

Pānui o te wiki

PUKEKOHE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Term 1 Week 6, 2025



Principal's Messages

A huge thank you to Whaea Jody and everyone involved in today's school swimming sports. We appreciate the time and effort put into organising this special event. We are excited for a day filled with thrilling races, vibrant costumes, and enthusiastic Learning Community chants.

Year 7 Assembly

This week, we welcomed Solomon and Moana from Franklin Attendance Service (FAS) and Constable Lisa to discuss school attendance and road safety.

Solomon and Moana emphasised the importance of daily attendance for learning, friendships, and future opportunities, addressing barriers and encouraging students to seek support. Constable Lisa reinforced key road safety rules, highlighting the importance of crossings, helmets, and staying alert near roads.

We appreciate their time and valuable insights in supporting our students' safety and learning.

Attendance and Punctuality

We are committed to ensuring every student has the best opportunity to learn and succeed. Last week, our school's overall attendance was at 90%—a fantastic effort everyone.

We hope to see high numbers of attendance continue, now looking closely at students who have fallen into the habit of arriving late each day. As a result we are now also addressing punctuality to class in the mornings.

Why Punctuality Matters

Arriving on time sets the tone for the day, ensuring students don't miss important instructions, learning activities, and social interactions that help them feel connected and ready to engage.

Being just 10 minutes late each day adds up to over a week of lost learning per year.

How You Can Help:

Encourage positive morning routines to support a calm and timely start to the day.

Ensure your child is at school on time—classes start at 8:40am.

Plan ahead to manage any challenges affecting morning routines.

Communicate with us if your child is facing difficulties getting to school on time

We work closely with the Franklin Attendance Service (FAS) to support students and whānau where attendance and punctuality have become a challenge, —we're here to help.



HEART Value Winners

Congratulations to our LC HEART Values winners for Week 5! 🎉

Batten - Katherine Harmse

Hillary - Corbyn Anderson

Lomu - Lane Bracegirdle

Rutherford - Regan Rees

Sheppard - Maddison Kane

Te Puea - Madeline Helms

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Sea Week

This week we have seen our LC show support for our seas by creating some colourful and striking chalk murals. All murals remind us of the preciousness and importance that the moana have for us all. Sheppard were the proud winners of our LC Competition.

-Whaea Erin, Lead Kaitiaki Teacher

Kickstart Breakfast Club – Year 8 Helpers in Action!

Congratulations to our Year 8 students who have been selected as helpers for the Kickstart Breakfast Club! This year, they are running the club alongside Whaea Steph and our wonderful volunteer, Whaea Lindy Richards. Our helpers take on a range of responsibilities, including setting up, preparing toast and hot chocolate, and ensuring everything is cleaned up afterward. We also have some keen bakers who have been busy making delicious WeetBix slices and banana cake to share.

In addition to providing a warm and welcoming start to the day, our team is looking after the outdoor space, which has been brightened up with herbs and flowers. If any whānau have spare plant pots they no longer need, we would love to give them a new home! We also welcome donations of spreads such as Nutella or jam for our toast. Breakfast Club runs every morning from 7:45 to 8:15 am at the back of the Hub. Whaea Steph, Food Technology Teacher

Counties Manukau Zone Year 8 Boy's Softball

On Tuesday, the Year 8 boys had a successful and competitive day at the Counties Zone Softball competition.

We played three pool games, won two, and lost one, before competing for 3rd and 4th place, which we won in a count-back, following a spectacular run home by Vann Tapper.

The boys played well as a team, demonstrating excellent communication and strong combinations. They have shown great commitment to training over the past three weeks.

-Whaea Jilly

Counties Manukau Zone Year 7 Boy's Softball

Whaea Jilly and I had a great day of softball with our year 7 & 8 boys teams. Both teams played in round robin format.

The year 8 boys team placed 3rd in their pool and faced Roshill playing off for 3 and 4th place. It was a tight game and ended up in a draw, but on count back they came away with the win.

The year 7 team placed 1st in their pool and went on to play Redhill in the final, for 1st and 2nd, taking it out 3 runs to 1. So it is off to Auckland champs for them next week.

-Whaea Ann-Maree, Sports Coordinator

What's on next week?

Term 1 Week 7

(Monday 10th - Friday 14th March)

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Outside Schools HUB
-Pukekohe North School

Thursday

-Te Puea HUB (AM)
-Rutherford HUB (PM)
Free mufti - school-wide PB4L reward

Friday

Zone swimming

ENVIRO Challenge

Our dedicated caretakers, Matua Ken, Matua Kevin, and Whaea Kirsty, have reviewed students' recycling efforts to determine this week's winners.

🌱 Congratulations to our winning Learning Communities.

Thank you all for your commitment to protecting our environment—together, we're making a real difference. ♻️🌍

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

2025 PUKEKOHE INTERMEDIATE SWIMMING SPORTS

Friday 7th March - Jubilee pools. All Whanau welcome to attend

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS (to begin @ approx 9.30)

HEATS Please note, if there are no heats in an event it goes straight to finals. These will be in the afternoon.

