

# Weekly Newsletter

10th October 2025



## COMING UP

### Week 2

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>** - Olympic  
Ambassador Visit 11am

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup>** - William Pike 11am

### Week 3

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup>** - Middle School  
Sprints 11am

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>** - Touch Rugby  
Y5&6

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> -  
Pōhutukawa Athletics  
Yr 3 & 4 Touch Rugby

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**October**  
**Strike Day-**  
**School Closed**



## Mr Williams' Message

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

Welcome back to Term 4! It's fantastic to have everyone back, refreshed, and ready for another exciting term ahead. Term 4 is always a special time as we reflect on and celebrate the many achievements of the year. It's also one of our busiest terms, with plenty happening across the school, so please keep an eye on upcoming dates and events.

Over the holiday break, a number of exciting property projects were completed. Rooms 20, 21, and 22 were refurbished as part of our ongoing plan to ensure our learning spaces remain modern, vibrant, and engaging. The senior toilet areas also received a full upgrade, with all six toilet areas in the Sizemore block replaced with new fixtures and fittings.

There is also a lot of excitement about the new whare currently being built in the space where the old sandpit once was. Alongside a waka, this new addition will provide creative and imaginative play opportunities for our junior students. These elements are a great enhancement to junior play area.

As the warmer weather returns, a reminder that hats are required during break times in Term 4. We have a short 'grace period' until after Labour Weekend to give students and whānau time to find or replace their hats. After that, our school rule applies: No hat = play under the shade.

The Primary Teachers' Union, NZEI Te Riu Roa, has signalled its intention to take strike action on Thursday, 23 October. As a result, the school will be closed for instruction on that day. We understand that this may cause some disruption for families and appreciate your understanding and support. KAS are opening that day to assist those who need care.

Ngā mihi nui

## 2026 Class Planning

If you are moving away and know your child will not be returning in 2025, Please email [admin@pukekohehill.school.nz](mailto:admin@pukekohehill.school.nz) and let us know.

If you have a preschooler turning 5 and joining us next year we would also like to hear from you, please submit a online enrolment form for them and we can add them to our pre enrolment list!

## Supervision before and after school

A reminder about supervision before and after school. In the morning, classrooms open at 830, any students arriving before this time must wait in the central courtyard area until the 8.30 bell goes. Students must not arrive at school prior to 8am. If earlier drop off is required, they must attend KAS.

In the afternoons, students need to be collected from their classrooms, or promptly leave school. Unaccompanied students can not stay and play on school grounds. We appreciate your support in this to ensure the safety of our tamariki.

## 2025 Leavers Bricks

Orders open on KINDO, closing 12 December

## 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.

## Scholastic Book Orders

Book flyers have gone home this week! A reminder that all orders all must be made online, orders close next Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October.

## 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](mailto:Leem@pukekohehill.school.nz)- Police vetting will be undertaken this term.



## Chosen Valley Y5/6 CAMP 2026

Week 8  
16th - 20th March  
3 days, 2 nights

Camp A - Monday to Wednesday  
Camp B - Wednesday to Friday

### Activities at camp include

- Flying Fox
- Archery
- Down Hill Trolley
- Orienteering
- Confidence Course
- Raft Building
- Kayaking
- Challenge Courses
- Water Slide

### Key Facts

- Students not attending are expected to come to school
- Consent forms, dietary and medical information will be collected in Term 1, 2026
- Cost is subsidised by the school but there will be an \$80 donation requested per student via kindo.
- If you are interested in being a parent helper, email Whaea Lee on [leem@pukekohehill.school.nz](mailto:leem@pukekohehill.school.nz) so that police vetting can be undertaken this term.

# Hill's Got

## TALENT

DO YOU HAVE ANY  
SPECIAL TALENTS?  
WE WANT YOU TO COME  
AND AUDITION!



