

# Weekly Newsletter

24th October 2025



## COMING UP

### Week 4

**Monday**- Labour Day-  
School Closed

**Tuesday**- Senior Athletics  
-BOT Hui - 6pm

**Friday**- Whole School  
Running Finals

### Week 5

Thursday- Group Day  
Athletics

-BOT Hui

Friday- Gumboot Friday

### Week 6

Monday-Intermediate  
Principal Talk

Thursday- Zone Athletics

## Mr Williams' Message

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

Our school was full of colour and celebration on Tuesday as we marked Diwali. It was wonderful to see so many students wearing their traditional dress with pride. Some of our students also created beautiful rangoli patterns around the school, bringing light and joy to our kura as part of the celebrations.

The weather has been kind to us today, allowing some of our athletics teams to get out on the track and complete their heats ahead of next week's school finals. This is always a very popular event, with great support from whānau on the sidelines. A reminder that our Athletics Finals will be held next Friday. We look forward to seeing you there!

Congratulations to all our touch rugby teams who represented Pukekohe Hill at the Franklin Touch events this week. A special mention goes to our Year 5 & 6 girls' team, who won their competition and only conceded one try all day! A big thank you also to Mrs Shaw, Ms Moyle, and Mrs Butcher, and all those parents who helped with supervision and came along to support. Your involvement makes a real difference and is greatly appreciated.

At this week's school assembly, we also congratulated those students in the Tōtara team who were awarded their Honesty badges. These students consistently demonstrate this important value in their learning and in their relationships with others. We are very proud of the positive example they set for others across our kura.

As we head into the Labour weekend break, we wish everyone a safe and enjoyable few days with whānau and friends. We hope that you are able to take time to rest, recharge, and enjoy the long weekend together.

Ngā mihi nui





### 2026 Senior Camp- Chosen Valley

Save the date! Senior camp planning is already underway! If you are interested in being a parent helper, please contact Leem@pukekohehill.school.nz- Police vetting will be undertaken this term.

### Māori Enrichment Class

We are taking expressions of interest for the 2026 Y5/6 Māori Enrichment class. Students in this class will have a focus on learning and using Te Reo Māori, Māori Culture and Tikanga on a daily basis with a combination of English and te reo language being spoken. Click [here](#) to express your interest.



### Calendar Art Orders

Your child should bring home an flyer with ordering instructions and their arts unique code. All orders can be made online now until the 5th of November. These make amazing Christmas Gifts for family!



## Maths -No Problem! Learning in Year 3-6

If you fold the shape in half and it matches on the edges it has symmetry.

To find the perimeter of a shape you have to work out the unknown measurements and then add them all together. Drawing a picture helps.

Easier questions are good for practicing, and trickier ones are good for learning new things.

Finding the simplest fraction was tricky, but using the materials helped me get into it.

## Honesty Badges:

Congratulations to the following Totara students who received their Honesty badges at this week's assembly. We are proud of you and the way you consistently display our RICH value of Honesty.

Lola Henderson, Anshdeep Singh, John Vavia Tekotia, Bianca Williams, Haeleigh Gallagher, Eugene Khan, Spencer Brownie, Josh Burgoyne, Angeline Peningolo, Jonathan Paki, Eli Matthews, Chase Butcher, Ben Eilenstein, Jeyana Lokhande, Tessa Forch, Vivian Kim, Hannah Dummer, Daphne Sakisi, Olivia Lal, Harry Nguyen, Ashleigh O'Brien, Mahie Judge, Parisse Speedy, Shyla Bhana, Manya Kumari, Holly Jackman, Rocco Hei Hei, Zayvia King, Logan Te Kare, Roseabelle Kahui, Samuel Hall, and Briseis Taylor.

## Enviro News

### October Gardening - What to Do



October is a month of warming temperatures and rapid growth. It's best to start out with caution, as the early weeks are still unpredictable; we can still get freezing temperatures and turbulent conditions. As the month goes by, the weather generally becomes more settled and starts to hint at the summer days ahead.