Event 1	Year 7 Girls	100m Freestyle - FINAL
Event 2	Year 7 Boys	100m Freestyle - FINAL
Event 3	Year 8 Girls	100m Freestyle - FINAL
Event 4	Year 8 Boys	100m Freestyle - FINAL
Event 5	Year 7 Girls	50m Freestyle
Event 6	Year 7 Boys	50m Freestyle
Event 7	Year 8 Girls	50m Freestyle
Event 8	Year 8 Boys	50m Freestyle
Event 9	Year 7 Girls	50m Backstroke
Event 10	Year 7 Boys	50m Backstroke
Event 11	Year 8 Girls	50m Backstroke
Event 12	Year 8 Boys	50m Backstroke
Event 13	Year 7 Girls	50m Breaststroke
Event 14	Year 7 Boys	50m Breaststroke
Event 15	Year 8 Girls	50m Breaststroke
Event 16	Year 8 Boys	50m Breaststroke
Event 17	Open Girls	50m Butterfly
Event 18	Open Boys	50m Butterfly

LUNCH BREAK

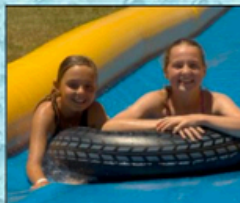
Finals Events 5 - 18 (to begin @ approx 1:00 pm)

Event 19 Learning Community Girls x 50m Freestyle Relay
Event 20 Learning Community Boys x 50m Freestyle Relay

GIANT WATERSLIDE!

11am – 5pm Sat 15 and Sun 16 March
Pukekohe Showgrounds
Family fun for all ages*

100m long downhill waterslide
Swim rings provided to zoom down on
\$12 p/p for a 1 hour session (max 28 people per session)
Fundraising for Pukekohe Intermediate's Japan exchange trip



To book, please email the following to ondine.crosby@hotmail.com

- your name
- your contact phone number
- number of people in your group
- preferred day and time

***Any age can ride the slide, but it is recommended for 5 years +**

Helping New Zealand Stay Safe Online

For over 25 years, Netsafe has supported people across New Zealand to have safe and positive online experiences, by providing free support, advice and education to all ages.

Cyber Safety Information

As technology continues to play a significant role in children's lives, it's essential that we stay informed about online safety risks and ways to protect our young people.

There is a new webinar for parents <https://netsafe.org.nz/parents-and-caregivers/webinar-series>

Parent Webinar: Online Safety for Children Under 10 (30 mins + Q&A)

Date & Time Mar 5, 2025 07:00 PM in Auckland, Wellington

Description - Young people have greater access to digital technology than any other generation.

Register here: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

They understand and adapt quickly to the opportunities and sometimes face challenges too. Netsafe is hosting a free webinar for parents and whānau on how to support children under 10 to have safe and positive experiences online. Discover practical advice and helpful tools to support your Tamariki as they navigate the digital world.

We'll explore: - The opportunities and risks under 10s face online - How to use the free, online safety education series and guides, Hector's World to support your children's online safety education at home - What to do when things go wrong online

Whether you're seeking reassurance or taking your first steps in learning about online safety, this welcoming and judgment-free webinar is here to support you.

There will be plenty of time for Q&A. SPACES ARE LIMITED.

EMAIL education@netsafe.org.nz TO GO ON OUR WAITLIST

Chatting safety online

Parent Webinar: Supporting Your Preteens and Teens to Chat Safely Online (30 mins + Q&A)

Date & Time - Mar 26, 2025 07:30 PM in Auckland, Wellington.

Description - Are you looking for ways to support your 11-18 year olds to navigate the challenges and opportunities of chatting online?

Register here: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

Join our free, parent webinar to gain practical tips and advice for supporting your children's online safety while they chat and connect in the digital world.

Community Messages

Come and enjoy: HOLI FESTIVAL OF COLOUR + KITE FLYING DAY 🎨

📅 Saturday 15 March 2025
📍 PIA Event Centre, Pukekohe
🕒 2:30pm to 7pm.

\$2 Entry Fee

Bring Cash, as EFTPOS may be limited!

(Please see attached flyer for more information)



PIA PRESENTS
HOLI The Festival Of Colour
&
KITE FLYING DAY

WATER FUN/BOUNCY CASTLE/FOOD STALLS AND MORE.....

BYO - WATER GUNS/KITES

From 2.30 pm to 7pm
On Saturday 15th March 2025
At PIA EVENT CENTRE
59 Ward Street
Pukekohe

DRESS CODE - WHITE
(PLEASE WEAR WHITE IF POSSIBLE)

\$2 ENTRY FEE / DONATION (Going towards FIRE SERVICE PUKEKOHE)

Franklin Schools' Career Expo

Over 65 tertiary providers
and local businesses

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

A
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Event

All Welcome

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PIA Events Centre
Ward Street, Pukekohe
Thursday 20th March, 2025
5:30pm - 7:30pm