

NEWSLETTER



Save the Date

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,

Some beautiful frosty mornings this week have created plenty of discussion and excitement amongst our tamariki. It has been wonderful to see them arrive at school talking about the frost and white winter weather. The sunny days that have followed have also made our school trips and netball tournaments more enjoyable.

Congratulations to all of our Year 3–6 netball teams who competed in the Franklin Schools Tournament. Our teams represented Pukekohe Hill with pride, showing excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout the day. Several of our teams won their sections, which is a fantastic achievement. A special mention goes to our Year 5 & 6 girls' team, who had an outstanding tournament, conceding just five goals across the entire day. A huge thank you to the staff and whānau who coached, managed and supported our teams. We couldn't do it without you.

Our class visits to the Auckland Botanic Gardens also began this week as the hook-in experience for this term's concept, Eco Systems. It has been fantastic to see the excitement, curiosity and new knowledge our tamariki have gained through these hands-on learning experiences. A sincere thank you to all of our whānau who volunteered their time to support these trips. Opportunities like these simply wouldn't be possible without your generosity. We look forward to our senior classes enjoying their visits next week.

Finally, a huge thank you to Brad from Finance Worx for his very generous donation towards the purchase of a new EPro8 engineering kit for our school. This has already been put to great use by our senior classes, providing hands-on opportunities for our tamariki to develop their science, engineering and problem-solving skills. We are incredibly grateful for the support of local businesses like Finance Worx.

Nga mihi nui.



Franklin Year 5 & 6 Boys' Netball Tournament

Our school proudly took part in the Franklin Year 5 & 6 Netball Tournament on Monday, entering both an A and a B team. Our B team worked hard all day, improving with every game despite the challenge of playing without any specialist shooters. Their teamwork and determination saw them win two games and enjoy a fantastic day of netball.

Our A team had an outstanding tournament, winning all of their pool games before meeting Pukekohe East School in the grand final. In a closely contested match, our team came away with a 12–10 victory to become Franklin Champions. Accurate shooting, energetic play through the mid-court, and a strong defensive presence proved to be the winning combination. Congratulations to all of our players for the way they represented our school with teamwork, determination and great sportsmanship.

A special thank you to all the parents, friends and grandparents who braved the freezing winter conditions to cheer on and support our teams throughout the day. Your encouragement from the sidelines was greatly appreciated and helped make the day such a success.



Franklin Y5 & 6 Girls' Netball

On Wednesday, Pukekohe Hill had 29 girls represent our school in the Franklin Netball Tournament. It was a very cold morning, but luckily the sun was shining and so were the girl's faces by the end of the day. They had an amazing day with so much skill, sportsmanship and effort on display.

The Girls A team played 7 games in the pool play and won all 7, meaning they made it through to the final! It was a hard fought game against Pukekohe North but they triumphed 9-5, which means we are Girls Champions for the second year in a row!

The Girls Blue team played 8 games in their B grade section and won all of them! They scored a whopping 118 goals and only let in 5!

The Girls Green team were also in the B grade and played 8 games in their section, winning 6 of them, drawing 1 and only losing 1 game all day!

Thank you to all of the parents who came and supported our teams and to India and Sophie for their awesome umpiring all day long.





ADOPT A PARK PUKEKOHE HILL RESERVE

Pukekohekohe "Hill of Kohekohe"

The Pukekohe Enviro Team has proudly adopted Pukekohe Hill Reserve and will take on the role of kaitiaki, caring for and protecting this special place. This week, the team visited the reserve and met with the Adopt a Park team, who guided them around and shared their knowledge. During the visit, students began generating thoughtful ideas about how they can help look after and enhance Pukekohe Hill for our community.





2021 OUT OF ZONE BALLOT NOW OPEN!

An out of zone ballot is now open with **20** spaces for **Year 0/1** learners (those turning 5 and starting school in 2027) and **10** spaces for **Year 3** learners to attend Pukekohe Hill School in 2027!

To enter the ballot, please complete an online enrolment form on our website and select "Out Of Zone"
<https://www.pukekohehill.school.nz/school-info/enrolment>

Applications must be received by 14th October 2026. The ballot will be drawn on the Wednesday 21st of October 2026, all applicants will be notified of the outcome via email after this date.



Get Ready to Get Wiggly!

Build an awesome bottle top worm, smash some sour worms & enjoy a day packed with laughs and fun!

TEACHER ONLY DAY
PUKEKOHE HILL SCHOOL
Monday 24th August

Rainbow Worms!



BOTTLE CAP CREATIONS!

How long can you go....?

www.kidsafterschool.co.nz

Yummy Sports Gear

Ki ora team.

Just a quick notice to let you know that The Yummy Fruit Company gives our school sports shed equipment when we collect the stickers that come on the apples. If you have any stickers, Please donate them at the office.

This is one of the balls that we received last year.



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Please collect a sheet from the office or print it at yummyfruit.co.nz

WEEK 3

FOOD CHAINS Who eats who?

We are
KĀITIĀKI
of our
environment
♥

A food chain shows how energy moves from one living thing to another. All animals get their energy from plants or from other animals.



When plants are eaten, the energy they captured from the sun is passed on.
If one part disappears, it affects the whole chain.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:



Protect plants – they are the start of every food chain.



Avoid using pesticides that harm insects and other animals.



Grow a variety of native plants to support wildlife.

TRY THIS:



Make your own food chain using things you might find in your garden, a local park or at the beach.



If one part of the food chain disappears, what could happen?



SAUSAGE SIZZLE & COOKIE DAY!



Sausage \$2.50



M&M Cookie \$3

Sausage & Cookie
COMBO

\$5

Tuesday 18th August

Orders via Kindo only

****Orders close on Thursday 13th August at 8pm****

Community News



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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