

NEWSLETTER



SAVE THE DATE

Week 4- 11th-15th May

Tuesday- PTA Cookie Day
Wednesday- Y3/4 Football
Thursday- Y5/6 Football
Friday- Pink Shirt Day!

Week 5- 18th-22nd May

Thursday/Friday- Class Photos
Student Photos

Week 6- 25th-29th May

Tuesday- Te Puea Day!
- Board Hui- 6pm

Week 7- 1st-5th June

Monday- Kings Birthday- School
Closed

Mr Williams' Message

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

It was amazing to see so many whānau attending our Student Conferences yesterday. We really value the opportunity to meet together and discuss the strengths, progress, and next steps for student learning. These conversations are an important part of strengthening the partnership between home and school.

As teachers would have shared, we are beginning to use new progress descriptors to explain student achievement levels. Emerging, Developing, Consolidating, Proficient, and Exceeding are the new terms schools are expected to use when reporting student progress and achievement. As with all new changes, it will take time for this language to become familiar within our kura community, and we appreciate your support as we work through this transition together.

On Wednesday, we acknowledged and celebrated students from the Tōtara team who consistently display our RICH value of Inclusion. Inclusion is about more than simply being in the same space. It is about ensuring every person feels a true sense of belonging and knows they are seen, heard, and valued for who they are. We are proud of the way our kura lives this value each day and the positive role models within our community who consistently demonstrate inclusion through their actions, words, and care for others.

Ngā mihi nui.

Photo Life – Sibling photos

PhotoLife are coming to take class, individual, and sibling photos on the 21st and 22nd of May.

All students will have class and an individual photo taken, if you would like a sibling photo, you must complete a form. Forms are available in the office.

Kiwi Assessments- Year 5 & 6 Students only:

KIWI English, Mathematics and Science competitions take place annually and are designed by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students based on the New Zealand Curriculum. For further information, please consult the CAM website www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam.

The competitions are open to all Year 5&6 students in English, Mathematics and Science. Students can enter in one or more subjects. The supervised online tests will take place in the last 3 weeks of Term 2 or the first week of Term 3 at school under exam conditions and supervision.

All participating students will receive a certificate and a prize will be awarded to the top student nationally in each competition. If two or more students share the same top score then the prize is awarded to the student with the highest speed and accuracy.

For further information and to discuss which tests might be beneficial for your student, please speak to their classroom teacher. Registrations and payments are on KINDO, Entry fee is \$9.90 per exam. Entries and payments must be in by the 14th May

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
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PINK SHIRT DAY
FRIDAY 15 MAY 2026
Wear something pink to celebrate
KINDNESS and MANAAKI for others.

It is about reducing bullying by celebrating diversity in all its forms and supporting schools, workplaces, and communities to be safe, supportive, welcoming, and inclusive.

JOIN THE PINK SHIRT DAY MOVEMENT
KŌRERO MAI, KŌRERO ATU, MAURI TŪ, MAURI ORA - SPEAK UP, STAND TOGETHER, STOP BULLYING!
FREE EVENT!

PUKEKOHE HILL

FUN 😄,
LAUGHTER 😄,
TEAM WORK,
TUAKANA
TEINA,
CHALLENGES,
PERSEVERANCE
AND INCLUSION.



ATTENTION

GATE LOCKED ANNOUNCEMENT

The Ranchod Terrace / Ramesh Place gate will now be locked daily from 3:20pm until 7:00am. This change is in response to a recent increase in vandalism, with this entrance being used to access the school after hours. After-hours access to the school grounds will remain available via the Green Lane carpark entrance.

GATE LOCKED 3:20PM-7AM



Yummy Apple Stickers!

Eat Yummy apples for your school's share of \$200,000 free sports gear. Collect the 'Yummy Stickers' and 'cut-out labels' from Yummy 1.5kg apple bags.

The more stickers you collect, the more sports gear for your school!

You can download a sticker sheet on the below link, or pop in to the office and grab one!

https://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Sticker_Collection_Sheet.pdf

We can keep collecting until end of term 3!

Once a sheet is complete, send it to the office!

