# Pānui o te wiki

## PUKEKOHE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Term 1 Week 5, 2025



















## Principal's Messages



## **Major Production**

We're excited to bring Disney Junior High School Musical to the stage for our biannual major production. To celebrate, staff dressed up as basketball players and cheerleaders last Friday, creating a fun and energetic atmosphere across the school. Led by our Director, Laura Padayachee, our students and dedicated staff are already hard at work. Auditions have begun, and the talent on display is truly inspiring.

Stay tuned for updates on key dates, rehearsals, and ticket info – we can't wait to share this spectacular performance with you.

## Learning Support

The Learning Support team has relocated to Room 8 (formerly the music room). This larger space allows for multiple groups to work, host meetings, and provide a safe environment for students when needed. Our dedicated Learning Assistants continue to support students across the Learning Communities.

Over the holidays, they trained in Agility With Sound, a structured phonics-based reading programme. Testing took place this week, and lessons will soon begin for a small group of selected students. Those involved will receive a letter next week with further details.

Additionally, Brick Club and other Learning Support interventions will also run from this space. Raewyn Austin, Learning Support Coordinator



### **Positive Behaviour for Learning**

Our students have been working hard to follow our HEART values and gain PB4L tokens for their efforts. We are very proud that all six LCs have reached their target and will receive a reward for this. Some ideas from the students are a Arts/ Crafts block, sports afternoon, tech time, working outside.

Our next goal is to achieve our schoolwide reward for following our HEART values.

-Whaea Leah, Assistant Principal of Behaviour and Wellbeing



HEART Value Winners Congratulations to our LC HEART Values winners for Week 4! Batten - Tara Tonorio Hillary - Liam Ontong Lomu - Davin Harrex Rutherford - Flynn Lundon Sheppard - Laithan Wilkerson Te Puea - Aarnika Rose Poroa-Simmons



### Kia Mataara! Stay Alert, Slow Down for Us

Our new signage on Harris Street is a friendly reminder to us all.

He tono aroha ki ngā mātua katoa – a friendly reminder to all parents.

Drive safely around our school and community.

Tamariki are everywhere – let's keep them safe!

- Reduce your speed near schools.
- Be patient at crossings.

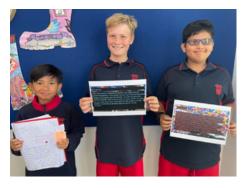
Avoid distractions while driving.

Ngā mihi – thank you for helping keep our tamariki safe!

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### Boys writing up and away!

In Room 40 year 7, the students have been learning about an event "Fly Me Up" which was held across NZ with the aim to have young people's hopes and aspirations heard.

The boys below grouped their new knowledge about this event, developed their ideas and then crafted a descriptive piece of writing.

Blake Reddish Room 40 Keshab Sharma Room 40 Alexander Manicad Room 40 -Whaea Janine, *Deputy Principal of Teaching and Learning* 



#### **Pasifika Group**

Pasifika has gotten off to a wonderful start for 2025.

Whaea Tracey, Matua Elu, Matua Sam and I are loving the atmosphere and energy that the dancers are bringing to our Friday practices.

Our first Pasifika performance will be at the Multicultural Festival in March. The Pasifika website is very close to being launched for 2025.

Faafetai lava, Malo Aupito. -Whaea Laiha, *Lead Pasifika Teacher* 



#### Supporting our sports teams

We encourage support at our games and tournaments, however please remember the following:

-Provide encouragement and support by praising efforts, performance and results in a positive manner.

- Encourage fair play on and off the field of play, applaud the performance of both teams.

-Display self-control on the sideline and let the coach do their job

-Always respect the match officials, referee and opposition and encourage players to do the same, remember that many of them are volunteers.