Come ready with any music or equipment you need. Auditions in the School Hall at lunch time



### POHUTUKAWA AUDITIONS

TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> & WEDNESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

### KAURI AUDITIONS

TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> & WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

### TOTARA AUDITIONS

TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> & WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

## 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

- As weather improves the soil warms up, dries out and becomes closer to the ideal crumbly texture...perfect for planting into. Spend some quality time working on your soil to enrich it with organic material, to support your plants over the season.
- Lock in soil moisture before the heat of the summer season, by applying a good thick mulch across the whole garden.
- Harden off plants before planting out in the garden. A soak in Yates Thrive Natural Seaweed Tonic before planting out reduces transplant shock and promotes healthy root growth.
- Spring rains will ease, and the garden might need watering. Check over or install drip or mini-sprinkler irrigation, so it's ready to turn on when you need it. Be prepared to water the garden regularly as the temperatures rise.
- Slugs and snails will be out in force, so safeguard your seedlings. Stop them in their slimy tracks with slug bait, or beer traps.

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

During the holidays two of our students Holly Jackman and Ashlee Hall competed at New Zealand Nationals for Gymnastics. This is a huge accomplishment in itself as only the top in the country qualify.

Holly competed in the woman's artistic gymnastics and came away as 22nd best in the country for her level and age. Her team also got the silver medal 🏆

Ashlee competed in both trampolining and double mini tramp. She came away with a 4th place for double mini and got a huge score and the silver medal in the 11-12 age group in trampolining. 🏆

Tino pai kōtira mā! Well done girls.



# HE MANA HE TAONGA

This term our Concept is: “He Mana he Taonga” Mana is a Treasure. The Mana Model identifies five key forms of mana that help ākonga thrive: Mana Whānau, Mana ūkapō, Mana Motuhake, Mana Tū, and finally Mana Tangatarua.

Understanding the Mana Model at Pukekohe Hill School

At Pukekohe Hill School, we will be using the Mana Model to help our tamariki grow their sense of identity, belonging, and wellbeing.

In Te Ao Māori, mana means respect, dignity, and spiritual strength – something that can be grown through positive actions and relationships.

Our students learn that their mana comes from:

Whakapapa (connections) – who they are and where they come from.  
Whānau (family and community) – the people who support and uplift them.

Actions and choices – how they treat others and show integrity.

The Mana Model helps our learners develop confidence, kindness, and pride in themselves and others.

By recognising and nurturing each child’s mana, we grow a strong, caring school community – together.

## MANA WHĀNAU



### **MANA WHĀNAU DEVELOPS WHEN ĀKONGA KNOW:**

- their family, peers, teachers and wider school community care about them.
- they can contribute meaningfully to the world around them.
- what their academic strengths and interests are.
- that others recognise their innate mana.

### **ĀKONGA DEMONSTRATE MANA WHĀNAU WHEN THEY:**

- have high expectations of themselves.
- feel safe and connected to others.
- have healthy relationships with peers and teachers.
- ask for help and feedback where appropriate.
- believe they make their family, school and others proud.

# Community News



# KAS

KIDS AFTER SCHOOL



## Supporting Our Teachers – Special Programme for Strike Day

As you may know, teachers will be taking strike action on Thursday, 23 October 2025, and Pukekohe Hill School will be closed for the day.

To support our families, we'll be running a Special Day Programme full of fun Halloween themed crafts and activities for the children.

### Programme Details

If your child already attends before and/or after-school care on Thursdays, please make an extra booking for this session. Your usual after-school booking and rate will still apply.

8.30 – 3.00pm

Teacher Only Day session – \$20.00 (incl. GST)

### Before and/or After School Care Options

- 6.30am-8.30am – Normal before-school care rates apply
- 8.00am-8.30am – Normal before-school rates apply
- 3.00pm – 4:30pm – Normal after-school care rates apply
- 3.00pm – 6:00pm – Normal after-school care rates apply

**For families not already booked in for ASC on that day, please book either of the following Casual sessions:**

- Full Day (7.30am – 6:00pm) – \$50.00 (incl. GST)
- Part Day (8.30am – 3.00pm) – \$40.00 (incl. GST)

### How to Book

1. Go to [kidsafterschool.aimyplus.com](https://kidsafterschool.aimyplus.com)
2. Log in and click “Make a Booking” under your name
3. Select “Special Day”, click Next, then click Book to confirm your child’s place

If you have any questions or need a hand with booking, please get in touch with us at 09 236 4078 or [admin@kidsafterschool.co.nz](mailto:admin@kidsafterschool.co.nz) – we’re happy to help.

We look forward to a fun day with the children!