



## COMING UP

Term 1 2026  
Important Dates!

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb - Growers  
Festival 5-7pm  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb - BOT  
meeting 6pm

## Mr Williams' Message

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

We are incredibly fortunate to have Maree from Swim Magic Swim School supporting our swimming programme this term. Funded by Water Safety New Zealand, this initiative places a strong emphasis on developing essential water safety skills. It has been fantastic to see the growing confidence in our tamariki as they build both competence and self-belief in the water.

Thank you to everyone who attended Monday's PTA hui. The PTA plays a vital role in strengthening the partnership between our kura and whānau, and their work makes a real difference for our learners. We are very grateful to Sonia (Chair) and Anna (Treasurer) for their commitment and service. As they step down from their roles, we encourage anyone interested in contributing to our school community to consider putting themselves forward at next month's AGM. Fresh voices and shared leadership help us continue to grow strong together.

There is a real buzz around school as we look ahead to next week's Growers Festival. Classes have been busy designing and preparing their displays, and we are excited to share this learning with you. Please take a moment to read the important information included so you can make the most of the evening.

Congratulations to our Totara students who received Respect badges at this week's assembly. These tamariki consistently demonstrate our RICH value of Respect through their actions, words, and the way they care for others and our environment. We are proud of the example they set for us all.

**TEACHER  
ONLY  
DAY**

SAVE THE  
DATE

**27**

FRIDAY  
MARCH  
2026

TEACHER ONLY DAY  
TO ALLOW ALL OUR STAFF TO ATTEND  
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY -  
JASE WILLIAMS- EMOTIONAL  
REGULATION

Thanks for your amazing raffle donations so far, its not to late to contribute, money raised at our Growers Festival, will be going towards new learning support programmes for our learners.



We are also looking for vege and fruit donations from local growers for our Veggie Stall, if you can help, please contact Niru in the office.

## RAFFLE DONATIONS

Can you help??

We are looking for some yummy non-perishable food items to make grocery hampers to raffle at our Growers Festival.

Please drop donations outside the office between 8.30-9 am  
From Mon 9th-Tue 17th, earn whānau points for every donation!



THANK YOU!

PUKEKOHE HILL



## BEFORE SCHOOL RULES

- NO students on site before 8am
- Students to stay in the central courtyard area from 8am until the 8:30 bell.
- Juniors to wait on the junior turf area.
- Breakfast Club runs from 8am until 8:30 every morning in the Hauora Room. All welcome.
- Playgrounds are out bounds before school

THANK YOU FOR HELPING  
KEEP OUR TAMARIKI SAFE



Term 1

Lunch ordering!

Every Wednesday-  
New World



Every Friday-  
Sushi



Pizza Days-  
Thursday- 12th Feb  
Thursday- 12th March



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# Can your business HELP?

WE ARE LOOKING FOR SPONSORSHIP TO HELP FUND THE PURCHASE OF SOME EPRO8 KITS.

Your business text

THE EPRO8 CHALLENGE IS A SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING COMPETITION FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

PUKEKOHE HILL WOULD LOVE TO BUY OUR OWN KITS TO ALLOW OUR STUDENTS EXPOSURE TO THIS LEARNING.

Each kit is \$1,590  
Business will be given exposure though our newsletter.



## NEW Lunch Option Term 1!

Order NOW or by 9am Wed



Wednesdays -  
New World Pukekohe  
Bakery!



Croissants, wraps, muffins, hot lunches, pizza breads, sandwiches and more!

Register and Order at:  
[www.dollarforschools.co.nz](http://www.dollarforschools.co.nz)



## ENVIRO TEAM NEWS

### WHAT TO DO IN FEBRUARY

February is often the best month of summer. The hotter, more settled weather perfectly coincides with the kids going back to school. At this stage of summer, the garden can seem tired after months of blooming, producing and coping with the dry conditions. To ensure plants continue to flourish right to the end of the season, make a conscious effort to get into the garden to nurse it through to autumn. Increase your vigilance for any problems and tackle them straight away.

#### Fruit Trees and Berries

- Ripe fruit should come off the tree with hardly any effort. If in doubt, pick one and taste-test it.
- Gather up any fallen fruit to break the life cycle of pests and diseases.
- Keep up codling moth trap monitoring in apple trees.
- If too many fruit are weighing down branches, lighten the load by removing some of the fruit, to prevent the branch breaking off.
- For a super-juicy harvest, make sure fruiting trees, shrubs and plants get plenty of water.
- Use netting to protect your ripening fruit from birds. Ensure it's stretched tight to prevent birds getting tangled up in it; check netting regularly.
- Once stonefruit has finished, you can give trees their annual prune.
- Citrus are hungry trees. Apply a citrus fertiliser under the tree, out as far as the drip line and water it in.
- Scale insects can be a challenge for citrus, as well as roses. Use Yates Natures Way Citrus, Vegie & Ornamental Spray to control scale.

