

Weekly Newsletter

21st November 2025



COMING UP

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

Friday– Rainbows End CARE day

Week 10

Monday–Prize Giving Practice– PIA

Tuesday– Prize Giving–PIA – Pohutukawa 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,

The weeks are flying by, and it's hard to believe we are heading so quickly toward the end of the school year. Our teachers are deep in the mahi of preparing end-of-year reports, thoughtfully capturing each child's learning journey.

It has been wonderful to read these reports and reflect on the progress our tamariki have made. This growth is not only seen in academic achievement, but also in the many other areas that matter just as much – confidence, resilience, friendships, learner powers, and the way they uphold our RICH values each day. These stories of progress speak to the hard work of our learners, the dedication of our staff, and the support of our whānau.

Congratulations to all the students who represented us at the Franklin Zone Athletics. We are incredibly proud of their effort, determination, and sporting spirit. There were some outstanding performances on the day, with lots of Hill School athletes placing in the top three across the whole of Franklin, results are below. A remarkable achievement that reflects both talent and hard work. Ka rawe, team!

Our RICH value for this term has been Honesty – Ngākōpono. He mihi nui to all our Pōhutukawa (Year 0–2) tamariki who received their Honesty badges at this week's assembly. Your steady, everyday display of Ngākōpono – telling the truth, doing the right thing, and showing integrity even when no one is watching – is both seen and deeply appreciated. Ka mau te wehi, tamariki mā.

Finally, a reminder to set up a fundraising account for our upcoming Colour Run. Every dollar raised will go directly towards repainting our school pool, helping us keep this much-loved space fresh and inviting for all our tamariki. Ngā mihi for your support.

Ngā mihi nui

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.

Pohutukawa Honesty- Ngakupono Badges

Leah Van Amelsfort, Kingsley Ormsby, Lucca Johna, Shree KC, Sam Christie, Wyatt Soper, Chloe Biggelaar, Lewis Hagler, Jack Porter, Remy Berry, Saoirse Ralph, Odin Barrclough, Juan Taylor-Korewha, Kate Jamieson, Yu-Mi Clarke, Nurit Bajwa, Skylar Ewe-Gardener, Isaiah Vaaga, Skylah Taupo Tamariki, Zhen-Xing James Tung, Zian Marais, Tamati Andrews, Lily Johnston, Tate Majoor, Oscar Jefferies, Zach Bowman, Hudson Mulder-Suckling, Bellamy Sands, Yuna Ku, Lillian Townsend, Arlo Middleweek, Ryder Paetai, Tatum-Wolf Joubert, Haransh Singh, Isla Mathieson, Amelia Brennan, Lulu McMillan Naran, Ryder Tuapawa, Xiaoyu Huang, Zara Van Deventer