-Whaea Jody, Lead Sports Teacher

## **Counties Girl's Softball Competition**

Our first Counties competition for 2025 is done and dusted! Our Year 8 girls' softball team played with great determination today, continuing to develop their skills and understanding of the game. The team competed in a round-robin format, playing four games—winning one, drawing one, and narrowly losing two. Their final game was their strongest performance, going head-to-head with Randwick Park School, the tournament winners, and finishing just one run behind. A huge thank you to our whanau for your support-we appreciate your encouragement and commitment to our team! -Whaea Ann-Maree, Sports Coordinator

## What's on next week?

#### Term 1 Week 6

(Monday 3rd - Friday 7th March) 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) Zone boys softball

#### Wednesday

Outside Schools HUB -Pukekohe North School

#### Thursday

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

#### Friday

School Swimming sports

#### **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: Sheppard!

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	
Hillary	4		
Lomu	3	1	
Parkside	4	1	
Rutherford	4		
Sheppard	4	1	1
Te Puea	3	1	

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## POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING(PB4L)

Each week, our students participate in a Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) lesson focused on our school expectations. These lessons help ensure that students understand and demonstrate behaviours that align with our school's HEART values.

This term, we have already covered several key lessons, which have had a positive impact on our students' behaviour in the classroom, on the playground, and when representing our school.

## Well done everyone!

**Week 1:** Challenge Course: All students must be walked through the Challenge course before they can go on it. This is an OSH requirement.

**Week 2:** Our school wide HEART focus this week is/ has been based on the Whakatauki: He waka eke noa. We are all in this together! A canoe which we are all in with no exception. What is our shared vision in our classroom? in our school. How do we work well together.

**Week 3:** Our school wide HEART focus this week is/ has been based on the Whakatauki: I orea te tautara ka patu ki waho. A problem is solved by continuing to find solutions. As we have created our class matrix of agreed expectations we have looked at the need for creative thinking, adaptability and perseverance.

**Week 4:** Our school wide HEART focus this week is/ has been based on the Whakatauki: Haere taka mua, taka muri; kaua e whai. Be a leader, not a follower. As we have looked at how to care for and respect spaces in our school we have discussed how we can do this in part by not giving in to peer pressure and by showing leadership.



# **Community Messages**

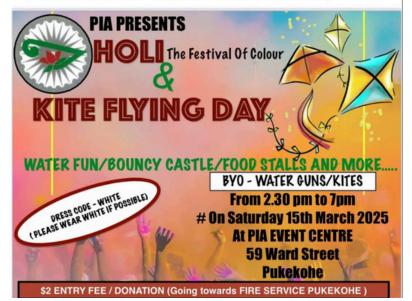
Come and enjoy: HOLI FESTIVAL OF COLOUR + KITE FLYING DAY

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)





Time: 6.00 – 8.30pm Your Facilitators: Jess/Hepi and Tina Date Session Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February Session one – Understanding Love & Connection (Getting this right) Monday 3rd March Session two - Understanding yourself as a Parent. (Understanding different parenting styles) Monday 10th March Session three – Understanding our teenager. (Understanding our teenagers' brain, emotions and reflective listening) Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March Session Four - Understanding the world they live in (Teenage brain and risk taking, tools for this risky behaviour, choosing responses to Alcohol, technology, sex & pornography) Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March BREAK Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March Session Five – Understanding Discipline and Boundaries (Unpacking discipline/providing tools for boundaries, same page parenting) Monday 07<sup>th</sup> April Session six – Putting it All together. Understanding a culture of connection

Pukekohe Evening session – Monday 24th February – Monday 07th April 2025

(Reflections on learning/fun/routines & rituals/Hope and optimism for the future) The sessions will be held at:

**Toolbox Parenting for Teens sessions:** 

Franklin Family Support, Community Services Hub, 201 King Street, Pukekohe Any questions please contact Hepi our Parenting Coordinator



Franklin Family Support Services Tel: 09 238 6233 (Main Office) Email: parenting@familysupport.org.nz



5:30pm - 7:30pm