<https://www.yates.co.nz/>

**FREE  
ENTRY**

**BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!**

**PUKEKOHE HILL SCHOOL**

# **Growers Festival**

**5PM  
-7PM**

**THURSDAY  
19TH FEB**

**GROWING GREAT PEOPLE,  
TOGETHER!**

- CLASSROOMS OPEN 5-6PM**
- VEGE STALL- EFTPOS AVAILABLE NO PAYWAVE**
- TOASTED SANDWICHES- \$5.00 CASH**
- FACEPAINTING - \$2.00 CASH**
- AWESOME RAFFLES!**
- SAUSAGE SIZZLE - \$2.00 CASH**
- STUDENT WERO (CHALLENGE)**
- STUDENT DISPLAYS**
- FOOD TRUCKS!**
- SECONDHAND BOOKS ETC**

*Bring your cash, your whanau, and a picnic blanket and join us for a fun filled evening.*

# Carparking and road safety

The parking around our school has long been a concern, but it is continuing to escalate. We understand the roadworks have made things more challenging than usual, but there are still safe and legal options that people can use. Please help us keep our children safe and follow the road and parking laws.

- All children should be crossing at the patrolled crossings, we have had some near misses with children running through traffic.
- Parents and caregivers need to be parking legally, this includes not stopping or waiting on the double yellow lines. This is especially crucial around the patrolled crossing. Cars stopped on the yellow line reduces the visibility and put our patrollers at risk. This needs to stop.
- Do not park or stop over neighbour driveways



SAFETY  
FIRST

Parking is always available in the Indian Hall carpark in the afternoon, please utilize this. Children can safely cross at the crossing at walk to meet you there.

NZ Police and Auckland Transport have been notified and will be monitoring at busy times.



# KIDS JUMP ROPE CLASS



With NZ Jump Roper, Sacha Skips

**SUNDAY 22 FEB, 11AM-12PM**

Ages: 5-13 years  
Pukekohe East Community Hall  
232 Pukekohe East Rd.

Come try a taster class. If there is enough interest, classes will run weekly during school terms.

No experience necessary.  
Ropes provided.  
Please wear shoes.

Contact:  
sachaskips@gmail.com  
www.sachaskips.com

\$5 a session  
or FREE for  
Skipping NZ  
Members



# Community News

## Pukekohe Hill Netball Club



## REGISTER FOR 2026

Trials 12 February  
Pukekohe Netball Centre  
5.00pm on Courts 5 and 6

**YEARS 5&6**

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/hillnetballclub/2026-player-registration/2026>

## Franklin United FC Community Schools Program

Hill School

Dates: 20/2/26 to 27/3/26

Time: 12.50-1.20pm

Cost: \$36

What will they learn

- Individual ball mastery
- Learning to juggle
- technique on passing and dribbling
- fun small-sided games

Register - <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/499860>

Want to know more about us visit our website at <https://www.franklinunited.nz/>



# BHANGRA & BOLLYWOOD CLASSES

Franklin Indian Cultural Club

Get ready to move and groove - punjabi style!

Saturday mornings!  
31st Jan Onwards

Bollywood  
9.45 - 10.30am

Kids Bhangra  
10:30-11:15am  
(Kids)

11:30-12:30pm  
(Adults)

For more info, call  
Coach Arsh  
021 164 1674



Venue:

Pukekohe Intermediate  
44 Queen Street (Gate 3)  
Pukekohe

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## PUKEKOHE RUGBY Est 1956

# QUIZ!

Don't miss our Quiz Night fundraising for Junior Rugby Fees!  
Come on and show your knowledge with your friends.

Table Register \$250, 6 people max  
Book a table now!

Raffles available  
Pre-order Food Platters

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026 | Door Open At 5:30pm  
6:30pm

RSVP SHIVANA@PUKEKOHERUGBY.CO.NZ

**MORE THAN JUST AFTER SCHOOL CARE!**  
KAS IS A COOL PLACE TO HANG OUT...  
MAKE NEW FRIENDS & JUST HAVE FUN!!

**BEFORE SCHOOL | AFTER SCHOOL | HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES**  
[WWW.KIDSAFTERSCHOOL.CO.NZ](http://WWW.KIDSAFTERSCHOOL.CO.NZ)

**Kids' Beats GROUP**

# DRUMLINE & BUCKET DRUMMING LESSONS

DURING SCHOOL AND AFTER SCHOOL  
**AGES 7-12**

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