

# NEWSLETTER



## SAVE THE DATE

*Next week:*

**Week 10- 30-3<sup>rd</sup> April**

Monday- PTA AGM/Meeting 7pm

Wednesday- Lunch with the Principal

Thursday - Easter Hunt!

Friday- 3<sup>rd</sup> April- Good Friday-  
School Closed

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!**

**3 April-19 April**

## TERM 2

**Week 1- 20-24<sup>th</sup> April**

Tuesday-Friday - Stardome Trips!

Friday- 24<sup>th</sup> -Franklin Orienteering

**Week 2- 27-1<sup>st</sup> May**

Monday- ANZAC DAY

## Mr Williams' Message

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

It is hard to believe that the end of the term is nearly here. It has been a busy start to the year with lots of great learning and activities.

One of our key strategic goals this year is to strengthen emotional regulation across our kura. Our aim is to build a shared understanding of strategies that support our tamariki to recognise, manage, and respond to their emotions in positive and healthy ways. We are really looking forward to learning alongside Jase Williams tomorrow. Jase is an experienced educator, facilitator, and author who works in the areas of trauma-informed practice, relational neuroscience, and mātauranga Māori. His approach strongly aligns with our focus on relationships, understanding behaviour, and supporting the wellbeing of every learner. This is an exciting step in growing our collective capability as a staff, so we can continue to support our tamariki to thrive both in their learning and in their hauora.

School attendance is a huge focus for all schools. Schools have been tasked with lifting attendance rates. The Government's target is for 80% of students to attend regularly, that is, to attend school more than 90% of the time. Our attendance rate for Term 1 currently sits at **78%**. Attendance records for Term 1 will be emailed out during the next week. The purpose is to share what your child's attendance level is currently at.

Congratulations to those students awarded the Learner of the Term awards and Manaakitanga Cup recipients . You are amazing role models for others. Ka mau te wehi!

# Bayleys Learners of the Term!

**Congratulations  
Rocco Heihei,  
Charlize King,  
Hendrix  
Barracough**

**Thanks to Sandeep  
from Bayleys for  
the donation of  
vouchers for these  
students**



# Kindness Cup Awards!



**Congratulations  
Maddi McIntosh,  
Brendon Lum,  
John Vavia  
Tekotia!**

## PTA AGM

The AGM for the Pukekohe Hill School PTA will be held on Monday 30th March at 7pm in the staffroom immediately followed by the March Committee meeting. All welcome!



Join us and be part of our PTA  
- BE INVOLVED A LITTLE OR HELP  
A LOT, IT'S UP TO YOU!

*Raise money to improve  
our school*

*Meet new people*

*Plan fun events*

*Be part of your child's  
school experience*

MEETING DATES  
ADVERTISED IN THE  
SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Please help us to keep  
our records up to  
date!

If any of your details  
have changed, or you  
are unsure if we have  
up to date info,  
please contact us at  
the Office!

**NEW  
PHONE  
NUMBER???**

admin@pukekohehill.school.nz

Phone: 09 2386374

## 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.



#### Veggie Garden Tasks

- Take advantage of the residual warmth of early autumn to help new plants establish before the chilly weather slows down their growth. Seeds for carrots, parsnips, radishes, lettuce, spinach, silverbeet, beetroot, broad beans, leeks, peas, spring onions, swedes and turnips can all be started directly into the garden.
- Brassica seed can be started in seed trays and need to be kept moist at all times and protected from the Cabbage White Butterfly.
- Rejuvenate tired soil by adding compost, well-rotted manure, seaweed, or other organic materials, to give the microbial communities in the soil plenty of time to break it down - ready for the new growing season.
- As crops come to an end, fill gaps with a green manure cover crop like lupins, oats, or mustard. Before they flower, chop them down and dig them into the soil to replenish nutrients and improve soil structure.
- Keep up a regular watering and feeding routine, to keep your vegetable patch healthy and thriving.
- Perennial herbs including chives, thyme, oregano, and mint can be divided now, to revitalise tired plants.
- Move herbs in pots to a sheltered spot to extend their season. It'll also improve access in the cold rainy days ahead.
- Once kumara leaves start to go yellow, they can be dug up. Keep them in a warm, sunny spot for a week to cure the skins, to ready them for storage.
- Harvest pumpkins when the leaves die off and the stalk is woody. To prepare them for storage, leave them in a sunny place for their skins to harden.

