

NEWSLETTER

Save the Date

Week 9

Monday- Y5/6 Boys
Basketball

Tuesday-Y5/6 Girls
Basketball

Thursday- Y3/4 Basketball

Friday- Lunch with the
Principal

Week 10

Tuesday-Board Hui 6pm

Friday- Term 3 Ends- 3pm



**We raised
over \$600
for Daffodil
Day!!**

Mr Williams' Message

Kia ora koutu e te whānau,

The weeks of the term are certainly flying by, and it is hard to believe that next week is already the second-to-last week of Term 3!

A real highlight this week has been our entry in the Franklin Arts Festival, which received a Gold Award!! A small but dedicated group of students and staff have been working hard during lunchtimes to create our entry, and the finished artwork is stunning. The botanical theme connects beautifully with this term's concept learning around ecosystems, while also bringing plenty of colour and brightness to the display.

A huge congratulations to Izzy Baker, whose artwork, Lost in the Flower Garden, received a Merit Award. This is a fantastic achievement and wonderful recognition of Izzy's creativity and talent. Ka rawe, Izzy! A big thank you also to Mrs Gate, Mrs Millar, Mrs McDowell and Mrs Keown who have given up their lunchtimes to support our young artists and provide them with another opportunity to shine.

We have had a number of students away with sickness recently. A reminder that it is important to let the school know each day that your child is going to be absent. Even if you have told us that your child is unwell and may be away for several days, we cannot assume that sickness is the reason for their absence on subsequent days. Please contact the school each morning your child is away so we can accurately record their absence and, most importantly, know that they are safe and accounted for. Thank you for your support with this.



COME AND CELEBRATE

Franklin Art Festival

Inspired by this term's concept, 'Living Things & Ecosystems', a selected group of learners have been working with Mrs Gates, Mrs McDowell and Mrs Millar to create a school entry for the Frankly Small Exhibition. The art displays stunning flora and fauna.

Pop along to the Franklin Arts Centre (by the library) from 11 September to see the amazing, creative display.

The artists



Franklin Arts Festival Society presents

12-26 SEPTEMBER 2026

9.30 AM - 4.30 PM

NZ STEEL GALLERY, FRANKLIN: THE CENTRE,
12 MASSEY AVE, PUKEKOHE

Frankly Small

AN ART SHOW OF SMALL WORKS

WEEK 8

Protecting our ECOSYSTEMS

We are
KĀITIĀKI of
our
environment



We all have a role to play.

Everyone can look after our environment,
from big projects to small everyday actions.

Healthy ecosystems provide clean water,
food, fresh air, jobs, recreation and
cultural connections.



HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Volunteer for local clean-ups or planting days.
- Support local environmental groups.
- Make sustainable choices at home.

TRY THIS:

- ♥ Choose one simple action you can do this week to help our environment.
- It all adds up!



KO TĀTOU TE TĀIAO - WE ARE ALL CONNECTED TO THE ENVIRONMENT.





ROOM 3

WRITING



The Bee- Written by Amaias

Today I saw a bee on a flower. I felt a ticklish touch on my shoulder, with a buzzing sound in my ear. When I turned I saw a bee. It was fluffy yellow and had a little stinger like a knife, smaller than an eye. I noticed its hive in a tree, up high in the sky. I wonder why bees even bother stinging us, when they simply die.

The Bee- Written by Amber

Today I saw a bee on a flower.

I saw a bee holding onto flowers. I heard buzzing like electrical wire. I felt a stinger bolt into my skin like an asteroid. I noticed the bee collecting pollen in the factory hive, pushed and strictly supervised. I wonder why bees make honey?

The Bee- Written by Hudson

I saw a bee. Its buzzing sound is like a chainsaw cutting down a big tree. It looked like a fluffy bomb. Its stinger is like a cannon shooting electric bombs and saws. I could die! I heard it fly away.

The Bee- Written by Leah

Today I saw a bee on a flower.