### What to do this Month Fruit Trees & Berries

- Mid-spring's a great time to feed all fruiting crops.
- Passionfruit gradually lose their vigour, so they'll probably need replacing after five years or so. Now is an ideal time to put in a new plant.
- For the price of a couple of punnets of blueberries, you could plant your own bushes! Not just tasty; also a rich source of antioxidants.
- Feed flowering and fruiting strawberry plants with strawberry food every two weeks, for delicious, extra-juicy fruit.
- To be able to pick clean, grub-free apples next autumn, spray with Yates Success Ultra to protect pip fruit trees from becoming infested.
- Protect budding citrus from verruccosis and brown rot with Yates Copper Oxychloride. Refresh the mulch around the base of your trees and feed with a good citrus food.

More Information - [www.yates.co.nz](http://www.yates.co.nz)

## Franklin Year 5/6 Touch Rugby Tournament

On Tuesday, 31 Hill School students travelled to Tuakau to compete in the Franklin Year 5/6 Touch Rugby Tournament. Despite the windy conditions, our players showed fantastic teamwork, resilience, and determination throughout the day.

The Girls B Team played seven games, finishing third in their pool – a great effort!

The Boys A Team won four of their seven games and placed eighth overall after a close playoff.

The Girls A Team were outstanding, winning all their games and defeating Patumahoe 7–1 in the final to become the Girls A Grade Champions!

A huge thank you to all the parents and grandparents who gave up their time to transport and manage our teams, and a special thank you to Kiana Jackman for helping with refereeing on the day.



Hill A Girls - Franklin Champions



Hill B Girls



Hill A Boys

## Year 3/4 Touch Tournament

On Wednesday 22 October two Year 3/4 boys teams went to the Touch Tournament. They played incredibly well, supporting each other and showing great sportsmanship. The Boys A team, section 1 (with Jonny Wilkinson) won 5 games, drew one and lost one. The Boys A, section 2 team (with Mrs Butcher) also won 5 games, drew one and lost one. So the playoff game resulted in our Hill School teams contending for 3rd and 4th place. It was a close one, playing against our classmates and still showing our RICH values. There was just one point in it, with the Boys A section 1 team taking 3rd place.

Thank you to the amazing parent helpers again!! I couldn't have done it without you.

The Girls Touch Tournament will be held in Week 5 at Hill School.



Year 3/4 Touch 



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# Kauri Team Athletics



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The cloud cleared for a stunning day on Monday 20th of October for our Kauri Team Athletics. All the students ran in the 60m and 100m races, giving it their all! It was great to see the children demonstrating the learner powers of perseverance and taking risks. For some, overcoming nerves and pushing outside their comfort zones was a learning experience of the day. For others, it was their chance to shine. We were proud to see everyone participating and trying their best.



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Thank you 🤗 Rhen for sharing your story of Mana.

Truely inspirational.

Special Guest – Rhen Pressnell



Special Guest – William Pike

# HE MANA HE TAONGA

Last week we have focused on Mana Ūkaipo-a Māori term that refers to a sense of belonging, connection, and place. For the next two weeks we are focusing on Mana Motuhake- mana through self-determination and control over one's own destiny.

## MANA ŪKAIPO



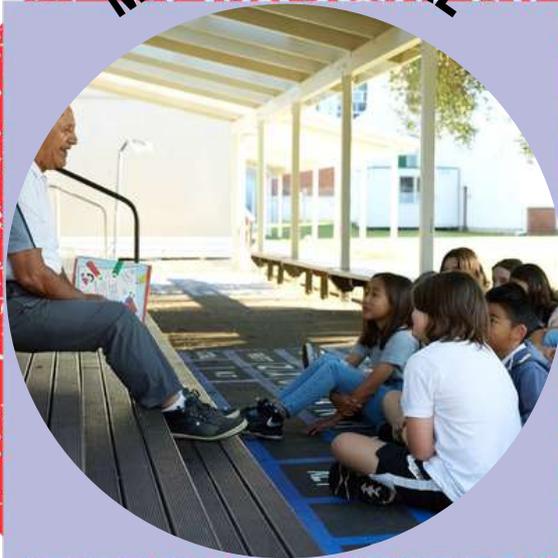
### MANA ŪKAIPO DEVELOPS WHEN ĀKONGA KNOW:

- that they belong.
- about where they live and go to school.
- their cultural knowledge and history is important and valued.
- they feel connected to others.

