

Weekly Newsletter

5th December 2025



COMING UP

Next week:

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

Term 1 2026 Important Dates!

- Thursday, 22nd Jan-**
BYOD set up day:
Wednesday 28th Jan-
Classes open 1-3pm to visit

- Thursday 29th Jan**
Term 1 Starts!

Mr Williams' Message

Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

It's hard to believe this is our final newsletter for 2025. The year has certainly flown by, filled with plenty of learning, fun, and memorable moments. This week we acknowledged our Learners of the Term and our Manaakitanga Cup recipients at assembly, celebrating those who consistently display our RICH values. Our teams have also enjoyed end-of-year celebrations, with Pōhutukawa and Tōtara heading to the cinema to watch Zootopia 2 as a finale to our Mana unit, and Kauri enjoying a fun day together today.

As we reach the end of the year, it's also a time to pause, reflect, and offer sincere thanks to the many people who help make Pukekohe Hill School such a special place. Ngā mihi nui to our School Board. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a knowledgeable, steady, and skilled group guiding our kura. Thank you to both the current and previous Board for their leadership and commitment.

A big thank you also to Kylie, Sonia and our wonderful PTA team. Their generosity, creativity, and willingness to give their time make a significant difference to the experiences our tamariki enjoy. Their mahi is deeply appreciated.

Finally, to our staff and students . You are the life and heartbeat of our kura. Our staff bring such dedication, creativity, and aroha to their work every single day, shaping a learning environment where our tamariki feel supported, challenged, and valued. To our students, thank you for the curiosity, enthusiasm, and sense of fun you bring to our school. Your willingness to give things a go, to show kindness, and to look after one another is what makes Pukekohe Hill such a vibrant and fun place to be.

As we head into the festive season, I wish all our whānau a happy and relaxing Christmas break. We hope this time will be filled with laughter, connection, and plenty of moments that fill your cup. Have a safe and refreshing holiday, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in 2026, ready for another great year of learning together.

Meri Kirihimete me ngā manaakitanga o te wā.

