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Pakuranga Intermediate School NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora e te whānau,

It feels like our last newsletter went out only yesterday, but with so much happening across the school, the term is absolutely flying past. I hope everyone had a refreshing, well-deserved Labour Weekend with family and friends.

ACE: The Countdown is On

The main event on everyone's mind right now is our Arts and Cultural Extravaganza (ACE) next week. Walking past the hall during my morning rounds, I've had a front-row seat to the rehearsals. Watching the energy, pride, and polish our students are bringing to their performances is brilliant. They're putting in the hard yards, and I'm really looking forward to seeing it all come together on stage—I look forward to seeing you all there!

Language Weeks & Classroom Politics

We've continued our vibrant run of language weeks, and it's been fantastic celebrating both Niue and Tokelau Language Weeks recently. Seeing our students embrace and honour the diverse cultures within our school community remains a real highlight of our term.



— Stephen Johnston, Principal

In the classrooms, with the election on the horizon, our students have been diving deep into how our political systems work. They've been forming their own political parties, drafting manifestos, and campaigning. Some of the policy ideas and creative campaigning tactics I've overheard in the corridors have been outstanding—sharp, witty, and surprisingly pragmatic!

On that note, a friendly reminder to all eligible voters in our community to get out and cast your vote this Saturday. Our future is shaped by those who participate, so make sure your voice is heard.

Attendance: Finishing Strong

With the end of the year approaching, maintaining strong attendance remains a top priority. We need to finish 2026 strong.

Building solid, reliable attendance habits now directly sets our students up for success in 2027—especially our Year 8s as they prepare for high school. Every single day in class matters for their academic momentum and social confidence, so thank you for your ongoing push to get your kids here, on time, every morning.

See you all at ACE next week!

Ngā mihi,

Ngā manaakitanga



All Star Cheerleaders, Pakuranga, won gold at the 2026 Cheer Brandz Nationals where over 250 schools competed from New Zealand and Australia last weekend. Congratulations to Nyevero Makuchete from Room 14



















Athletics Day









Lovely students brought what they made at Food Tech to the librarian to taste.



School Calendar

11 Nov : ACE

24 Nov : Year 6 Orientation

27 Nov : Teacher Only Day





