# Pānui o te wiki

### PUKEKOHE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Term 1 Week 10, 2025











### **Principal's Messages**

On Tuesday, our school gathered for a very special occasion — the 2025 Student Leadership Assembly, our first full school assembly of the year. Hosted by the confident and capable Jade Marino-Rawiri and Owain Brett-Chinnery, the assembly was a proud moment for our entire kura. The event opened with a karakia, a powerful rendition of Tū Mai Tamaoho led by Matua Antonio, and the National Anthem, uniting our school in voice and spirit.

I acknowledged the significance of student leadership and the many students who showed courage by putting themselves forward. With over 700 students in our kura, the process of selecting leaders was no small task.

In total, 94 students were formally recognised for leadership roles across various groups, including:

- Kaitiaki (Environment) Leaders
- Digital Leaders
- Sports Leaders
- HEART Values Leaders
- The Arts Leaders
- Pasifika Leaders
- Māori Leaders
- Learning Community Leaders

Each of these ākonga received a certificate on stage, with their peers and whānau proudly watching on. Our leaders will help guide school events, uphold our HEART values, support sustainability, celebrate culture and the arts, and represent their communities throughout the year.

This assembly reminded us all that leadership begins with service, integrity, and the willingness to uplift others. As I mentioned, "Leadership doesn't require a title—you can still lead by being a positive influence in our kura."

Thank you to all whānau who joined us, and to our student leaders — we are proud of you and excited to see how you will shape our kura in 2025. A special thank you to Whaea Janine and Whaea Leah for organising this special school event.





### HEART Value Winners Congratulations to our LC HEART Values winners for Week 9! Batten - Meggie Ash Hillary -Mason Ryan Lomu - Angela Ung Rutherford - Meela Goulstone Sheppard - Janet Keleti Te Puea - Mikaela Truter

#### **Bilingual Maaori classes**

Over the past few weeks, our kaiako and ākonga in the Māori Bilingual classes have welcomed a visit from the Ministry of Education and Evaluative Associates. The purpose of this visit was to support their mahi and to strengthen the partnership moving forward.

On Thursday, 13th March, our students, along with Matua Antonio, travelled to Wesley College to take part in a Kāhui Ako event. This special occasion provided an opportunity for our ākonga to learn and practise our school's Ngāti Tamaoho haka, deepening their connection to local tikanga and iwi identity.



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#### Haramura Cultural Exchange

Last week we had a group of 10 students and 3 adults from our sister school, Haramura Junior High School. They were homestayed and got to experience Kiwi life. At school, they spent time in our classrooms, as well as teaching some classes calligraphy and origami. They even had a go at a game of cricket - their baseball skills came in handy!

The Japanese students and their homestays had a day in Auckland, visiting, Kelly Tarlton's, Sky Tower, Auckland Museum and Sylvia Park. The Hara students got to visit Hunua Falls, Clevedon It was a fantastic experience that allowed and Riverhaven Artland.

On their last day, the students attended Pasifika and Kapa Haka. This was a true highlight, being able to experience something so special and unique to New Zealand.

Thank you to our homestay families, we know you loved your time with the students - the tears as we farewelled the students was a testament to the fantastic time they had.

Our Japan group are very excited to be able to meet up with these students again in September when they travel to Haramura.

-Whaea Raewyn,

Learning Support Coordinator (LSC)











#### **ASB Polyfest**

Throughout the day, students enjoyed a wide range of cultural performances on stages.

Our students also had the opportunity to sample delicious food from different cultures and take part in a variety of engaging activities.

our aakonga to deepen their understanding and appreciation of the many cultures that make up Aotearoa.



### A friendly reminder: All camp fees are due by Friday, 11th April.

If you have any questions or need support, please contact Stacey Hurunui at: s hurunui@pukekoheint.school.nz



Term 1 Week 11 (Monday 7th - Friday 11th April)

#### Monday

-Batten HUB (AM) -Sheppard HUB (PM) Face to Face Whānau Meetings 3:10-7:30

### Tuesday

-Lomu HUB (AM) -Hilary HUB (PM) Zone boys' football Face to Face Whānau Meetings 3:10-4:30

#### Wednesday

**Outside Schools HUB** 

- Buckland School
- KingsGate School

#### Thursday

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

#### Friday

**Passion Projects** 3:00 pm Last day of Term 1

#### **Term Dates**

Term 2 - Monday 28 April-Friday 27 June Term 3 - Monday 14 July-Friday 19 September Term 4 - Monday 6 October-Friday 12 December

#### **ENVIRO Challenge**

Thank you all for your commitment to protecting our environment-together, we're making a real difference. Congratulations to: Sheppard and Te Puea Learning Communities.

Learning Community	Recycling	LC Area	Bonus
Batten	3	1	
Hillary	4		
Lomu	4		
Parkside	2		
Rutherford	3		
Sheppard	4	1	
Te Puea	4	1	







On Wednesday, a group of students, accompanied by Matua Antonio and Whaea Laiha, attended the ASB Polyfest.

the Pasifika Nations, Māori, and Diversity

# **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 family changes. Our after school programme starts next term, 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 Skilton 021 142 5812, office (09) 238 7228, or contact seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz For more info please go to







# **Multicultural Festival**

PIS Pasifika performed at the Multicultural Festival on Saturday. The akonga were incredible and gave 100% to the 3000+ strong crowd.

I would love to thank the huge number of aiga / famili / whanau who came to support our performance. You are truly appreciated family. Malo aupito, Fa'afetai tele lava

-Whaea Laiha, Lead Pasifika Teacher





















# **Student Leadership Assembly**



**ARTS LEADERS** 



DIGITAL LEADERS



**HEART LEADERS** 



KAITIAKI LEADERS



LEARNING COMMUNITY LEADERS



**MAAORI LEADERS** 



**PASIFIKA LEADERS** 



**SPORTS LEADERS**