PUKEATUA 2026 PRESS

20th November, Week 6, Term 4 Te Panui o te Kura #13

Message from the Principal

Kia ora koutou katoa,

What a busy and exciting term it has been at Pukeatua School!

With the end of term fast approaching, there is certainly a lot happening across our school. Our kaiako have been working hard with assessment, tracking student progress and preparing reports, ensuring we can celebrate the progress our ākonga have made.

Alongside our teaching and learning, we've had our Eastern Zone Athletics this week and have our Putāruru Athletics next week, Tuesday 24th November, providing more opportunities for our ākonga to challenge themselves, represent our school and enjoy being part of our wider school community. We have had a very full calendar of activities and events. We are looking forward to our Kapa Haka Festival trip on Wednesday, 2nd December, in Hamilton for our kapa haka group. This will be a fantastic opportunity for our students to share their talents, culture and passion with others.

Our Year 8 students are also looking forward to their trip to Rainbow's End on 1st December. This is always a special opportunity for our Year 8 students to celebrate their final year of primary school, enjoy time together and create some great memories before they head off to their next chapter.

We have also recently made some changes to our school bus run times. These changes are being trialled to reduce the amount of time students are waiting at school at the end of the day, particularly given the delays caused by the ongoing bridge construction. Thank you to our students and whānau for your patience and understanding as we work through these changes. We will continue to monitor how the new arrangements are working.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all of our parents, caregivers and whānau for the wonderful support you continue to give our school. Whether it is supporting sporting events, trips, cultural activities, school events or simply encouraging your children each day, your involvement makes a real difference.

It has been fantastic to see our Pukeatua values of Empathy, Leadership, Integrity, Passion and Excellence reflected in so many of the things our students have been involved in this term.

There is still plenty to look forward to as we head towards the close of the 2026 school year, and I am happy to be celebrating the many successes of our ākonga with you.

Ngā mihi nui,

Wayne Lunjevich
ACTING PRINCIPAL

Eastern Zone ATHLETICS 2026

Eastern Zone Athletics took place at the Te Awamutu Stadium yesterday, amongst some brilliant sunshine! It was a huge day for our tamariki (and staff too) with loads of events happening. Heres a few photos our teachers managed to snap in between their jobs on the day...



















THANK YOU to all the Farmers who support the AFFCO Cash for Schools Programme. Because of their generosity we received $254.00

2027 ENROLMENTS

Do you have a child starting school in 2027?

Please let the school know as soon as possible as we are planning our classes for 2027 now!

Thank You!





















WHEELS Day!

After the massive effort by all at athletics yesterday, and with so many tamariki away either sick, sore or with a bit of heat stroke, we decided on an easier day to finish our week! Everyone had a ball on their 'wheels', even the some who forgot were given ago on 'wheels'.



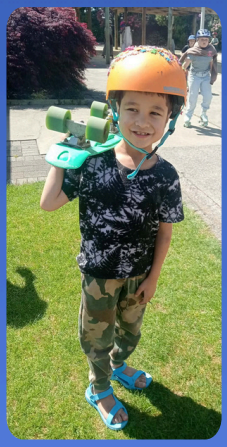






























WHEELS Day!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4

NOVEMBER

20th Wheels Day
24th Putaruru Athletics Day
26th Parent Helper Afternoon Tea
27th House Challenge
Disco - Pukeatua Community Hall
Preschoolers 5.30pm-6.30pm/school age up to Yr 8 6.30pm-8.30pm.

DECEMBER

1st Year 8 trip to Rainbows End
Board Meeting 7pm
2nd Kapa Haka trip to Tainui Waka
Kapa Haka festival in Hamilton
Korakonui Formal 5pm
3rd Yr7&8 Technology
4th Final newsletter for 2026

DECEMBER

4th Last touch round
7th Maunga visit at School
9th End of Year Assembly 11am
11th Whole School Fun Day
- Hamilton Pools
Last day of School Buses
15th Final School day for 2026
Finish at 1.45pm



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2026: 14TH – 23RD DEC
2027: 4TH – 29TH JAN
8AM TO 6PM

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JUNIORS: 5–9 YEARS

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JANUARY **11** KIDDIES' KAYAKING Learn thebasics, play some games & even swap kayaks with a buddy	JANUARY 12 PARK DAY A day of adventure park activities from kayaking & rock climbing to archery & pedallos!	JANUARY OFFSITE **13** SAND & SPLASH Paaaa boards,peach games & seasidefun- aday of sun,sand& adventure	JANUARY **14** SECRET AGENTS Calling all juniorspies! Crack the clues&put your skills tothetest	JANUARY 15 CRAFT LAB Timetoget creative!Try different projects, experiment with new ideas & create something to take home
JANUARY **18** TEDDY BEAR PICNIC Bring your favourite teddy for adayof picnic fun, games& adventures	JANUARY OFFSITE **19** MARSHALLS ANIMAL PARK We'reoff onan adventure tomeet some furry, feathered & scaly friends!	JANUARY 20 PARK DAY A day of adventure park activities from kayaking & rock climbing to archery & pedallos!	JANUARY 21 CRAFT LAB Timetoget creative!Try different projects, experiment with new ideas & create something to take home	JANUARY 22 PARK DAY A day of adventure park activities from kayaking & rock climbing to archery & pedallos!
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JANUARY **18** WILD OUTDOORS Learn bush skills, fire making & outdoor survival fun in nature!	JANUARY 19 CRAFT LAB Timetoget creative!Try different projects, experiment with new ideas & create something to take home	JANUARY 20 PARK DAY A day of adventure park activities from kayaking & rock climbing to archery & pedallos!	JANUARY OFFSITE **21** THE BIG PADDLE Take on Lake McLaren in our Big Kanu!Work together, enjoy theride & take in thebeautiful surroundings	JANUARY 22 PARK DAY A day ofadventure park activities from kayaking & rock climbing to archery & pedallos!
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8:00AM–8:10AM PICK UP: BURETA WOOLWORTHS CARPARK
5:15PM–5:25PM DROP OFF: BURETA WOOLWORTHS CARPARK

TAURANGA CENTRAL
8:15AM–8:25AM PICK UP: ARUNDLE ST, TGA PRIMARY
5:00PM–5:10PM DROP OFF: ARUNDLE ST, TGA PRIMARY

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