ENVIRO NEWS 

WHAT TO DO IN MAY



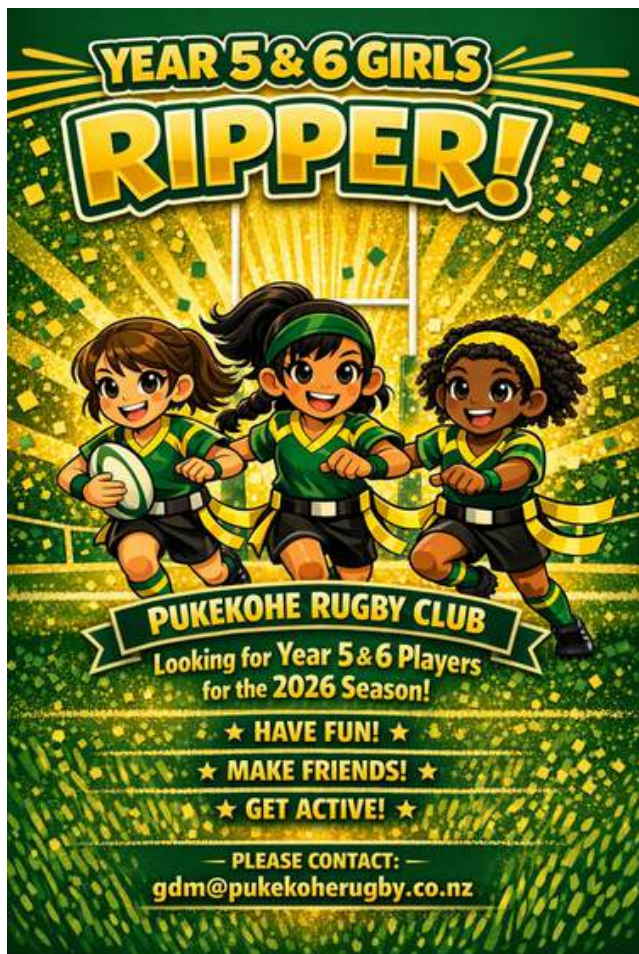
VEGE TASKS

- Last chance to sow beetroot, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, fennel, silverbeet, swede and turnips before the soil gets too cold.
- Sow onion seeds now, to be ready to plant out into the garden on the shortest day. In warmer areas, you can sow onion seed up until June, in cooler areas you can sow as late as August.
- You can start to plant out garlic this month. The earlier you start, the more you reduce the risk of rust striking before harvest. Choose the biggest outer cloves to plant out.
- It's a great time to sow broad beans. Sow them straight into the garden where you want them to grow..
- Grow a cover crop in any empty spots, to return nutrients to the soil when you dig it in as a green manure.




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Community News



**YEAR 5 & 6 GIRLS
RIPPER!**

PUKEKOHE RUGBY CLUB
Looking for Year 5 & 6 Players
for the 2026 Season!

- ★ HAVE FUN! ★
- ★ MAKE FRIENDS! ★
- ★ GET ACTIVE! ★

— PLEASE CONTACT: —
gdm@pukekoherugby.co.nz



**2026
Junior Hockey Season**
For Under 7s through to Under 13s

**We have space available for
Junior Players**

**Whether its your first time playing
or a returning superstar, register
with us and have a go!**

Please contact Mika on 021 0680 398 or email at
onepukehockey@gmail.com



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Offer valid from 11 May - 24 May 2026, in-store only and while stocks last. *Cost reflects the average cost price of the product including administration and handling costs, and does not include volume related adjustments which may apply. Some of our advertised specials may be at a lower price than this offer but you will receive the best price available on the day for the item(s) you choose. The advertised discounts are off the previous in-store ticketed price. Terms, conditions and exclusions apply. See noelleeming.co.nz/terms

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LIDDELLS PHARMACY
Your friendly family pharmacy

Hi there,

We wanted to let you know about our **strep throat swab testing service** at Liddells Pharmacy. It's a quick and easy way to help identify strep throat early and get the right treatment sooner—helping reduce the risk of complications like rheumatic fever.

How it works:

- Assessment: Our pharmacist will chat through symptoms to see if a test is needed.
- Swab: If appropriate, we'll do a quick and gentle throat swab.
- Results: Ready in just a few minutes.
- Next steps:
 - Positive result: If suitable, we may be able to provide antibiotics. Children under 12 or those with certain conditions will be referred to a doctor.
 - Negative result: We can suggest ways to manage symptoms or refer on if needed.

A couple of things to note:

- This service isn't funded.
- No booking is required.

We'd really appreciate it if you could share this with your school community to help families access quick testing when it's needed.

If you have any questions, feel free to call us on 09 238 7166 or reply to this email.

Thanks so much,
Bahareh

Pharmacist/Owner

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