



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora koutou,



As we come to the end of the school year, it truly feels like 2025 has flown by. It has been an incredible year at Pukeatua School – one filled with memorable moments across sport, our production, and strong progress in reading, writing, and maths for many of our tamariki, as well as the continued success of our Year 7/8 programme.

Our Year 7 and 8 programme has been a real highlight. The showcase afternoon was a fantastic celebration of all the rich, hands-on learning that has taken place throughout the year. It was wonderful to see such a strong turnout from parents across our contributing schools, and even better to hear the positive feedback from those who attended.

Over the past few weeks, teachers have been working extremely hard to complete end-of-year assessments and write student reports. These will be sent home on the final Friday of the year, which is also our School Fun Day.

I would also like to extend a sincere thank you to all of our teachers, relievers, and support staff. It has been an incredibly busy and productive year, and I deeply appreciate each person who contributes to the life of our school—whether teaching in classrooms, supporting small groups, managing finances, maintaining our gardens and grounds, organising our ever-busy calendar, or keeping the front office humming. Thank you for everything you have done.

This year we also farewell two valued members of our teaching team:

- We would like to wish Colleen Gulliver all the very best as she begins her new adventure as an RTLB. Colleen has been an important part of our kura, bringing warmth, professionalism, and genuine care to her students and colleagues. We wish her all the best, and know she will bring the same passion and expertise to her new role.
- We also extend our best wishes to Alex Kirkham as she heads into the next chapter of her journey. Thank you, Alex, for your hard work as our CRT teacher this year and for consistently going above and beyond in every aspect of your role. Your creativity, enthusiasm, and commitment have added so much to our school. We also wish you all the best for your pregnancy and look forward to meeting your baby soon.

To our Board of Trustees, thank you for your ongoing commitment throughout 2025. You have run a number of events, supported the wider school grounds, and contributed significantly behind the scenes. Your time, care, and dedication do not go unnoticed.

A huge thank you also goes to our parents and whānau. From school camps, coaching and managing sports teams, transporting students, helping at Friends of Pukeatua days, supporting school trips, and so much more—you make an enormous difference. A small school like ours simply could not offer the opportunities we do without your involvement.

And finally, to our kids—you have been amazing. You've embraced every opportunity, from classroom learning to sports, cultural events, and everything in between. Your positivity, perseverance, and enthusiasm make this kura a special place to be. Keep being incredible.

From all of us at Pukeatua School, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing everyone back, refreshed and ready for another great year, in 2026. Please look after yourselves over the break and enjoy some well-earned family time.

Nga mihi,

Dene Franklin  
PRINCIPAL



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# DOWN TO THE LAST 7 DAYS OF THE YEAR....



Just a few things to remember:

- there will be **NO BUSES RUNNING** on the last two days of school - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Parents/Caregivers will need to transport their children to and from school.
- Pool keys are for sale until Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December only
- Stationery for 2026 will be ordered in class lots and charges allocated to your child's account like last year (we are waiting on pricing from the supplier and will advise as soon as we know)
- End of Year accounts will be sent out either today or Monday. Please make every effort to clear the accounts before the end of December. If you cannot do this please contact the office to make payment arrangements.
- **DONT FORGET TO SET UP YOUR HERO APP AND LOGIN** (see QR code on next page) as from 2026 all absentees need to be reported through Hero, email to the office or phone call. **NO absentees should be sent to the teachers directly please.**



**Ruma Tahi**

**Korakonui Formal**



# IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4

## DECEMBER

8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 8 Day Board Meeting
11 <sup>th</sup>	End of Year Assembly
12 <sup>th</sup>	Fun Day Last day bus runs Reports home
15 <sup>th</sup>	NO SCHOOL BUS RUNNING NO SCHOOL BUS RUNNING
16 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day - Term 4 Ends



## PLEASE READ



In 2026 we are changing our student management service to Hero. Hero is an interactive programme that parents can download as an app on their phones. This app will be used to send important messages, newsletters, permission slips, account balances, new enrolments and more. It will take some time to get up and running properly but will eventually replace paper communications from us. It is important that you download the app when prompted otherwise you may miss important dates and information. For more information scan the qr code here.



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