### ĀKONGA DEMONSTRATE MANA ŪKAIPŌ WHEN THEY:

- feel proud to go to their school.
- understand how their actions affect others.
- actively participate in school activities.
- can talk about their whakapapa, history, culture and language.
- can compare and contrast different points of view respectfully.

## MANA MOTUHAKE



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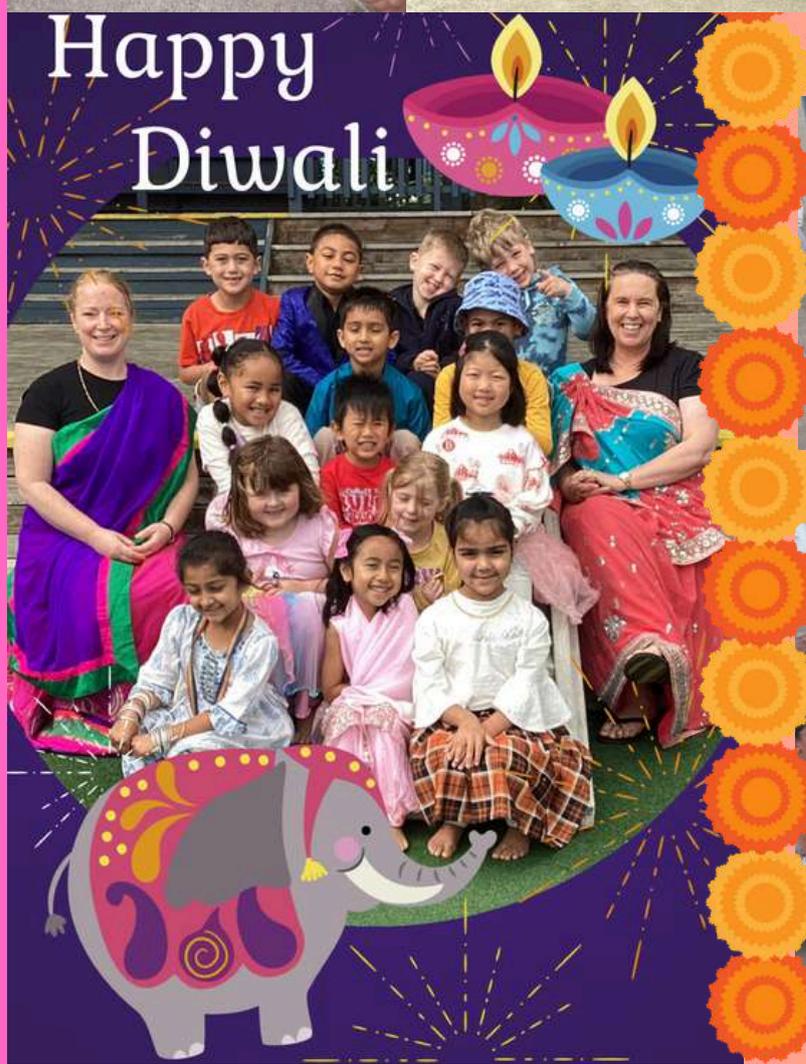
- who they are and where they come from.
- they have positive role models they aspire to be like.
- their language, culture and identity are an asset.
- that many people from their cultural group have achieved success.
- how to manage their time to get important work completed.

### ĀKONGA DEMONSTRATE MANA MOTUHAKE WHEN THEY:

- feel proud to be a member of their cultural group.
- come to school regularly, on time and ready to learn.
- communicate with clarity and confidence.
- set goals and complete tasks to the best of their ability.
- use creativity and imagination to problem-solve and innovate.
- self-assess and make improvements.



# HAPPY Diwali



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