

NEWSLETTER



Save the Date

Week 3

Gardens Trips for Y0-4

Monday 3rd- Y5/6 Boys Netball

Wednesday 5th- Y5/6 Girls
Netball

Thursday 6th- Netball Y3/4

Friday 7th- Tough Guy/Gal

Week 4

Y5&6 Gardens Trips

Monday 10th- Central Group
Cross Country

Week 5

Monday 17th- School Mathex

Tuesday 18th -Franklin Zone
Cross country

PTA Sausage Sizzle/Cookie Day

Friday 21st - Mathex Comp

**Teacher
Only Day**

**Monday 24th
August**

Mr Williams' Message

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

Wow! Our resilience and determination were certainly put to the test during today's school Cross Country. While we can control many things, the weather is definitely not one of them! Unfortunately, our junior Pōhutukawa team bore the brunt of a particularly heavy downpour. As one parent reminded us, Commonwealth Games 100m gold medallist Zoe Hobbs also won in the rain, so perhaps this was great preparation for when our tamariki compete at the Games one day!

I am incredibly proud of the way our students and staff responded to the challenging conditions. A special congratulations to every student who competed. The grit, determination and positive attitude they showed to keep going and cross the finish line were outstanding. Ka mau te wehi! Thank you to KAS for the special treat of an ice block when we returned to school.

Wednesday was Principal Appreciation Day, and I was completely blown away when I opened my office door to find it filled with 550 special messages. One from every student in our school. It was an incredibly thoughtful surprise that made me feel very lucky to be the Tumuaiki of Pukekohe Hill School. I am grateful to work in such a caring and supportive environment, which is created by everyone playing their part, our tamariki, parents, whānau, staff and wider community. Thank you all for making our school such a special place to belong.

Ooshies are certainly the big craze at the moment! A reminder that if students choose to bring Ooshies to school, they remain their responsibility. We ask that students think carefully before trading them, as we do not want valuable teaching and learning time spent resolving disputes over missing Ooshies or trades that have gone wrong.

Nga mihi nui.

Spelling Bee

This year we are offering students the opportunity to sit a spelling bee exam through Kiwi Assessments. These exams are a great way to gauge student progress against a wider body of students. They are designed for achieving excellence. They are seen as an extension exam, and as such will challenge students thinking and understanding. This are available to years 5-6 students only and are online exams. Please register your student and pay on KINDO. Entries close on Thurs 6th Aug.

Pukekohe Intermediate Informations Evening

We encourage all of the Y6 parents/caregivers who are enrolling at Pukekohe Intermediate to attend their info evening. Monday, 3 August. two sessions:

Session 1: 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Session 2: 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

If you haven't completed your Y6's enrolment forms, please do this ASAP.

Message from the PTA

Did you know that we have a Friends of the Pukekohe Hill School PTA email group? If you are keen to help out with fundraising and events but not always able to attend PTA committee meetings then we would love to have you join our Friends of the PTA email group! To join, simply email pukehillpta@gmail.com with your name and Friends of the PTA in the subject line and we will add you to the mailing list.

Thanks Finance Worx!

Big thank you to Finance Worx for the sponsorship of 1 x ePro8 kit.



B-Calm

As part of our Strategic Plan for Capable, we have created a shared consistent response to support our taura when they are dysregulated.

B – Breathe, C – Connect, A – Acknowledge, L – Look, M – Make a plan.

Last week each class talked about and or learnt a breathing strategy to support them, if they were to become dysregulated. These strategies can be used in multiple situations, throughout their lives.

Ask your child to share one breathing strategy they have learned.



How Are You Feeling Today?

In the Pōhutukawa Syndicate (Years 0–2), we use The Colour Monster to help our students identify, name, and express their emotions.

You can support this learning at home! Ask your child how they are feeling today and why by having them pick the Colour Monster that best matches their mood. It's a great way to start simple, meaningful conversations about feelings.



Hockey Success at Franklin Competition

On Wednesday 29th July, our Year 5/6 hockey teams took to the turf at the Mitre 10 MEGA Hockey Stadium in Pukekohe for the Franklin Year 5/6 Hockey Competition, run by Counties Manukau Hockey.

It was a lovely crisp winter day, and our two teams – an A Grade and a B Grade – represented our school with plenty of determination, teamwork and sportsmanship. Our B Grade team had an excellent tournament. They played four pool games, losing their first game 0–1 before bouncing back to win their next three games 1–0, 1–0 and 2–0. They conceded just one goal throughout the pool games! In the playoff for 3rd and 4th, they faced Glenbrook School and came away with a well-deserved 2–1 victory, finishing 3rd overall. The team continued to improve throughout the day and should be very proud of their efforts.

Our A Grade team had an outstanding run, winning four of their five pool games with scores of 5–0, 7–0, 1–0 and 4–0, before narrowly losing their final pool game 2–3. Their strong performance earned them a place in the 1st and 2nd playoff, where they faced Pukeoware. In a very close final, they were narrowly beaten 1–2, finishing 2nd overall. We were incredibly proud of the way both teams played, showing teamwork, resilience, determination and fair play throughout the day.

A huge thank you to our amazing parent supporters who helped in so many ways – managing teams, umpiring, encouraging, supporting, coaching and transporting our players. Your involvement made such a difference and was very much appreciated.

Well done to all our hockey players – what a fantastic day!



Cross Country Results 2026



Boys:	1st	2nd	3rd
Year 1	Rion - 8	Carson - 13	Zen - 8
Year 2	Hadley - 4	David - 4	Hudson - 3
Year 3	Jack - 21	Isaac - 25	Ashton - 30
Year 4	Victor - 23	Shay - 23	Braxton - 20
Year 5	Levi - 16	Kobe - 17	Carter - 30
Year 6	Sam - 19	Harvey -16	Nathan - 18

Girls	1st	2nd	3rd
Year 1	Naia - 8	Lulu - 10	Christina - 6
Year 2	Phoebe - 3	Skylar - 4	Jordyn - 3
Year 3	Chloe - 21	Jaelynn-Lee - 21	Jayla - 25
Year 4	Emma - 23	Eleanor - 26	Maisie - 23
Year 5	Star - 14	Karisha -17	Isabelle - 30
Year 6	Ferryn - 19	Haeleigh -18	Bianca -16



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

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>

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Job Opportunities

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

The Incredible Years



This **FREE** 14 session programme for parents of children aged 3-8 years will increase your confidence as a parent/caregiver. You will learn ways to:

- Build healthy parent – child relationships
- Encourage positive behaviour
- Decrease negative behaviour

PUKEKOHE

Programme 1 Thursday, 6th August 9.30am – 12pm

Programme 2 Thursday 6th August 6.00pm – 8.30pm

To register, contact Hepi to add your name to the list or jump on our website and register.

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