

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!



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



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.

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!



ENZA ZADEN



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

PGG Wrightson

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

GRASS SEED ORDER FORM: <https://forms.gle/4H0ZERJYXU2SHKXR7>

Enviro News

November Gardening - What to Do



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.

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!



- 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 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

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:

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

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.r1seit.co.nz>

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.



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



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/>

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



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

Judges will be looking for:

- Most creative
- Use of natural/upcycled materials



Community News



PUKEKOHE LIONS PRESENT
CHRISTMAS GROTTO

MEET SANTA!

**GOLD COIN
DONATION
ENTRY**

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

**2PM TO
8.30PM | 15-23 NOVEMBER**

**MASSEY HALL
A&P SHOWGROUNDS
STATION RD**

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

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

**All proceeds to be donated to
Westpac Rescue Helicopter**



**OPEN INVITATION
FREE
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.



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