I saw the bee's stinger like a sharp dagger. The bee felt like a cotton ball. It flapped its wings and flew like a butterfly.



The Bee- Written by Lars

Today I saw a bee on a flower.

I saw a machine gobbling up nectar. The bee buzzed like a chainsaw chopping. I felt joyful and happy. I love bees! I noticed it was a little orange. It was weird. I wonder why bees need to make honey to survive and I wonder why people are scared of bees?

The Bee- Written by Rhyder

Today I saw a bee on a flower. I felt a bee sting. It felt like lightning hitting me. I saw a bee flying around and I saw its stinger. It was a black and yellow jersey. The bee flew from flower to flower to collect nectar to drink, grabbing pollen from the flower. He then flies to the next flower to drop more pollen. I wonder how much pollen a bee can carry? I heard the bee buzz.

The Daffodil- Written by Nikau

Today I saw a flower, which was a daffodil. The daffodil was like the sun setting and it was glowing like a star. I heard an echo through my ear. I felt like I was going to faint on the ground because a tiger was peeping. I noticed rain dripping on me.

The Daffodil- Written by Rhyder

Today I saw a daffodil in the garden. I saw a golden head like yellow butter. I felt the breeze. It was just the wind blowing as soft as a fairy. I noticed that the wind was calm. I wonder why the world is so still?

The Daffodil- Written by Amber

Today I saw a wonderful daffodil in the garden. I saw a waving wand sparkling in the golden shimmering sky. I heard nothing but the silence of the wind whooshing in the air. I felt the fragile petals, like golden yellow butterflies. I noticed a tinge of golden butter sparkling. I wonder why we have flowers?

The Daffodil- Written by Zharaya

Today I saw a daffodil in the garden. It was busy getting pollen. I saw a flash of colour on the flower. I heard the wind whooshing like a tsunami. I felt a bee sting. I noticed the whirly spinning.



Community News



THE 27th SUMMER SERIES 2026

COUNTIES MANUKAU ORIENTEERING

New to the sport, no worries!
All welcome, coaching available.

A fun way for all family members (young & old) to explore parks in Pukekohe.
Grab a map and walk or run the courses.
Please warn us in advance if you are bringing a large group.
Start any time between 4.30 and 6.00pm on Wednesdays.

October

14th	Rosa Birch Reserve
21st	Colin Lawrie Fields
28th	Rooseville Reserve, Totara ave

November

4th	Raceway Park
11th	Showgrounds
18th	Paerata Rise
25th	Schlaepfer Park
29th	Forest Training Day - Wauku North (10am -1pm)

PRICING

Adults	\$10
Students	\$5
Family	\$15
Group	\$50 (max 20 people)
Club Members	FREE

www.cmoc.co.nz
For Enquiries Ph. 021 891 165

Come and give it a go.

ORIENTEERING



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 again next term, 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 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.



YOUNG AT ART

CHILDREN'S SPRING HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

PUKEKOHE

BOOK NOW! PLACES LIMITED

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WWW.YOUNGATART.CO.NZ



TOTS TO TEENS

I want purple strawberries!
NAVIGATING TODDLER TANTRUMS

How to help soothe your child with 100+ solutions

November 2026
Childhood in Aotearoa



Pukekohe SOFTBALL

COME GIVE IT A GO DAY!

ALL AGES WELCOME!

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED! JUST BRING YOURSELF!

12TH SEPTEMBER

FROM 1PM

REGISTRATIONS AVAILABLE ON THE DAY!

COLIN LAWRIE FIELDS

FUN, FRIENDS & FASTPITCH! COME HAVE A GO!

BE PART OF THE PUKEKOHE SOFTBALL WHANAU!

PLAY. BELONG. THRIVE.





Touch New Zealand
"What a game!"

PUKEKOHE Junior Touch 2026

- 6 Week Module
- Starting Friday 13th November
- Friday Nights 5-6pm
- Team or Solo Entries welcome
- Year 1 - Year 8 Boys & Girls

More info email gdm@pukekoherugby.co.nz