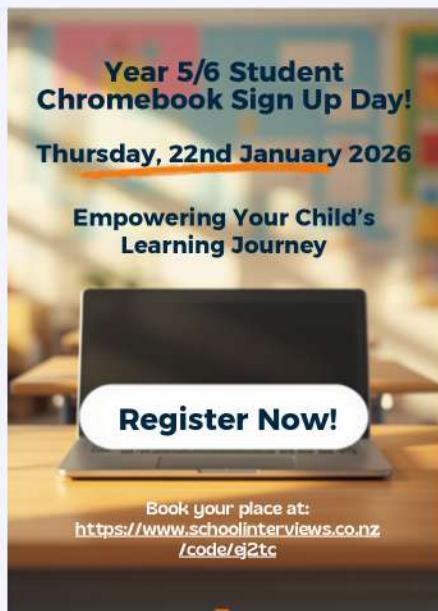
2026 School Stationery

Click here to order your students stationery for 2026

<https://www.myschool.co.nz/pukekohehill>

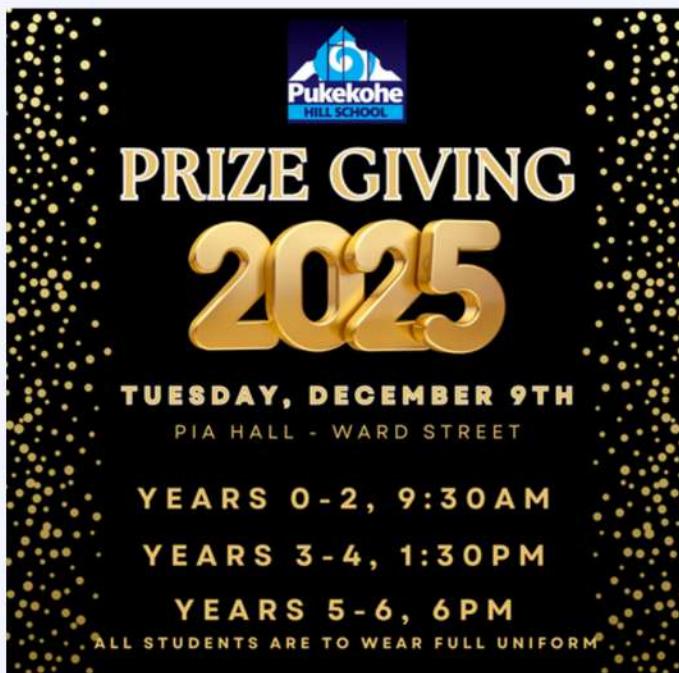
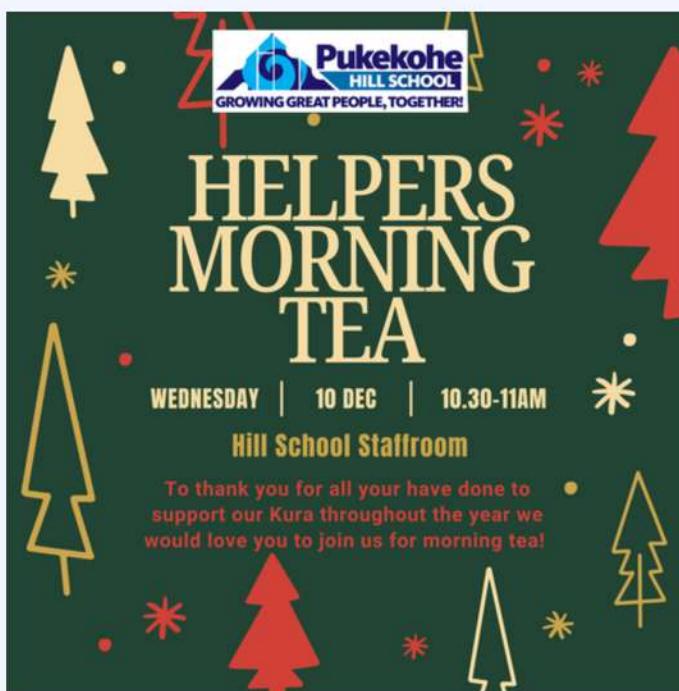
Organising your child's stationery early, really helps set them up for a smooth, settled start to the school year. The school has intentionally selected the specific brands shown on the lists. These items/brands have consistently proven to be reliable, long-lasting, and great value for money. Using the recommended brands helps ensure all students have supplies that work well in the classroom and support effective learning.

Year 5 & 6 Students Only - BYO Chromebook



Registration Day - 22/1/2026
Only for Year 5 and 6 student's bringing a chrome book to school for the first time.
Student's bringing a chromebook for the first time in 2026, must sign the BYOD Chromebook Agreement and bring it with their chromebook for set up on Thursday, 22nd January 2026.

Go to <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/> and use code: ej2jt to book a time.
If you are unable to make this day, set up will take place when term starts.





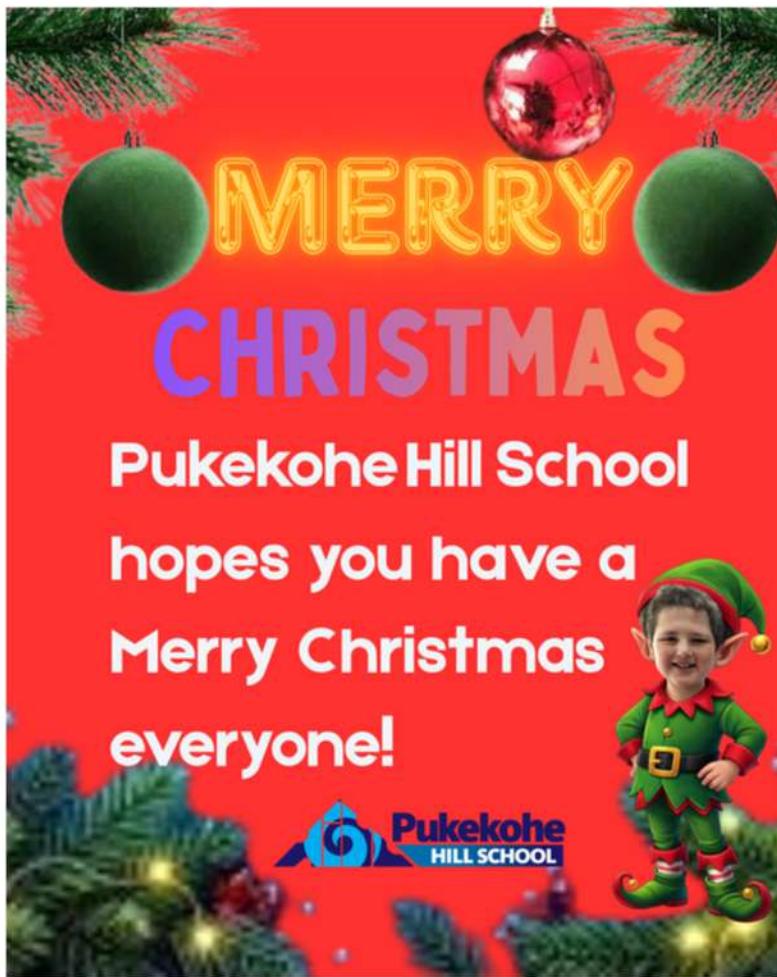
Manaakitanga Cup Recipients:
Shyla Bhana, Lily Johnston and Grace Speirs



