



Starting School

Important Information

My Teacher is:

My Class is:

My School visits:
(8.50 am - 12.30 pm)

(Enter through the school office on these days)

I am starting school on:

(Enter through the Rainbow Gate)

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There is more information available on our School Website

<https://www.pukekohehill.school.nz/>

From the Principal

WELCOME TO PUKEKOHE HILL SCHOOL



Kia ora koutou and a warm welcome to Pukekohe Hill School. Starting school is the beginning of an exciting learning journey together and we are honoured to be entering into this special partnership with you.

Our school vision is ..

GROWING GREAT PEOPLE, TOGETHER!

We believe “great people” are people that are confident, connected, capable and creative. As our vision states, we believe that this process is a partnership and that we do this together! Having a positive partnership between the school, whānau and the student and us all working together will provide the best possible learning opportunities for our students.

Pukekohe Hill School is an inclusive environment. Our students bring a range of cultures and backgrounds. We value and appreciate this diversity and the richness that these pupils bring to our school. Our School values of Respect, Inclusion, Care and Honesty are central to everything we do at Pukekohe Hill School. We want our students to grow up to become ‘great people’ who make a positive difference in whatever they choose.

We encourage our parents to have ongoing communication with the school and teachers and to support this have established a range of electronic systems for communication and sharing of school learning.

Once again, a warm welcome to Pukekohe Hill School and to being part of our school whanau.

Simon Williams

Principal - Pukekohe Hill School







GROWING GREAT PEOPLE, TOGETHER. LEARNERS AND TEACHERS WHO ARE CONFIDENT, CAPABLE, CONNECTED AND CREATIVE.

Our School

RICH VALUES

Taking Responsibility For Our Actions and Choices.

Our RICH Values of Respect, Inclusion, Care, and Honesty are the drivers of our behaviour management programmes. Students are expected to demonstrate these Values both inside and out of the classroom. There is positive recognition of those students who are noticed demonstrating the Values.

 Pukekohe Hill School RICH Values Indicators				
	Respect 	Inclusion 	Care 	Honesty 
<p>RICH values look like, sound like, feel like at Pukekohe Hill School</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We listen to and respect others views • We show and use our manners • We are kind to others • We look after our environment • We move respectfully around the school • We respect all learners • We respect the cultures and religions of others. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We share and take turns • We include others at Hill School • We are team players and encourage others • We understand and accept that everyone is different • We celebrate individuals success • We let others join in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We show care for our school environment • We look after our belongings • We treat others the way we want to be treated • We care for others at Hill School • We show care for the environment • We clean up after ourselves • We help others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We accept when we make mistakes • We do the right thing at the right time even when no one is watching • We tell the truth • We are responsible for our actions • We accept responsibility for our mistakes

LEARNER POWERS

We focus on empowering our learners through teaching of the following skills:

 <p>Make Connections</p>	 <p>Ask Questions</p>	 <p>Take Risks</p>
 <p>Reflect</p>	 <p>Persevere</p>	 <p>Communicate</p>

Class Spaces

Junior School Years 0 to 2



We start each year with four Year 1 classrooms. We also open a Year 0/1 class during the year for children born after the 31st of May.
There are four or five Year 2 classes each year.

Junior School classes are single cell spaces. This means that there is usually one teacher per classroom. They have responsibility for all of the teaching and learning, progress, well-being, assessment, reporting, and meetings for your child. They will develop a deep understanding of your child and form strong relationships. They will also be your first point of contact if you have any questions about your child. Our teachers are very experienced and have a broad and deep understanding of the New Zealand Curriculum. Programmes are planned to meet all developmental strengths and needs.

Our Junior Deputy Principal is Rochelle Keown, rochellek@pukekohehill.school.nz
Our Junior Team Leader is Nicola Pressnell, nicolap@pukekohehill.school.nz

Learners Turning 5

Transition to School

At Pukekohe Hill School children have between two to four school visits leading up to their start date. These are generally in the two weeks beforehand. These are on Monday and Friday mornings from 8.50 -12.30. If we feel like a child may benefit from extra visits then this will be organised.

During these visits we run our normal program, so children can experience what a school day is like. Please send a snack for Morning Tea on visit days.

