

Weekly Newsletter

14th November 2025



COMING UP

Week 7

Tuesday 18th - Marae Visit-
Middle School
Thursday- Zone Athletics

Week 8

Monday- Y6 visit to
Intermediate
Tuesday- Weetbix Tryathlon
Thursday- Road Patrol Training
Friday-Lunch with the Principal
-PTA disco

Week 9

Tuesday- Cricket challenge-
Patumahoe
-Junior School Marae Visit-
Friday- Rainbows End CARE
day

Week 10

Monday-Prize Giving Practice-
PIA
Tuesday- Prize Giving-PIA -
Pahutukawa 9:30
Kauri- 1:30
Totara- 6pm
Wednesday-Meet the teacher
-Volunteer Morning Tea
-Y6 Graduation 6pm
Thursday-Whole School Colour
Run
Friday-School closes 12.00

Mr Williams' Message

Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

A huge thank you to everyone who has already completed the Community Consultation survey for the Board. We have received 108 responses so far, which is a strong and encouraging level of engagement. Your feedback is genuinely valued and helps guide our strategic planning and decision-making as we continue to strengthen our kura. If you haven't yet had the chance to complete the survey, we would really appreciate you taking a moment to do so. Submissions will close next Thursday so that we can collate the feedback and share it with the Board.

One of our strategic goals this year has been to increase team-wide, hands-on learning opportunities that deepen our concept learning. Looking back over the year, it has been great to reflect on the rich and authentic experiences our tamariki have taken part in. Highlights such as the Cultural Parade, visits to Howick Village and MOTAT, Science Shows, Mana presentations, along with a range of engaging in-class activities, have all helped to strengthen student engagement and build their knowledge in meaningful ways.

Pukekohe Hill will continue to participate in a targeted support initiative next year. This programme is designed to help students who are working below their expected curriculum levels in literacy and maths make accelerated progress. This year, Mrs Lorraine Watson has led our literacy acceleration programme with great success. We are also pleased to announce the appointment of Lisa Goldsack as our Maths Acceleration Teacher. Lisa is currently at Buckland School, where she has been the Kāhui Ako lead for maths and brings a real passion for teaching mathematics. We are excited to have Lisa join our team – she will be a wonderful asset to our kura.

Ngā mihi nui

2026 Senior Camp- 16-20th March

Thanks you for those who have emailed and offered to be parent helpers. Police vetting forms have been sent home with your child. If you haven't yet volunteered, and would like to, its not too late, please email Lee, or see us in the office to collect the vetting forms! These must be returned to the office by Monday 24th November.

PTA Disco!

Our annual PTA disco is happening on Friday 28th November. See flyer for further details. Tickets must be prebooked on Kindo.

Senior Yearbooks Sales!

Don't forget to get your order in before they close on the 28th November.



Create a fundraising page before Friday 21st and to be in the draw for a karaoke Microphone!!!

Enviro News

November Gardening - What to Do



November is a wonderful time in the garden. Small plants grow almost before our eyes, filling out into a lush garden that's just on the edge of its full potential. You can almost feel the summer days ahead, with increasingly warm sunny bluey days and (for the most part) the cold turbulent weather behind us. But don't take your eyes off the weather forecast just yet. The odds of snow in November are much better than winning the lottery!

What to do this Month - Vege Tasks

- Now's a great time to fill your garden with summer-loving vegetables. The choice is plentiful! You're only limited by what you like to eat and the space you have available in your garden.
- Start tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, zucchini, pumpkins, beans, sweetcorn, silverbeet, spinach, parsnips, basil and watermelon from seeds or seedlings for a bountiful harvest.
- The soil should be warm enough now to sow seeds directly into the garden for great results. Sow generously, so you can thin out the weakest seedlings to let the best ones flourish. Protect fresh seedlings from slugs, snails and birds.
- Sow broccoli, lettuce, carrots, kohlrabi and spring onions every 3-4 weeks for a continuous supply.

To avoid sweetcorn and popcorn cross-pollinating, separate them, either by distance (at least 30m, 50m is good if you have the space) or by time (leave at least four weeks between sowing varieties).

