

NEWSLETTER



SAVE THE DATE

Next week:

Week 9- 23-27th March

Tuesday- Board Hui

Friday- Teacher Only Day

Week 10- 30-3rd April

Monday- PTA AGM/Meeting 7pm

Thursday - Easter Hunt!

Friday- 3rd April- Good Friday

**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

Mr Williams' Message

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

A huge thank you to our Year 5 & 6 Totara team for their hard work and commitment during camp this week. Camp is always an incredibly busy and fun experience, creating lasting memories for our tamariki for many years to come. It was fantastic to see the genuine joy on students' faces as they challenged themselves. Whether it was taking on the zip line or having a go on the trolleys. While holding a camp is a huge financial cost for our school, these moments of courage and achievement are what camp is all about.

We are also very fortunate to have such a strong group of parent helpers who give their time and show care for all of our tamariki. Thank you for the commitment you made to making the time to support this event. School camps wouldn't be possible without your help.

It has been fantastic to see the wide range of learning experiences our tamariki are engaging in as part of our Tūrangawaewae concept. This learning is all about strengthening each child's sense of belonging, while helping us better understand who they are as people and as learners. Our kaiako have shown great creativity in how they have brought this concept to life within their programmes. This is clearly reflected in the rich learning experiences taking place in classrooms, as well as in the thoughtful and meaningful ways student learning has been shared and displayed.

A reminder that school will be closed next Friday (27th March) for a teacher-only day to allow all our staff to attend professional development.



WE'VE HAD A MITEY FUN DAY, DANCING, COLOURING, BAKING, FACE PAINTING AND DRESSING UP.



THANK YOU FOR HELPING US RAISE FUNDS FOR MITEY!



TURANGAWAEWAE

This term, our Junior School tamariki have been learning about belonging and how we can make connections to our whānau, school and community.



ROOM 7

Chloe W in Room 7 is learning to introduce herself in Te Reo Māori, "Ko Chloe toku ingoa."

TURANGAWAEWAE

The tamariki have been exploring questions such as: Who are the people that are special to me and why? What places are special to me and why?

ROOM 10

Mackenzie from Room 10 says that Mangakino is a special place to her and her whānau.



ROOM 8

Rion from Room 8 says that his family help him feel like he belongs, they help him get ready for school.



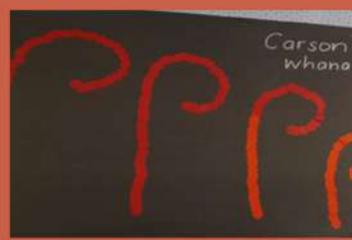
ROOM 11

Eilish from Room 11 says that her mum and dad are special to her because they protect her, they help her feel safe.



ROOM 9

Arthur in Room 9 says that his artwork helps him to belong in his classroom.



ROOM 13

Dhāniya in Room 13 has been learning to introduce herself in Te Reo Māori, "Ko Dhāniya toku ingoa"

OUR TEACHERS AND FRIENDS SHOW CARE, SUPPORT, AND KINDNESS, HELPING US FEEL SAFE, VALUED, AND CONNECTED IN OUR CLASSROOM COMMUNITY.

THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SPECIAL TO US AT HOME AND SCHOOL HELP US FEEL A STRONG SENSE OF BELONGING.

TURANGAWAEWAE

We have also been learning about stories from Aotearoa, including local traditions such as 'Te Kumete Kai', helping students connect to the history and stories of our land.

ROOM 2

Zach from Room 2 says that his friends and teachers at Hill School help him feel like he belongs.



ROOM 3

Tate in Room 3 says that he's discovered that Pukekohe is a good place to grow delicious vegetables and Hudson feels safe at Hill School.



ROOM 4

Bellamy from Room 4 says Pukekohe is a special place because it's the food basket of New Zealand.

ENVIRO TEAM NEWS

WHAT TO DO IN MARCH

The seasons have changed once again: the first month of autumn can be a little unpredictable. In some years, the first frost strikes early; in other years the balmy warmth lingers for weeks. But whatever happens, the beginning of the month is always significantly different from its end. The arrival of chilly starts and earlier evenings mean it's time to search for long forgotten jumpers. For gardeners, there's a lot to do to transition the garden into the coming season.