Learners of The Term:
Aaliyah Wood-Rogers, Tessa Forch and Georgia Wackrow.



Special Caretakers Award :
Coley Storey



Enviro News

Christmas Ideas



When wrapping gifts use:

- Newspaper or maps
- Bags & boxes that you have around the house - they don't need to be holiday theme!
- Material bags & ribbons - you can find ribbon at opp shops!
- Pillow cases - tie with a ribbon to look like it's from Santa!
- Use material or burlap as wrapping paper - you can also look at opp shops.
- Decorate with ornaments, leaves or herbs for a personal & natural touch
- Reuse last year's cards w/ blank backs and cut up for tags
- Find askets at the opp shops for hampers
- Wrap in scarves or pashminas

Give to charity

- Declutter and donate lightly used gifts, homewares, toys or toiletries to charities like [Woven Earth](#) (read [how EnviroNZ donated to them this year](#))
- Donate toys, meals or treats to families in need like [ChristmasBox.co.nz](#) or [Kindess.org.nz/joystore](#)



You can also decorate sustainably

- Create a tree using driftwood and hand sewn ornaments with left over fabric or felt (see above)
- Use last year's ribbons and hang on your tree or mantle
- Find decorations at opp shops
- Use a living tree or a cut off - one that lives with you all year that you decorate for the holidays



Little deeds can mean a lot.
How will you live a bit more green this year?

More Information - www.enviro.co.nz



PATUMAHOE CRICKET CHALLENGE

Unfortunately the game was abandoned due to rain, but we keep the cup because we were the holders of the cup.

The whole team played very well and were well ahead when the rain stopped play.





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>

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Thank you
PTA!



Community News

Summer 2026 Holiday Programme

KAS KIDS AFTER SCHOOL

Based at Pukekohe Hill School
12 Green Lane, Pukekohe
Programme: 027 694 3011
WINZ SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE FOR ELIGIBLE FAMILIES
MSD SOCIAL SECTOR 3 ACCREDITATION
Office: 09 236 4078 www.kidsafterschool.co.nz

School starts: Puke Hill 29th Jan - Kingsgate 30th Jan - Buckland 3rd Feb - Puke Int 29th Jan - Puni 2nd Feb - St Josephs 2nd Feb - Valley 4th Feb