Learning in our Junior Classes





Art & Craft

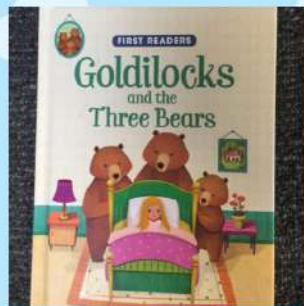


Swimming

Handwriting



Library



"Oh, no".



"Who's eaten my porridge & ALL UP?"

Play, Make and Create



"Who's been sitting in my chair and BROKEN IT?"



Children enjoy watching the story Goldilocks and the Three Bears while their porridge is cooking.



Nice full Nga puku.

THIS MORNING ROOM 12 ENJOYED ACTING OUT GOLDILOCKS AND THE THREE BEARS, WHILE ENJOYING A YUMMY DELICIOUS BREAKFAST TOGETHER.

Our Curriculum

New Entrant / Year One Classes





Initially there is an emphasis on making sure your child is happy and settled at school and is readily engaging in learning experiences.

Learning how to read, write, and be numerate are the foundation skills being learned. There is also teaching and learning based on The Arts, Digital Technology, Science, Social Sciences, Health and Physical Education. Te reo and Tikanga Maori are interwoven throughout the daily programme.

Depending on which term your child starts school, there will be a different theme or Concept through which they will experience the learning areas. Programmes are based on the New Zealand Curriculum and content is differentiated to meet the needs and strengths of all learners.

Our teachers are passionate and committed to providing the highest quality of effective teaching and learning.

Our Year 1 Team

				
Mrs Nicola Pressnell	Mrs Jo Moana	Room 9 - New Entrant class	Mrs Nicky Poirier	Mrs Melissa Walden
Room 10 - Year 1	Room 11 - Year 1		Room 12 - Year 1	Room 13 - Year 1
Email: nicolap@pukekohehill.school.nz	Email: jom@pukekohehill.school.nz		Email: nickyp@pukekohehill.school.nz	Email: melissaw@pukekohehill.school.nz

Foundation Skills For Learning

During the first five weeks of school your child will be assessed in the foundation skills for learning. The class teacher will contact you and arrange a half hour meeting to share what they have discovered about your child, and to ask you to share your child's pre-school experiences with them. This is a great time to share any portfolios of learning you may have from preschool, and to ask any questions about how their learning is going, and how you might help at home.

Assessment Reporting On Progress:

The ongoing assessment will continue as part of your child's learning journey. Your child will receive a; My First Report, or a Mid Year and End Year written report around progress and achievement depending on when in the year they start school.

Enviro Team:

Being part of Pukekohe Hill School ENVIRO Team provides a special learning opportunity for children to learn about caring for our environment and living sustainably. The ENVIRO Team learns about growing, caring for and sustaining natural produce, how to care for and manage a worm farm, how to conserve natural resources, how to work collaboratively, how to enhance the school environment and make connections to local growers.

Our Enviro Team will also be involved in providing the produce for 'Lunch with the Principal', working with the PHS Cooking club team to grow and sustain produce for them to create culinary delights, grow and sustain produce to donate to our Pātaka kai, School Lunches and Breakfast Club along with local charities.



How to Help

Communication

Once your child is enrolled at school you will receive an invitation via email to join Class Dojo. This is a portal through which you and the class teacher can communicate about learning and events. Email addresses are also listed on our website.

Partnership

You can support our home / school partnership by:

- Helping us to get to know your child - their interests and strengths.
- Letting us know about any changes at home -being informed can often help us to support your child in the right way.
- Keeping in touch if your child is going to be absent.

Email absent@pukekohehill.school.nz

Phone: 092386374

Text only 021 2112 287 (do not leave voice messages on this).

- Having a chat with your child about their day at school - a celebration, a challenge.

On the first day at school you are able to go straight to the classroom your child has already been visiting.