- Plant out main crop potatoes and kūmara.
- Pinch out the laterals from tall tomatoes for better fruiting and good airflow.
- Protect brassica vegies from White Butterfly Caterpillars with insect netting or Yates Nature's Way Deer's Dust. Check for telltale eggs under the leaves.

More Information - www.yates.co.nz

GROWERS FESTIVAL 2026



Designer Grass Heads - Grass Seed

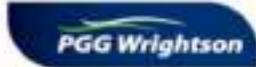
We are excited to be getting organised for our 2026 Growers Festival! One of the fun categories this year is Designer Grass Heads. You are welcome to grow any variety of grass seed, and seeds can be purchased from any supplier.

If you would like grass seeds to grow for the Designer Grass Head category, we have a limited supply available. **Orders must be in before Friday 21st November.** The seeds will be delivered to your child in week 8.

To request grass seeds, please click the link below and fill out the short form. Let the growing begin!



Thank you to Enza Zaden for your kind donation of Pumpkin seeds.



Thank you to PGG Wrightson Te Kauwhata for your kind donation of Grass seeds.

You are invited to our Year 6 Leavers Evening

Wednesday 10th December
6-8.30pm

PUKEKOHE HILL SCHOOL HALL

ALL YEAR 6 STUDENTS AND THEIR WHANAU WELCOME

Smart casual dress

Please bring a small plate to share.

GRASS SEED ORDER FORM: [HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/4HOZERJYXU2SHKXR7](https://forms.gle/4HOZERJYXU2SHKXR7)



PRIZE GIVING 2025

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH
PIA HALL - WARD STREET

YEARS 0-2, 9:30AM

YEARS 3-4, 1:30PM

YEARS 5-6, 6PM

ALL STUDENTS ARE TO WEAR FULL UNIFORM

DISCO FLUORO THEME

\$2

FRIDAY
28TH
NOVEMBER
6.00-7.30PM

Ticket sales end 8am 26th November

TICKETS WILL BE DELIVERED TO CLASS THE MORNING OF THE DISCO

For safety reasons, only current students of Pukekohe Hill School who have purchased tickets on Kindo will be admitted to the disco and there will be NO DOOR SALES. Students must be dropped off and collected from the school hall.

Cash only on the night:



There will be an area set up outside the hall for parents who wish to wait during the disco.

Gumboot Day,

Thanks for your support, we
raised \$177.



**Pukekohe
HILL SCHOOL**
GROWING GREAT PEOPLE, TOGETHER!

COLOUR RUN



Thursday December 11th 2025

1:30-2:00 Juniors, 2:00-2:30 Middle, 2:30-3:00 Seniors

GET A WHITE T-SHIRT (OR LIGHT COLOURED) READY FOR THE DAY!

Obstacles, fire truck, Police speed guns, colour and FUN!
Families all welcome to come and watch!

Our Fundraising Hub page: <https://pukekohehillcolourrun.rqiseit.co.nz>

YEAR BOOK

Class Of

2025

Year 5 & 6 Students Only

\$10

Order on KINDO by
28th Nov

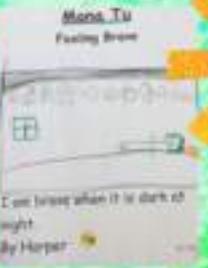


**MANA TŪ DEVELOPS WHEN
ĀKONGA KNOW:**

- they can learn and be successful
- what they are good at
- what areas they need to work on
- they can achieve their goals with hard work, determination and a 'never give up' attitude.

**ĀKONGA DEMONSTRATE
MANA TŪ WHEN THEY:**

- respect that everyone learns differently.
- are a generous, kind and humble classmate.
- show gratitude when learning from others who think about the world differently to them.
- are self-disciplined and make good choices.



**MITEY NEWS FROM
ROOM 12**



**Mitey
In Room 13**

In Room 12 we have been exploring the Mana Model. We have been learning about our place in our whanau, our strengths, goals, learner powers, where we belong and what we are proud of.