Monday 5th Jan WATER SLIDE FUN Slip, slide & splash your way into holiday fun! Slides, Kickball & Races Cowabunga!	Tuesday 6th Jan BOREDOM BUSTERS Bored? Not today! We're busting boredom with non-stop fun for everyone!	Wednesday 7th Jan ICE ICE BABY Frozen Tees, Icy Treats & Epic Beats! Join us for some really cool games & crafts!	Thursday 8th Jan VISITOR - SACHA SKIPS The ultimate skipping rope experience - Learn some cool skipping tricks to impress your family & friends!	Friday 9th Jan TRIP - JUBILEE POOLS No time to beools... we are off to the pools! Grab your togs, hat & sunscreen for an epic day!
Monday 12 th Jan TRIP: RAINBOW'S END 8+ Enough sold INHOUSE: SUMMER FUN! Crafts and games to enjoy summer! May travel to another programme	Tuesday 13 th Jan THE MEGA CHALLENGE RACE The 100 Challenges Challenge - don't miss your chance to conquer the tally!	Wednesday 14 th Jan OSCAR'S BIG DAY OUT Get ready for a action packed sports day extravaganza! Creating unforgettable moments with other OSCAR programmes @ Pukekohe High School today	Thursday 15 th Jan CAMP OUT Pitch a tent, toast some marshmallows, and discover the wonders of the outdoors!	Friday 16 th Jan TRIP - FUN FEST 5-7YO Bouncy castles, teacup rides, face painting and more! VISITOR-DRUMS 8+ Learn some awesome drumming skills
Monday 19 th Jan TRIP - FUNZONE Step into a world of non stop excitement! Mini Golf, Soccer, Giant Snakes and Ladders and heaps more!	Tuesday 20 th Jan H2O ADVENTURE Water water everywhere! Water slides, water games & watercraft fun. Don't forget your towel!	Wednesday 21 st Jan TRIP - OMAHA BEACH We are off to the beach! Sandy toes, sunkissed noses - our beach day is a fave for all ages.	Thursday 22 nd Jan ARTISTIC OR ATHLETIC? Unleash your inner artist or be your best sporty self... What to choose?	Friday 23 rd Jan TRIP - PICNIC AT THE PARK Yummy treats, sunny vibes & playground adventures await! Spend the morning making treats before heading to the park.
Monday 26 th Jan AUCKLAND ANNIVERSARY DAY PROGRAMME CLOSED	Tuesday 27 th Jan TRIP - PLAYGROUND HOP Slide, Swing, Splash! Check out the coolest playgrounds in town & then beat the heat at the splashpad!	Wednesday 28 th Jan TOKEN DAY Experience Exchange The motivation experience tasks = tokens tokens = rewards	St Josephs, Puni School, Valley School & Buckland School Care is available at our Patumahoe Programme on the 29 th & 30 th of January	

Prices listed above are for our Main Programme 8am to 3pm **HOWEVER**
we are open from 7am to 6pm daily. For full details of all available sessions & to book please go to www.kidsafterschool.co.nz or call the KAS office on 09 236 4078

Reminder!
PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT EVERY DAY CHILDREN BRING A DRINK BOTTLE, PACKED SNACKS, LUNCH, SUN HAT, SUNSCREEN, TOGS & TOWEL & A CHANGE OF CLOTHES. FOR ALL INFORMATION RELATING TO EACH DAYS ACTIVITIES
PLEASE CHECK THE DAILY INFORMATION SHEET FOR FAMILIES.

"Seasons For Growth is a grief, loss and change Programme for children dealing with challenges in their lives e.g separation, divorce, loss through death, or other family changes. Our Afterschool Programme starts next year in Term 1, held in Pukekohe and runs once a week over 8 weeks. An optional Parent Programme also runs at the same time. For enquiries or enrolments please phone/text the coordinator Marisa on 021 142 5812, office (09) 238 7228, or email seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz. For more info: www.pukekohecommunityaction.co.nz/seasons."

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School Finishing Dates: Pukekohe Hill 12th - Kingsgate 16th - Buckland 16th - Puke Intermediate 12th - Puni 16th - St Josephs 17th - Valley 17th

Monday 15th December SKID INTO THE HOLIDAYS! Get ready to roll! Bring your wheels & tackle the wildest obstacle course ever!	Tuesday 16th December ULTIMATE WATER FIGHT! Water water everywhere... BRING IT ON!	Wednesday 17th December KAS CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL Bouncy castles, messy fun, races, treats - the Christmas Carnival is ON!	Thursday 18th December SANTAS HELPERS Enjoy the gift of giving & spread some Xmas cheer. Make gifts for the special KAS elves to deliver to senior citizens in the community!	Friday 19th December SWEET TREATS Tempt your tastebuds with handmade happiness, making Christmas treats the KAS way!
Monday 22nd December CHRISTMAS FUN OR SHOPPING TRIP 10+ KAS is hosting a special Christmas storyteller while our 10+ go on a shopping adventure	Tuesday 23rd December REINDEER GAMES Get ready to laugh your antlers off with our hilarious reindeer games!	Please note prices listed are for our Main Programme 8am to 3pm but we are open from 7.00am to 6pm. For all other session details & to book please go to www.kidsafterschool.co.nz or call the KAS office on 09 236 4078		

CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS!
2025 is a wrap - What a year it was! Filled with lots of fun, friendship & adventures we can't wait to welcome you back to do it all over again from the 5th of January 2026.

From the KAS family to yours - We wish you all a safe, happy & very Merry Christmas!