They will need the following to be ready for a successful first day:

- School uniform with all items clearly named including a Pukekohe Hill School sunhat (compulsory in Terms 1 and 4).
- A named lunch box and water bottle, change of clothes i.e. undies, shorts or tights.
- Stationery as per the list emailed or given during visits and a Chair Bag (available from the Office)



School Readiness

Dressing

Think about:

1. Can your child put on and do up their own shoes? We find jandals and gumboots are great shoes in the early years.
2. Can they put on their own socks?
3. Can they do up a zip?
4. Can they undress and redress themselves if they happen to have an accident / get wet playing with water / play in the mud / go swimming with school?
5. Can they put on their own jacket?

Now is the time to practise these skills so they feel confident doing these on their own.

Developing Independence

As much as we love to help our kids, sometimes by doing this we are not enabling them to be independent. We understand that each child is different, but for most these are some tasks that we can work on to build confidence.

At school they will be encouraged to:

- ★ Carry their own school bags
- ★ Put their book bags away in the boxes available
- ★ Put their drink bottle in their spot
- ★ Hang up their own coat and school bag (lunch box stays in the bag)
- ★ Pack it all back up at the end of the day.



Please encourage your children to practise this independence from day one.

Toileting

The toilets are located at the end of each cloak bay and are small-child sized.



Think about:

1. Can your child go to the toilet when they need to?
2. Can your child wipe/clean themselves when they've been to the toilet?
3. Can your child wash and dry their hands?

If not, now is the time to practice these skills. We fully understand that accidents happen and have spare clothes at school but it is recommended that you pack a change of clothes in the bottom of your child's bag.

Eating times

Morning tea 10.30 - 10.40

1 or 2 items of their lunch box before play time.

Lunch 12.30 - 12.45

Supervised 15 minutes of eating time - sandwiches etc first, then other items of their lunch box before play time.

Think about:

1. Can your child open and close their own lunch box?
2. Can your child open their snack boxes and wrappers?

If not, now is the time to practice these skills.

Please send water as your child's drink. No Juice or Fizzy.



Before and After School Care

Kids After School (KAS) operates out of the Pukekohe Hill School Hall.
Booking details can be found on the school website.

Hours Before School: 6.30am - 8.30 am

Hours After School: 3.00pm - 6.00pm

School Holiday hours are also offered from 7.00am to 6.00pm

For programme enquiries contact Lucy: 027 694 3011

hill@kidsafterschool.co.nz

For enrolments/account enquiries contact KAS office: 09 236 4078

admin@kidsafterschool.co.nz

KINDO:

Kindo is our school online shop, on your Kindo account you can:

- Order Lunches
- Order sausage sizzles/iceblocks on advertised days.
- Register & pay for sports events
- Pay for class trips & camps (as well as complete permission forms online)
- Purchase your school hat
- Support PTA fundraisers
- More items may be added during the year.

Working together with Kindo, Pukekohe Hill School can now bring you a fantastic way to view and pay for your child's school needs online. No cash, no paper, no hassle! We encourage you to set up your account today. All you need is your email address which matches the one held by the school.

Signing up for kindo:

Shop anytime, anywhere with our Kindo online school shop, use this link to sign up, <https://kindo.co.nz/families/>

Parent Teacher Association:

The Parent-Teacher Association at Pukekohe Hill would like to warmly welcome you and your family to the school. The PTA is a group of parents and staff who meet twice a term to find out what's happening around school and organise social events for the school community and fundraisers to raise money for the school.

If you have time, you can help out with fundraisers like sausage sizzles, discos, raffles and the quiz night. All money raised by the PTA goes directly to the school to benefit all children at Hill School, e.g.

- Subsidising school trips
- Buying resources for the classroom and playground
- Subsidising sports and kapa haka uniforms

Joining the PTA is a great way to meet other parents and staff and to find out what is going on at school.

If you'd like to know more about the PTA, you can get in touch with: Kylie Ellis- pukehillpta@gmail.com



**Pukekohe
HILL SCHOOL
PTA**

Join us and be part of our PTA
**- BE INVOLVED A LITTLE OR HELP
A LOT, IT'S UP TO YOU!**

*Raise money to improve
our school*

Meet new people

Plan fun events

*Be part of your child's
school experience*

**MEETING DATES
ADVERTISED IN THE
SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

Or come along to one of our meetings. Meetings are on a Monday night at 7pm in the staffroom for about an hour. Meeting dates are advertised in the weekly school newsletter.

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