Athletics Group Day Results



Central Group Day Results 2025

1500m Girls Final	-Remi Phillips - 1st
400m Girls Final	-Remi Phillips- 1st -Kyra Mauri- 2nd
200m Girls Final	-Kyra Mauri & Brooke-Lyn Vaupulu 1st =
200m Boys Final	-Sefo Niutupuivaha - 1st
800m Girls Final	- Remi Phillips- 1st -Parise Speedy- 2nd
60m Y3 Girls	-Emma O'Brien- 1st
Y5 Girls	-Rose Niutupuivaha - 3rd
Y6 Girls	-Kyra Mauri - 1st -Brooke-Lyn Vaupulu -2nd
100m Y3 Girls	-Emma O'Brien- 1st
Y5 Girls	-Jordyn Sakisi- 3rd
Y6 Girls	-Kyra Mauri - 1st -Brooke-Lyn Vaupulu - 2nd
60m Y3 Boys	-Victor Souza - 2nd
Y4 Boys	-Kobe Wilkinson - 2nd
Y5 Boys	-Alex Kameli - 1st -Hudson Hari - 2nd
Y6 Boys	-Sefo Niutupuivaha - 1st
100m Y3 Boys	-Victor Souza - 2nd
Y4 Boys	-Kobe Wilkinson - 2nd
Y5 Boys	-Alex Kameli - 1st -Hudson Hari - 2nd
Y6 Boys	-Sefo Niutupuivaha - 1st
Shotput- Y5 Girls	-Charlotte Beech - 1st
Y6 Boys	-Sefo Niutupuivaha - 1st -Zayvia King - 3rd
Discus- Y5 Girls	-Charlotte Beech - 3rd
Y6 Girls	-Ashlee Hall - 1st -Kyra Mauri - 3rd
Y5 boys	-Austin Mead - 2nd
Y6 Boys	-Sefo Niutupuivaha - 1st
Long Jump- Y6 Girls	-Kyra Mauri - 1st -Remi Phillips - 2nd
Y6 Boys	-Sefo Niutupuivaha - 1st
High Jump- Y5 Girls	-Ernie Funnell - 2nd
Y6 Girls	-Remi Phillips - 2nd -Holly Jackman - 3rd
Y5 Boys	-Alex Kameli - 2nd
Y6 Boys	-Sefo Niutupuivaha - 1st







Dear Parent/Guardian,

2025 Pukekohe Hill School Colour Run – Online Fundraiser

Pukekohe Hill School is excited to be running a Colour Run fundraiser to help us raise funds to refresh and repaint our school pool so we can continue to enjoy it for years to come.

Our pool is an important part of school life, supporting swimming lessons, water safety, and physical wellbeing for all our students. With a fresh coat of paint and some essential maintenance, we can ensure it remains a safe, welcoming, and enjoyable space for our tamariki.

Our students will be taking part in the Colour Run and will be seeking online sponsorship for their efforts. Every dollar raised will directly support the pool upgrade.

As well as raising much needed funds, our Colour Run will be an exciting, colourful celebration for all our students to take part in.

Thank you for supporting Pukekohe Hill School!

How will this fundraiser work? We have partnered with [online fundraising company Go Raise It](#). Collecting sponsorship online makes it super easy for everyone - no more door knocking, your child can collect more donations from further afield ([friends & family living overseas](#), [work colleagues](#) etc) and no need to worry about handling cash!

How do I sign my child up to fundraise online? Each child can sign up for their very own fundraising web page to send out to collect online sponsorship from anyone, anywhere!

Just go to our Fundraising Hub page at: <https://pukekohehillcolourrun.raiseit.co.nz/>

Or use the QR Code to visit the hub page:



Click on the **SETUP A FUNDRAISING PAGE** button

If you need any help email help@raiseitfundraising.com for direct assistance

Multiple children in your family? No problem, all children can sit under the same email address. You'll find a button to set up another page while logged in to the fundraising account you created first.

Prizes: We have a great range of fundraising prizes available including spot prizes and overall fundraising prize for the winning whānau group. Please see the Prizes page linked on the Fundraising Hub page of our fundraising website.

Event Details: Thursday December 11th 2025, 1.30-3pm - Pukekohe Hill School Field!

Kind regards,

Pukekohe Hill School

PUKEKOHE HILL
SCHOOL
WHĀNAU EVENING
GROWERS FESTIVAL
2026



THURSDAY 19TH FEBRUARY

Pukekohe Hill School
Growers Festival & Whānau Evening
is about bringing our community
together, making connections, and
Growing Great People
Together.



