

NEWSLETTER



Mr Williams' Message

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

Welcome back to Term 3! It is always wonderful to see our tamariki and whānau returning to school, reconnecting with one another and ready for another term of learning.

A special welcome to Mrs Catherine Sands and all the tamariki in Room 12, who have joined us this term. We also warmly welcome Mrs Kylie Dean, who has joined our Learning Assistant team. We are excited to have them as part of the Pukekohe Hill whānau and look forward to the contribution they will make to our school community.

It was awesome to see the significant rise in student achievement across the school last term. Our tamariki have been working hard, taking on new challenges and showing real determination to improve. These positive results reflect both their efforts and the focused teaching and support provided by our dedicated staff. We look forward to building on this momentum throughout Term 3.

Our first major school event of the term is our School Cross Country. This is always a positive occasion, with plenty of whānau support and our tamariki showing wonderful determination and perseverance. The event will be held next Friday, 31 July, with further details included in this newsletter.

Our school learning concept this term is Ecosystems. To spark curiosity and launch this learning, every class will visit the Auckland Botanic Gardens to explore and learn more about our local ecosystems. This will be a wonderful hands-on experience, giving our tamariki the opportunity to observe plants, animals and habitats and discover how living things depend on one another. We hope this experience will inspire plenty of questions, wonder and further learning throughout the term

Nga mihi nui.

Save the Date

Week 2-27th-31 July

Monday- PTA Hui 7pm

Tuesday- Board Hui

Wednesday- Hockey- Y5 & 6

Thursday- Dollar for Schools
PIZZA Day

Friday- Whole School Cross
Country - 11:00

**Teacher
Only Day**
**Monday 24th
August**



PTA Committee Meeting

Our next PTA Committee meeting will be held on Monday 27th July at 7pm in the staffroom. All welcome!

Uniform Update:

After 2.5 years, we are phasing the light blue polo shirts out. From 2027 the older light blue polo shirts will no longer be a uniform option. We appreciate there are still some families wearing these, so want to give you plenty of notice to arrange dark blue shirts for next year. They can continue to be worn through out 2026.

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WEEK 1

What is an ECOSYSTEM?

We are KĀITIĀKI of our environment

Everything is connected.

An ecosystem is a community of living things (plants, animals, fungi, insects, microorganisms) and the non-living environment (water, soil, air, sunlight, rocks) that interact as a system. When one part changes, it can affect everything else.



HOW YOU CAN HELP:

-  Take time to notice nature where you live – in your garden, local park, at the beach or on a bush walk.
-  Protect local plants and wildlife. They are all part of the ecosystem.
-  Reduce pollution – what goes into our environment affects all living things.
-  Conserve our natural resources like water, soil and air.

TRY THIS:

-  Go for a walk and find 3 living things and 3 non-living things.
-  Think about how they all work together in that place.
-  Talk about it! What would happen if one part of that ecosystem changed or disappeared?

Small actions. Big difference. Together we can protect the ecosystems we all depend on.

KO TĀTOU TE TAIAO – WE ARE ALL CONNECTED TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

CROSS COUNTRY

Friday 31st July

Cloverlea Reserve

11am-12.30

First race starts 11am, we hope to have all the races complete by 12.30

Juniors (Yr 0/1) will be the first race, then we will proceed through the year levels.

Important Reminders for Students:

- **Students to arrive at school in Whanau House Colours-No uniforms needed**
- **Bring a change of clothes for if you get muddy**
- **Must have shoes to run in**

Important Reminders for Parents

- **Please stay off the course**
- **Students need to stay in the assembly area**
- **NO student can be collected from Cloverlea Reserve**
- **School does not finish until 3pm, all students are expected to stay at school until the end of the day.**

We are after some parent helpers to be course marshalls etc on the day, if you are keen to help, please email admin@pukekohehill.school.nz