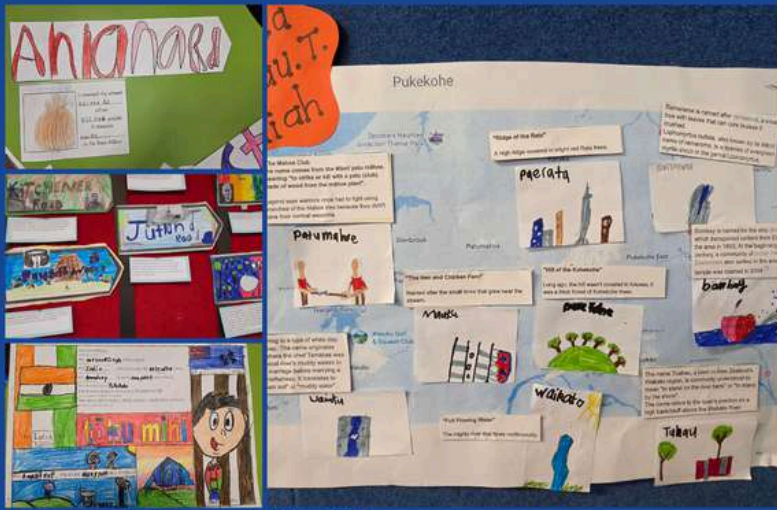
<https://www.yates.co.nz/>

## Year 5/6 Camp Donations – Still Time to Contribute

Students, teachers and parent helpers had a fantastic time at camp last week, creating lasting memories while building confidence, independence, and friendships.

Thank you to the families who have already contributed – your support makes a real difference. Camp is a valuable experience, but it does come with significant costs.

If you are able to make a donation, we would greatly appreciate it. All contributions, big or small, help us continue to offer these opportunities. Donations can be made via Kindo or at the school office. Donations are eligible for a 30% tax credit through the IRD, and receipts can be downloaded from Kindo. Thank you for your ongoing support.



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KAURI YEAR 3/4



# Community News

**CHARITY FUNDRAISER**

# GARAGE SALE

**THE BUCKET HAT FOUNDATION**  
In Loving Memory of Brennan Miller

- BRANDED CLOTHING
- SHOES & BAGS
- FURNITURE & HOME GOODS
- JEWELLERY & FORMAL WEAR
- SPORTS EQUIPMENT
- BEDDING & GARDEN POTS

**SILENT AUCTION: BRAND NEW SNOWBOARD!**

**RAFFLES GALORE!**

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE!**

**PUKEKOHE HILL SCHOOL HALL**  
29TH MARCH - STARTS 10:00AM

 Supporting Adolescents and Young Adults with Cancer

**The Bucket Hat FOUNDATION**

## Autumn 2026 Holiday Programme

# KIDS AFTER SCHOOL

Based at Pukekohe Hill School

12 Green Lane, Pukekohe  
Programme: 027 6943011  
WINZ SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE FOR ELIGIBLE FAMILIES  
Office: 09 236 4078 [www.kidsafterschool.co.nz](http://www.kidsafterschool.co.nz)

Click the **BOOK NOW** button on our website [www.kidsafterschool.co.nz](http://www.kidsafterschool.co.nz)

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

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](http://WWW.KIDSAFTERSCHOOL.CO.NZ) OR CALL THE KAS OFFICE ON 09 236 4078

MSD SOCIAL SECTOR LEVEL 3 ACCREDITATION

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

  
**Kids' Beats GROUP**

# DRUMLINE & BUCKET DRUMMING LESSONS

DURING SCHOOL AND AFTER SCHOOL

## AGES 7-12

EMAIL  
[ADMIN@KIDSBEATS.CO](mailto:ADMIN@KIDSBEATS.CO)  
FOR MORE INFORMATION

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

## Jutland Road Wastewater Upgrade Project

From Thursday 2 April 2026, our team will be undertaking pipeline and manhole installation works at the Queen Street roundabout. Works in this area are expected to take approximately three weeks to complete.

During this time, the current traffic management plan on Ward Street will remain in place, with the westbound lane closed. To allow our team to safely work within the Queen Street roundabout, and maintain restricted vehicle access, an additional staged traffic management plan will be in place.

Stage 1 of the roundabout traffic management plan will begin on Thursday 2 April. Please see the map below for more information. Once the work in the green section is complete, we will move to stage 2 of the traffic management plan, shown on page 2.

### Stage 1 traffic management plan



## Stage 2 traffic management plan



During this period, you may notice changes such as:

- Stop/go traffic management
- One way traffic diversions
- Reduced street parking
- Reduced speed limits, and
- Resident only access areas.

All changed to traffic management will be clearly signposted. To keep everyone safe, please follow the signage and the instructions of our traffic management staff.

As we move along the route, private property access may be impacted. We will work directly with any affected residents.

Please put your rubbish bins out as normal, we will move them if needed.

### Contact us

To talk to someone on site, please contact our contractors Stakeholder Manager, Kristine Dungan, on 022 436 0219 or [KDunigan@abergeldie.com](mailto:KDunigan@abergeldie.com)

For more information about the project, please email us at [Pukekohe@water.co.nz](mailto:Pukekohe@water.co.nz)