

# Pānui o te wiki

PUKEKOHE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Term 4 Week 2, 2024



## Principal's Messages

*Tēnā koutou katoa, Kia orana, Talofa lava, Fakaalofa lahiatu, Malo elelei, Namaste, Aslam Alaykom, Bula vinaka, Ni hao, Ola and Welkom.*

On Monday, we held our annual student-led conferences, giving students the chance to take ownership of their learning and share their progress with their whānau.

Our students proudly presented their work, reflected on their goals, and discussed their achievements with confidence.

These conferences are a key part of fostering student independence and self-reflection. We would like to thank all the parents and whānau who attended, as your support is crucial in strengthening the connection between home and school.

A special thank you also goes to our teachers for their hard work in preparing students for this valuable experience. Your guidance and encouragement supports our students to succeed.

## Year 8 Assembly

On Wednesday, we held our Year 8 Assembly. During this time, I shared school messages with our students and reinforced the desired school-wide expectations relating to desired behaviours outside of the school grounds as students travel to and from school in our school uniform.

We acknowledged Noelle Thomson, who has illustrated for a published piece of writing in Toitoti issue 34 entitled, The Tail of the Niho Taniwha. This writing is beautifully illustrated and we look forward to framing Noelle's artwork for our school community to admire.



Congratulations to our students who received their basketball certificates and the following students who received Excellence Certificates:

Dimple Rana, Lily Adams, Lolohea Tafa, Tuaiti Tipuia-Matangi, Miela Dullabh, Darian Morrow, Armaan Kalkat, Kayla Peters, Zach Moloney, Vaitafe Stunnenberg, Isla Stewart, Ashton Orme, Lily Harlos, Edie Hussey, Millie Rowlinson, Zara Waugh.

## Brick Club

This term we have started Brick Club. This is for small groups of students to take part in. It help to build skills through play , using communication, social skills, co-operation, negotiation and having fun all while working with Lego. Students have assigned roles and have to work together to build a set of Lego over a few weeks. There is also a small amount of free play for students to build their own pieces.

Four staff have gone through the Brick by Brick training and are now trained facilitors. Over the term we are running three groups and working through the process as well as slowly building our Lego collection. We hope to have more groups next year. So far the students involved have enjoyed it and have begun making their group creations.

It's a learning curve for us all as we have to learn how to describe the pieces and how they fit together in the instructions. We are excited to see how this can group and help support the students involved. Already new friendship have begun and communication skills are being improved.

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## Teaching and Learning: 2024 EPRO 8 In-School Competition

Tuesday 22nd October saw the Epro8 teams come head to head to complete a Royal Chair, a Puppet Theatre or a Buzzy Bee. Students had to read instructions and use their comprehension and critical thinking skills to move through each section and to create their projects in 120 minutes.

The winning team “T” worked brilliantly with efficient team skills. They managed to get onto a second project and almost completed this within the time given.

We look forward to taking the first and second place teams to St Joseph's next Friday for the Semi-Finals from 9.30-12.30pm.

Thank you to Miss Wolfe for her leadership and preparing students. A very successful in-school Epro8 competition.

Winning Teams		
First	Second	Third
Team: T	Team: Red Joiners	Team: The Johns
Sam Kitchin	Shantay Warrender	Cayley Bennecke
Sam McDonald	Brooke Gittin	Dimple Kera
Vern Tapper	Ruby Cookley	Ariella Cocker
Joseph Hughes	Adlan Kerr	Dorian Morrow



### HEART LC Winners

Congratulations to the following students who received a HEART Values award for their learning community this week.

#### Week 1

- Batten - Kobie Rack
- Lomu - Lyric Hodge
- Ngata - Aaria-Mei Waaka
- Rutherford - Tanisha Kumar 12
- Sheppard - Emma Logie
- Te Puaea - Lina Nguyen

### ENVIRO Challenge

Ka mau te wehi! Our Kaitiaki leaders have set a fantastic challenge for all students to earn points in our school competition.

All soft plastics are to be collected from Learning Communities and placed in the large collection bin in Ngata. The Learning Community that collects the most will earn 2 bonus points!

Ngā mihi nui to the LOMU Learning Community for your outstanding efforts in keeping your environment rubbish-free. Your space looks amazing!

Keep up the excellent work—you're setting a great example for everyone!

Learning Community	Recycling	LC Area	Bonus
Batten	3	1	
Lomu	4	1	1
Ngata	4	1	
Rutherford	3		
Sheppard	4	1	
Te Puaea	1		

## What's on next week?

Term 4 Week 3

### Monday

Labour Day - SCHOOL CLOSED

### Tuesday

Te Puaea Hub (AM)  
Ngata Hub (PM)

### Wednesday

Student Leadership meetings 8 am  
Outside Schools HUB
 

- Pukekohe North School
- PHS enrolment 2-3pm (Board Room)

### Thursday

Sheppard Hub (AM)  
Rutherford Hub (PM)  
Epro8 Inter-school competition

### Friday

### Pukekohe High School Enrolment

A friendly reminder that staff from Pukekohe High School will be available in our Board Room on Wednesday afternoons for the next two weeks from 2:15pm to 3:30pm.

They are here to assist with Year 9 enrolments and option selections for 2025.

If you have any questions or need support with the enrolment process, please feel free to stop by during these times.

# Pukekohe

## Intermediate School



**AIM HIGH**  
Whaia Nga Taumata

**Year 8 Camp 2025**

**Dear Parents/Caregivers**

Over the past few years, we have been lucky enough to take a large group of Year 8 students away to camp. In 2025 we will be going to the Tōtara Springs Christian Centre in Matamata. Tōtara Springs is the largest centre of its kind in New Zealand and is the ultimate venue for school camps.

**Date: Wednesday 29 October - Friday 31 October 2025**

**The camp cost is \$330**

Our preferred method of payment is now through Kindo, you can create an account here through the QR Code or via our school website. This also includes the health form required for camp.



It could be useful to set up automatic payments into Kindo now. If paying \$16.50pw from 26th of July it would be paid off by the end of the school year.

To secure your child's place at camp, a \$100.00 non-refundable deposit must be paid by **Friday 22nd November 2024**.

The balance of the account must be paid by **Friday 11 April 2025**.

### From the Ministry of Education

*"Decile 1-7 state and state-integrated schools are able to choose to receive a \$150 per student, per year payment if they agree not to ask parents and caregivers for donations, except for overnight camps".*

*Pukekohe Intermediate has selected to claim the \$150 from the Ministry, therefore parents are required to pay camp costs. Attendance at our school camp is not mandatory, it is optional to send your child to camp. If you choose not to, school learning will continue as usual. The school will also help to remove any barriers to attending camp by working with families and helping fund students where there is a need.*

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**Year 8 Camp, Please return this part to school even if your child is NOT attending camp.**

I would like my child .....Room .....  
to attend the 2025 Year 8 Pukekohe Intermediate School Camp at Tōtara Springs in Matamata.

Yes       No

**Please circle one of the below:**

Full payment has been made via Kindo \$330

I have paid the non-refundable deposit of \$100 via Kindo

I agree to pay the full deposit amount of \$100 by Friday 22nd November 2024 and pay the balance remaining by Friday 11th April 2025.

Parent/Caregiver Signature .....

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# Notices



**Pukekohe Intermediate School**

## Bilingual Unit

*We are excited to announce our new Year 7 and Year 8 Bilingual classes starting in 2025!*

**Applications Open:** Friday 13th September

**Applications Close:** Friday 8th November

**Interviews:** from Monday 11th November

**Outcome Notification:** Friday 15th November

*Scan the QR code to access the online application or contact the school*

