



SAVE THE DATE

Week 2- 27-1st May

Monday- ANZAC DAY- School closed

Week 3- 4th-8th May

Monday- PTA Hui 7.00
Thursday- School closes 1.30-
Student Led Conferences

Week 4- 11th-15th May

Tuesday- PTA cookie Day
Wednesday- Y3/4 Football
Thursday- Y5/6 Football

Week 5- 18th-22nd May

Thursday- Class Photos and
Student Photos

Mr Williams' Message

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

Welcome back to Term 2. It's great to see our kura buzzing again, with tamariki settled, connected, and ready for another term of learning.

Our concept this term is Earth & Space. A real highlight has been our visits to the Stardome Observatory & Planetarium, where students experienced an engaging introduction to the wonders of the solar system. These sessions have sparked curiosity and rich conversations back in the classroom, and it has been fantastic to hear students confidently sharing their prior knowledge and asking thoughtful questions. A big thank you to the many whānau who supported these trips. Your help makes these opportunities possible.

A reminder that Student Conferences will be held on Thursday, 7th May. School will close at 12:30pm to allow conferences to begin at 1:00pm. Please use the booking link in this newsletter to secure a time.

We also extend a warm welcome to Mrs Tracey Benjamin, who has joined our teaching team as the Room 6 classroom teacher. We are fortunate to have such an experienced and positive educator supporting our newest learners.

As we mark ANZAC Day, we are reminded of the importance of supporting one another and showing care in our everyday actions. We also acknowledge and thank those in our community who serve us each day, our Police, Fire and Emergency, and Ambulance services. We are grateful for their commitment to keeping us safe.
Ngā mihi nui.

Student Conferences:

Week 3 - 7th May

School Closes at 12.30 to allow this important opportunity for students to share their learning with you!

Please book a 10 min slot, remembering to leave a break between bookings if you have multiple children.

KAS will open early for those needing care.

Use this booking link

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/vcvtp>

Use this QR code :



Carparking:

Reminder- NO parking or drop off is available in either of the carparks on Green Lane. These are only for staff and parkside taxi drop offs.

New fencing:

The entry gates are latched at the top, but not locked. However they must be closed behind you. Help us keep our tamariki safe!

PTA Cookie Fundraiser

The PTA are running a lunchtime cookie fundraiser on Tuesday 12th May. Orders are only available through Kindo and close on Sunday 10th May at 5pm. Limited stock so get in quick to secure your preferred flavour!



PTA FUNDRAISER
Delicious Cookies
Tuesday 12th May
Limited Numbers Available
Order via Kindo before
Sunday 10th May at 5pm
\$2.50 each

DOUBLE CHOC CHIP **CHOCOLATE CHIP** **M & M**



ENVIRO NEWS



WHAT TO DO IN APRIL



- As your plants slow down, it's a great time to start a landscape project. Got a small job to fix something? Get into it before the weather turns. Even if you're planning a major overhaul, this month is ideal - it's not too hot to dig, and the soil won't be rock-solid.
- Before the weather turns unpleasant, make time for a backyard clean up. Store away summer furniture to help it last longer, give fences, paths, and pots a scrub, sort out the shed, and clean and sharpen your tools.
- Watch the weather forecast to gauge the risk of frost - make a plan to protect your tender plants.
- The weeds will begin to take advantage of the cooler, damper environment. Take care of them now before they get a chance to establish, as they'll be more difficult to remove by spring.
- Warm, damp autumnal conditions are ideal for slugs and snails. Take precautions to protect your seedlings and plants. Lightly scattering bait around each plant (following the directions on the box) will keep precious plants safe.
- Wait for a decent downpour that penetrates deep into the earth, then apply mulch to lock out weeds and insulate the soil from the winter chill.
- Avoid placing mulch so that it's touching tree trunks; leave an air gap between mulch and trunk to discourage diseases.
- An organic mulch will break down over time, improving the soil consistency and rejuvenating the microbial soil communities.
- Give wildlife a helping hand by setting up bird feeders, and leave some seed heads on spent plants for birds.

Trees and Shrubs

- April is the best time to decide on trees and shrubs to add to your garden for seasonal interest. Wander through your neighbourhood, local botanic gardens, and garden centres to see the magnificent autumnal colours and select your favourite.
- Planting trees and shrubs now will give them a chance to establish before growth slows in the cool of winter. Give new trees fertiliser to encourage strong growth and support stakes to prevent root rock during windy conditions. Continue to water well for the first year.
- Feed existing trees and shrubs to help them to prepare for the harsh winter conditions ahead.
- It is the last chance to prune trees and shrubs and trim hedges where any new growth would be damaged by cold weather and frost.
- As leaves begin to fall, remove them from the lawn and paths, but allow them to remain in garden beds as a mulch and safe place for wildlife to overwinter.

Community News

Mauku School is looking for local families to join our list of homestays.

Hosting an international student is a rewarding way to share our unique Kiwi culture while learning about another part of the world.

This is a fantastic opportunity to make global connections and for your family to create lifelong memories.

At this stage, it is likely that these students will be short-stay visitors, e.g. 2 or 3 weeks.

A weekly payment of \$400 is provided to the Homestay Family to cover costs.

We're holding a quick information meeting to go over what's involved, the support we provide, and how to get started.

When: Monday, 4th May

Time: 3:00 PM (approx. 30-40 mins)

Where: Mauku School Staff Room

Whether you've already expressed interest or are just curious to learn more, we'd love to see you there!

If you can't make the meeting but want more information, please feel free to send an email to the Mauku School International Student Director, Shane Keown, at shane@mauku.school.nz

"Seasons For Growth is a grief, loss and change Programme for children dealing with challenges in their lives e.g separation, divorce, death, other family changes. Our Afterschool Programme starts on Thursday 30th April 4-5pm, 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 Marisa on 021 142 5812, office (09) 238 7228, or contact me at seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz. For more info please go to www.pukekohecommunityaction.co.nz/seasons."



This program is designed with 4 levels of a combination of ability and age, to teach children the fundamental skills needed to successfully take part in basketball games, taught in a fun, relaxed environment.

Term 2 starts Monday 4th May 3:50pm - 4:45pm (each term is 7 or 8 weeks)

(sign in starts from 3:40pm)

A vertical advertisement with a dark blue background. At the top are two gold trophies and a shield logo with 'OPHC'. Below is the text '2026 Junior Hockey Season For Under 7s through to Under 13s'. A white box contains the text 'We have space available for Junior Players'. Another white box contains 'Whether its your first time playing or a returning superstar, register with us and have a go!'. At the bottom, a white box contains contact information: 'Please contact Mika on 021 0680 398 or email at onepukehockey@gmail.com'.