INFORMATION FOR
EXHIBIT CATEGORIES

Growers Festival Student Categories

There are 4 exciting categories to
enter:

1. 🍂 Pumpkins
2. 🌿 Designer Grass Heads
3. 🏠 Bird Houses
4. 📷 Photography

- ✔ Children can enter more than one category, but only once per category.
- ✔ Entries will be displayed and judged in teams: Pahutukawa (Yr 0-2), Kauri (Yr 3-4), and Totara (Yr 5-6).
- ✔ Each item must clearly show the student's name and room number for judging.
- ✔ Projects must be created by students, with adult help only when necessary. For example, when using sharp objects.

**Bring items before school on the morning of the Growers Festival and take home during the evening.



Bloomarama Challenge

We're excited to announce a special competition for the whānau of our tamariki - The Bloomarama! This event is open to parents, grandparents, and caregivers. Bring in your best bloom from your garden to share and celebrate.

Judging Criteria

- Form/Shape - The flower's structure should be true to its species, symmetrical, and well-proportioned.
- Colour - Bright, clear, and even colour; intensity and vibrancy are valued.
- Presentation - How well the bloom is displayed, including container or support.

1 PUMPKINS

- We hope your pumpkins are growing well and you're getting excited for our Growers Festival in February 2026!

Pumpkin Festival Reminders! 🍂

- The pumpkin has to be grown and cared for by YOU - it's your special project!
- You can enter any type of pumpkin - giant ones, tiny ones, wobbly ones, or super cool shapes!
- 🍂 Big or small, every pumpkin is awesome - we can't wait to see what you grow for the festival in February 2026!

Judges will be looking for:

- Pumpkin is firm
- There are no scars
- Or soft spots

Prize for the BIGGEST Pumpkin

For more information:
<https://tuigarden.co.nz/how-to-guide/pumpkin-growing-guide/>



2 DESIGNER GRASS HEAD

Whether you make a person, monster, or animal, grass heads are great fun to grow!

You will need:

- Grass seed
- Potting mix
- Old nylon stocking
- Jars, upcycled container or other items to serve as a reservoir for their bodies
- Upcycled or natural materials for decorating



Idea: 🌿 Create Your Grass Head

Plant seeds 3 WEEKS before the Growers Festival for best results.

1. Put 2 tablespoons of grass seed in the toe of a stocking.
2. Fill with Soil
3. Add soil to make a tennis ball-sized head. Keep seeds near the top.
4. Tie & Set Up
5. Tie a knot under the soil ball. Place the stocking in an upcycled container with the tail in water - it will soak up moisture.
6. Decorate
7. Add a face using natural or recycled materials.
8. Grow & Trim
9. Keep soil moist. Watch the "hair" grow and give it a haircut when needed!

You can use your own grass seed or request some from school. A google form will be sent out term 4.

Judges will be looking for:

- Most creative design
- Use of natural and upcycled materials



3 BIRD HOUSE

🏠 Idea: Create a Simple Bird House

Materials

Adult supervision required

- 1 milk or juice carton
- Rope, cord, ribbon, or wire
- Acrylic paint
- Paint brushes
- Decorations recycled from household materials, crafts, or nature
- Craft or hot glue



Steps

1. Cut a large hole in the center of one side of the carton, starting several inches from the bottom.
2. Beneath this large hole, cut a small hole to poke a stick through. This will provide a perch for dining birds.
3. Cut two small holes on either side of the top of the carton to thread the rope or wire through.
4. Paint and decorate your feeder. Want to make your backyard birds a cottage? An apartment building? Use your imagination!
5. Fill with birdseed.

🔍 Want a challenge? Search online for more creative or advanced Bird House designs!



The Bird House must be made from natural/upcycled materials.

Judges will be looking for:

- Most creative
- Use of natural/upcycled materials

4 PHOTOGRAPHY THEME
TRANSPORT

📷 Photography Competition Theme! 🚗

This year's theme is Transport - old or new!

Roads - Photos where a road or driveway is leading somewhere.

OR

Mechanical - Getting close on engines, car parts, vehicle workshops, etc.