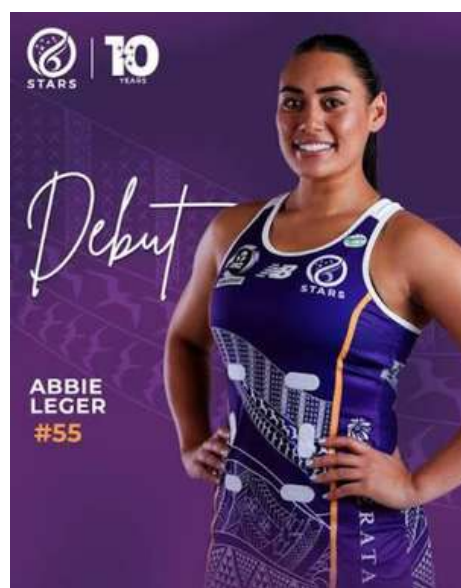
Elite Athlete Visit – Abbie Leger Inspires Our Netballers!

On Tuesday 21 July, we were incredibly fortunate to welcome Abbie Leger from the Stars Netball Team to our school.

Abbie spent the afternoon working with both our Tōtara and Kauri netball teams, sharing her knowledge, demonstrating new skills and drills, and joining the students for some exciting games. It was a fantastic opportunity for our players to learn from an elite athlete, build their confidence, and experience the enjoyment and teamwork that netball brings.

Our students showed fantastic enthusiasm, listened carefully, and gave every activity their best effort. We are extremely grateful to Abbie for giving up her time to inspire and encourage our young netballers. Opportunities like this create lasting memories and motivate our students to continue developing their skills both on and off the court.

A huge thank you, Abbie, for an unforgettable afternoon!



Community News

PUKEKOHE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

2026 Year 6 Parent Information Evening

Monday 3 August - Pukekohe Intermediate School Hall

Year 6 students & whānau, we welcome you to attend either session time, no booking required.

Session 1: 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Session 2: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm



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TERM 3 CLUB REGISTRATIONS OPEN

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2026 General Election**

- ✓ Help deliver New Zealand's biggest public event – the 2026 General Election
- ✓ We need people to work at voting places and electorate headquarters

General Election 2026 – Port Waikato – Electoral Commission



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TERM 3

FOOTBALL IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM

COST \$48

Dates:

- Year 1-3 30/07/26 to 24/09/26
- Year 4-6 31/07/26 to 25/09/26

Time: Lunch time

What will they learn:

- individual ball mastery
- learning to juggle
- techniques on passing and dribbling
- fun small-sided games

Hill School register here:

<https://www.franklinunited.nz/viewform/522076>

Valley School register here:

<https://www.franklinunited.nz/viewform/522077>

NZHL CARTERS CAMPBELL TYSON



TERM 3 PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

PDP 9-week program

Dates: 27/07/26 to 21/09/26

Venue: Drury sports complex and Bledisloe Park Pukekohe

Time: 4-5pm

Age: 6-13 open to all abilities

This program is open to all boys and girls who enjoy football, we also have a girls only program in term 3 that will be run at Bledisloe

It supports:

- Skill development
- Confidence with the ball
- Enjoyment of the game
- PDP is suitable for players showing early potential and for those who simply love playing football and want extra time on the pitch.

Cost - \$135

Register on our website at www.franklinunited.nz under Player Development programs

NZHL CARTERS CAMPBELL TYSON

It's not too late to register for our upcoming term 3 player development program. Head over to our website and get signed up now.

We are also very excited to be running our first ALL GIRLS player development program. Ran by national league footballer and Franklin United women's first team player Tiana Tielemans.

REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW!
2DEGREES GIRLS GOT GAME
STARTING WEDNESDAY 29TH JULY
FRANKLIN POOL & LEISURE, PUKEKOKHE
FREE FOR THE FIRST TWO TERMS | SIGN UP NOW BEFORE YOU MISS OUT!

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