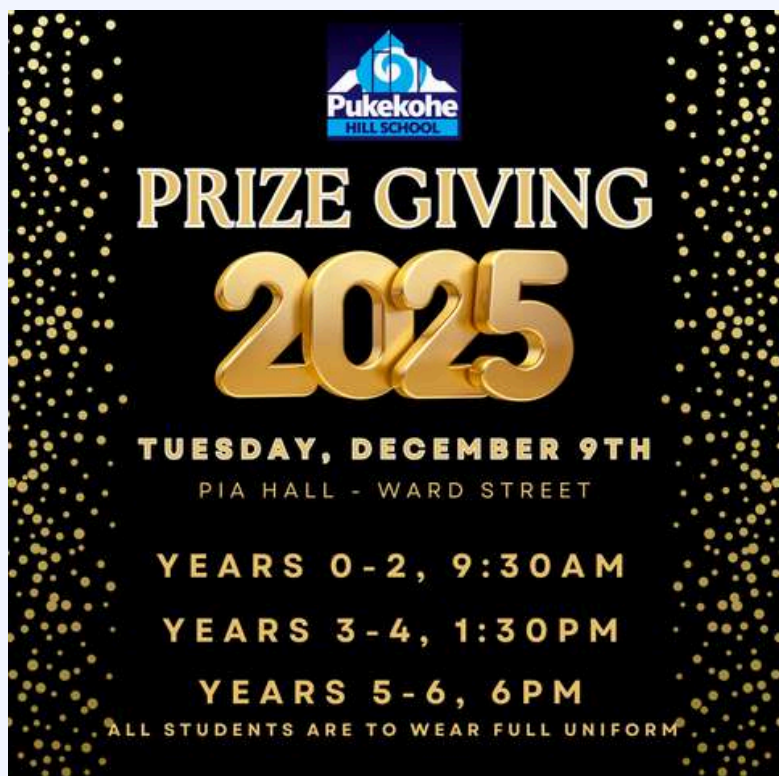


Thanks for all those who have created their fundraising account! Congratulations to our daily spot prize winners throughout the week, and a big prize winner of the karaoke Microphone Poppy E!!!



Sports Ball Donation-

A huge thank you to the John Walker Find Your Field of Dreams team for their amazing donation of 60 new balls for our Kura! These will be well loved and enjoyed by our students!



Zone Day results

1500m Girls Final -Remi Phillips - 1st

**200m Girls Final -Brooke-Lyn Vaupulu 1st
-Kyra Mauri 2nd**

200m Boys Final -Sefo Niutupuivaha - 1st

**800m Girls Final - Remi Phillips- 1st
-Parisse Speedy- 3rd**

60m Y3 Girls -Emma O'Brien- 1st

**Y6 Girls -Kyra Mauri - 1st
-Brooke-Lyn Vaupulu -2nd**

**100m Y3 Girls -Emma O'Brien- 1st
Y6 Girls -Kyra Mauri - 1st
-Brooke-Lyn Vaupulu - 2nd**

**60m Y3 Boys -Victor Souza - 3rd
Y4 Boys -Kobe Wilkinson - 2nd
Y5 Boys -Alex Kameli - 2nd
Y6 Boys -Sefo Niutupuivaha - 1st**

**100m Y3 Boys -Victor Souza - 2nd
Y4 Boys -Kobe Wilkinson - 1st
Y5 Boys -Alex Kameli - 2nd
Y6 Boys -Sefo Niutupuivaha - 1st**

**Shotput- Y5 Girls -Charlotte Beech - 1st
Y6 Boys -Sefo Niutupuivaha - 2nd**

**Discus- Y6 Girls -Ashlee Hall - 1st
Y6 Boys -Sefo Niutupuivaha - 2nd**

**Long Jump- Y6 Girls -Remi Philips - 1st
-Kyra Mauri -2nd
Y6 Boys -Sefo Niutupuivaha - 2nd**

High Jump- Y6 Boys -Sefo Niutupuivaha -3rd

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.

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

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 luscious garden that's just on the edge of its full potential. You can almost feel the summer days ahead, with increasingly warm sunny blue-sky 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 beetroot, 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 kumara.
- 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 Derris Dust. Check for telltale eggs under the leaves.

More Information - www.yates.co.nz

DISCO

FLUORO THEME

\$2

FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 6.00-7.30PM

Cash only on the night:

Sausages \$2	Chips \$1
Bottled Water \$1	Chocolate \$2
Glow Sticks 3 for \$1	Lollies \$1

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.

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

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.raiseit.co.nz>

PUKEKOHE HILL SCHOOL WHĀNAU EVENING and 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: Pohutukawa (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



Community News

LIONS
PUKEKOHE LIONS PRESENT

CHRISTMAS GROTTO

MEET SANTA!

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

GOLD COIN DONATION ENTRY

Pyjama Party
15 November
6pm to 8pm
music, fun & games
All are welcome!

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 P1 party

All proceeds to be donated to Westpac Rescue Helicopter



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PUKEKOHE
GIVE BACK EVENT**

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

Pukekohe Intermediate School entry on Edinburgh Street
SUNDAY
30 NOVEMBER
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Car parking on surrounding streets

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.

SPARTAN COMBAT

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