- Each child may enter one print for our school competition.
- We have an exciting opportunity to also enter photos into the Pukekohe A&P Show
- If your child would like a chance to enter the A&P show too, please send in two photos (they can be the same or different, but must fit the Transport theme).
- A selection of photos will be chosen to represent our school at the Pukekohe show.
- 📅 **Deadline: 16th February 2026** - please have all photos in by then.
- Photo size: 6x8 inches (15x20cm).
- Write your child's first and last name, DOB and room number on the BACK of the photo.
- Photos can be submitted from Week 1, 2026 Please give entries to your child's teacher or to Mrs Willis in Room 23.

Judges will be looking for:

- Most creative
- Use of light
- Camera angle



Jutland Road wastewater upgrade

October 2025

Pukekohe is a growing community, with approximately 50,000 people expected to move into the area over the next 20 years. To support the upcoming growth, we're upgrading the wastewater network to increase capacity and improve the network resilience. This project is part of a wider plan to upgrade the wastewater network in your community.

What are we doing?

Our existing pump station on Jutland Road is currently unable to operate at full capacity due to size limitations of the existing wastewater pipeline. To ensure the pump station can operate effectively, we are installing approximately 1.97km of large diameter pipeline along Domain Road, Puni Road and Ward Street.

Before construction begins, our contractors, Abergeldie Complex Infrastructure Ltd, will need to

complete ground investigations to locate existing services. Once the investigations have finished, works to install the new pipeline in the road corridor will begin.

The pipeline will be installed by open trenching. This means that the team will close a section of the road, dig a trench, install the new pipeline, before

reinstating the worksite and moving along to the next section.



Jutland Road wastewater upgrade

How does this affect you?

Construction is expected to begin in November and to finish in late 2026.

Our general working hours are Monday to Friday, 7am-7pm. On occasion, we may need to work outside of these hours, but we will contact directly impacted residents ahead of time.

During working hours, general construction noise, vibration, dust and increased truck movements should be expected. Our works will remain within the consented limited and we will work to reduce the impacts where possible.

Driveway access to properties will be impacted during these works. Our contractors will contact directly impacted residents before work begins outside of their property.

An approved traffic management plan will be in place while we complete these works. You may notice the following changes:

- • Contraflow or stop/go
- • Reduced speed limits
- • Reduced lane widths
- Reduced street parking
- Traffic VMS boards
- Pedestrian detours/reduced footpath width.

We appreciate that this work is disruptive and want to thank you for your patience while we complete this essential mahi.

For more information

For more information on our project, or to sign up for email updates, please visit our website at www.watercare.co.nz/JutlandRoad or email us at Pukeoche@Water.co.nz

To talk to someone on the work site, please contact our contractors Community Liaison Advisor, Kaushik Chand 0223799847 kchand@abergeldie.com.

Thank you for your patience while we complete this important work.

Benefits of the project

We're installing a new 1.97km wastewater pipeline



Supporting growth in Pukekohe West



Building a resilient wastewater network



Protecting the environment by reducing overflows



Community News

PUKEKOHE LIONS PRESENT

CHRISTMAS GROTTO

MEET SANTA!

WISHING WELL. SANTA'S POSTBOX. LIGHT SHOW. RAFFLES!

2PM TO 8.30PM | 15-23 NOVEMBER

MASSEY HALL A&P SHOWGROUNDS STATION RD

Vote for your favourite tree
Special Westpac Gifting Tree
Make your own decoration
Meet Santa
Join us for our PJ party

Pyjama Party 15 November 8pm to 8pm
 music, fun & games
 All are welcome!

Gold Coin Donation Entry!

All proceeds to be donated to Westpac Rescue Helicopter



FAS
Franklin Attendance Service

OPEN INVITATION FREE PUKEKOHE GIVE-BACK EVENT

FREE
Food, Clothing & Household Items
 Come and enjoy a hot lunch with our community

SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER
 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm
 (at parking lot surrounding street)

Pukekohe Intermediate School
 entry on Edinburgh Street

This is a FREE event
 Bring your appetite, Whānau!!
 We look forward to seeing you there

This day has been sponsored by a wonderful benefactor who would like to remain anonymous.

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