices are read so you know when and where to go for activities or sign-ups. If you're unsure, don't hesitate to ask your teacher. Classroom teachers are the first point of contact if you'd like to discuss your child's learning needs.

We believe children learn best when home and school work together.

We are here to support your child in reaching their goals—please reach out if you need any assistance.

Relocation of Te Puea Learning Community

As part of our ongoing commitment to honouring and reflecting the heritage and values of our kura, and in support of establishing our two new Maaori bilingual classes, we have relocated the name Te Puea from the centre of the school to a prominent position at the front of the kura.

This decision has been made after consultation with mana whenua and kaumatua to ensure tikanga and cultural integrity are upheld.

The name Te Puea pays tribute to the remarkable legacy of Te Puea Herangi, a revered Tainui leader renowned for her unwavering dedication to uplifting Maaori communities.

By moving this name to its new location, we aim to align it more closely with the vision and kaupapa it embodies.

To commemorate this significant change, a special ceremony was held on Wednesday morning to honour Te Puea Herangi.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Robert Clark, Ngaa Hau e Whaa Marae— Sonny Parata, Raemon Matene and Huakina Development Trust— Robert Hita and Rosalie Ellis for their guidance and support, as well as to our staff who were in attendance.

We also express our appreciation to SignMax for creating the beautiful plaque that will mark this special occasion for years to come.

Chinese New year

We're excited to celebrate Chinese New Year, a time of family, reflection, and joy. This year, we welcome the Year of the Snake.

To mark the occasion, some of our students have decorated the school student centre and management centre to welcome guests to our school during this special time of the year. Further activities will organised in classrooms.



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30 years of service

We recently celebrated a significant milestone for two valued staff members, Kirstin Grant and Judy Fowlie, who have each dedicated 30 years of service to our school in administrative roles.

This remarkable achievement reflects their unwavering commitment, resilience, and positivity.

With their 'can-do' attitude, they have made a lasting impact on our school and community. We are incredibly fortunate to benefit from their extensive knowledge, deep connection to our community, and wealth of expertise.

Their remarkable contributions over the years have been instrumental in shaping the school, and we are deeply grateful for their dedication.



School Uniform

Thank you for ensuring our students are looking smart in their school uniform. School footwear is all black in colour and sandals have a heel strap.

Please ensure all uniform items are clearly named, so we can return lost items to their owner.



Waitangi Day

School will be closed for instruction on Thursday, 6th February. The school will reopen on Friday 7th February. We look forward to welcoming all students back, ready to start the school day at 8:40 am.

School reception desks

Our main reception for whānau and guests to our school is in the Management Centre. This is the first building closest to the Queen Street car park. Here you can pay for school items, purchase your stationery pack and second-hand uniform items, discuss enrolment and make an appointment to speak with senior management. Our student centre caters for all student needs. In both areas you will find our school Vistab machines for students to sign in and out of the school.

Zero-waste

Here at Pukekohe Intermediate, we are working to become a zero-wastes chool. This means all tamariki are encouraged to take their lunch waste home with them in their lunchboxes. This one small step supports our kura in being more sustainable and environmentally friendly.

-Whaea Erin

Games Room

On the first day of the school year, we introduced our brand new students to our Games Room. The room is located in the school hall at lunchtimes and is an excellent spot for our students to hang out with their friends and socialise with new friends over board games and classic games like Twister.

What's on next week?

Term 1 Week 2

(Monday 3rd - Friday 7th February)

Don't forget to bring your togs for LC swimming sessions

Monday

-Sheppard HUB (AM)
-Batten HUB (PM)

Tuesday

-Hillary HUB (AM)
-Lomu HUB (PM)

Wednesday

Outside Schools HUB
-Buckland School
-KingsGate School

Thursday

Waitangi Day - school closed

Friday

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



Safety at the gate

Yellow safety lines are painted at the Queen Street entrance to our school to clearly identify the school bus bay and the entrance to our school carpark. Please avoid stopping your car in these areas 8 - 9.00am and 2.40 - 4.00pm.

There is ample parking along Harris Street and Queen Street to drop off and pick up your child.

Community Notices

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Sprint orienteering series program 2025

The sprint series is an orienteering event run after school with rolling starts from 4 pm. These are individual events and students can enter one or as many events as you like.

There is a points system with the top ten qualify for the finals

The event is run in two age grades Y7 and Y8

February **Entries close Thursday prior to the event**

Monday 17th Papakura High

Monday 24th Pukekohe High

March

Monday 3rd Papatoetoe High

Monday 10th Rosehill College

Monday 17th Strathallan AGC

Monday 24th^d Manurewa High

Sunday April 6th

Sprint finals McLeans College and St Kentigern College

Parents will need to transport their child to and from events.

Please send your entry to our Sports Coordinator, Ann-Maree Woods via email at a_woods@pukekoheint.school.nz