Flowers Everywhere

- Refresh tired pots, containers and hanging baskets with new seasons annuals, for a cheerful pop of colour during the gloomy winter months. Visit your local garden centre to check out all the varieties available now.
- Keep deadheading blooms to encourage flowers, through to the very end of the season.
- Prepare for a vibrant spring with daffodils, tulips, ranunculus, anemone, grape hyacinth, iris, hyacinths, freesias, and crocus. Plant spring flowering bulbs directly in the ground, or into containers now. In warmer areas you may need to pre-chill your bulbs in the fridge before planting.
- Improve the overall look of the garden by gently trimming straggly growth on summer flowering perennials and shrubs.
- Don't pack away your seed sowing supplies, there are still plenty of flowers that can be started from seed for seasonal interest and colour over the coming months. Try growing alyssum, aquilegia, calendula, carnation, cineraria, cornflower, dianthus, delphinium, forget-me-not, gypsophila, hollyhock, linaria, lobelia, nigella, pansy, poppies, snaildragon, sweet William, and stock.
- Celebrate St Patrick's Day on the 17th of March, with the tradition of sowing sweet pea seeds next to a sunny fence.
- Perennials can be cut back, lifted, and divided now to revive overcrowded plants and replant sections instantly. Leave cutting back until late winter if the plants have decorative seed heads, or they support wildlife over winter.
- Increase the abundance of plants in your garden for free by taking cuttings. Perennials like geraniums, lavender, penstemon, rosemary and verberna will strike easily at this time of year.
- Try your hand at taking leaf cuttings of African violets and begonias with Yates Black Magic Seed Raising Mix.
- If your soil gets soggy, lift gladioli bulbs and dahlia tubers once they finish flowering and store in a cool, dry place.

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THE PLACES THAT ARE SPECIAL TO US HELP US FEEL CONNECTED. THEY MAKE US FEEL COMFORTABLE AND SAFE, AND REMIND US OF WHERE WE BELONG.

Community News

Pukekohe Hill Teacher Only Day
March 27th 2026

KAS
KIDS AFTER SCHOOL

Mexican Fiesta

KAS Pukekohe Hill
Wear your sombrero and join us for a Mexican Fiesta Day inspired by the vibrant culture of Mexico!
Enjoy NACHOS, music, crafts and games.

To Book head to: www.kidsafterschool.co.nz

Kids' Beats
GROUP

DRUMLINE & BUCKET DRUMMING LESSONS

DURING SCHOOL AND AFTER SCHOOL

AGES 7-12

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Autumn 2026 Holiday Programme

KAS
KIDS AFTER SCHOOL

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Based at Pukekohe Hill School

12 Green Lane, Pukekohe
Programme: 027 6943011

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Office: 09 236 4078 www.kidsafterschool.co.nz

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<p>Tuesday 7 April WE ARE GIANTS! FE FI FO FUM Go big or go home! GIANT games, GIANT laughs & GIANT Fun!</p> <p>\$39</p>	<p>Wednesday 8 April THE BIG APPLE Think apple pies, King Kong, New York & Baseball! Take a bite out of the Big Apple!</p> <p>\$39</p>	<p>Thursday 9 April HANDS ON CREATURES Creepy, crawly, amazing & totally awesome visitors today! #s are limited so get in quick! Once full everyone else is off to Ten Pin Bowling in Pukekohe.</p> <p>\$55</p>	<p>Friday 10 April FANTASY FUN DAY UNLEASH your inner beast or princess & step into the magical world of Disney. Get crafty, taste tasty food & gear up for the Disney storm!</p> <p>\$39</p>	<p>Monday 13 April RUN AWAY TO THE CIRCUS Step right up! Circus skills, dress ups, acting out and all round crazy fun to kick off the week</p> <p>\$39</p>
<p>Tuesday 14 April THE IRON YARD Come join us as we check out Pukekohe's newest golf venue! Real golf experience and mini golf fun</p> <p>\$65</p>	<p>Wednesday 15 April SUPERHEROES Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No it's all our KAS kids in action! Come dressed up as a superhero for a day full of SUPER fun!</p> <p>\$39</p>	<p>Thursday 16 April MOVIE MAGIC & VIRTUAL WORLDS 5-7 year olds are off to the MOVIES to watch Hoppers while our 8+ go next level with VIRTUAL REALITY MIND BLOWING FUN! Limited spaces so get in quick!</p> <p>MOVIES 5-7 \$65 8+ VR \$60</p>	<p>Friday 17 April LET'S GET PHYSICAL GO! GO! GO! Obstacle courses, team games, mini sports zones - Big energy, big fun & all day action!</p> <p>\$39</p>	

MSD SOCIAL
SECTOR LEVEL 3
ACCREDITATION

PRICES LISTED ABOVE ARE FOR OUR MAIN PROGRAMME 8AM TO 3PM HOWEVER WE ARE OPEN FROM 7AM TO 6PM EVERYDAY! FOR FULL DETAILS OF ALL AVAILABLE SESSIONS, PRICES & TO BOOK PLEASE GO TO WWW.KIDSAFTERSCHOOL.CO.NZ OR CALL THE KAS OFFICE ON 09 236 4078

IF SPACES ARE FULL
ALTERNATIVE
ACTIVITY
OPTION WILL
SHOW @ TIME
OF BOOKING

IN THE EVENT OF WEATHER DISRUPTION OR CIRCUMSTANCES OUTSIDE OF KAS CONTROL SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES MAY CHANGE & CHILDREN MAY BE TRANSPORTED TO OTHER KAS PROGRAMMES