PUKEOWARE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 23RD 2026

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



"Kia ora, Talofa lava, Namaste, and Molweni to all our school whaanau and families! Welcome to this week's newsletter, where we celebrate our students' recent achievements, showcase classroom projects, and share upcoming dates for your diary."

What a fantastic start to the term! It has been lovely to see everyone return settled, focused, and ready for what promises to be a busy and action packed few months of learning and opportunities.

Excitement is building as students continue preparing for this year's production. It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm, confidence and creativity they are bringing to their roles. If you have some spare time and would be willing to help with props, costumes, or backdrops, please get in touch with your child's classroom teacher. We would greatly appreciate any assistance and would love to have as many helpers involved as possible.

Our Calf Club was another wonderful success. We were incredibly lucky with the weather, and it was clear that a huge amount of effort had gone into preparing the animals and projects on display. I heard that the lamb judging was particularly challenging this year, which is a testament to the high standard presented by our students and their animals. Well done to everyone who participated and contributed to making the day such a success.







We are now looking ahead to Athletics Day, and it has been great to see students out practising and developing their skills. A huge thank you to Tanya Grey for generously giving up her time to provide extra coaching and support for those students wanting to further develop their abilities in high jump. Your support is greatly appreciated.







Our teachers recently enjoyed an engaging afternoon of Science professional learning as we explored the new Science curriculum, which will be implemented in 2027. It was a valuable opportunity to deepen our understanding of the changes ahead, share ideas, and make connections between the curriculum and the rich learning experiences we can provide for our students. We had plenty of hands-on fun along the way, sparking curiosity and reminding us of the importance of inquiry, exploration, and wonder in learning. We are excited about the opportunities the new curriculum will bring and look forward to continuing to develop meaningful and engaging Science experiences for our learners.



This term we are placing a stronger focus on personal responsibility when it comes to clothing and belongings. Pleasingly, we have already seen a significant reduction in the amount of lost property around the school. We are encouraging students to take responsibility for looking after their items, but we also need your help. Please ensure that all clothing and personal items are clearly named. This makes it much easier for children to identify and reclaim their belongings after playtimes and activities. By working together, we can continue to reduce the number of items left around the school and help students develop positive habits around caring for their property.



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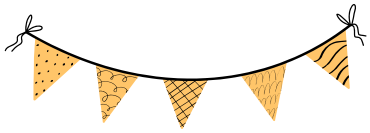
As we begin planning for 2027, we are pleased to share that interest in Pukeoware School remains strong, with many families keen to join our school community. We are continuing to accept enquiries for 2028 and beyond, and already have a growing waitlist of families interested in enrolling. If your family is planning a move or your child may not be returning to Pukeoware in 2027, we would appreciate hearing from you as early as possible. This helps us with planning for the year ahead and allows us to communicate with families waiting for an opportunity to join our school.

I am absolutely delighted to share some exciting news with our school community!

Following a thorough recruitment and interview process, which included Board representation, I am thrilled to announce the appointment of our new Deputy Principal.



Congratulations to **Laura Bush**, who has been appointed to the role.





Over the past term, Laura has done an outstanding job in the Acting Leadership position, providing valued support to both staff and students. Laura knows our school community incredibly well, is deeply committed to helping every child succeed, and brings a positive, collaborative approach to leadership. She is highly respected by staff, students, and whaanau, and I have no doubt she will be an exceptional Deputy Principal.

Laura will officially begin her Deputy Principal role on 2 November 2026. She will continue as the teacher of Waitangi for the remainder of the school year, ensuring consistency and stability for her students while transitioning into her new leadership responsibilities.

Please join me in congratulating Laura on this well deserved appointment. I know she will make a fantastic contribution in this role, and I am excited to see the positive impact her leadership will have on our school as we continue to move forward together.

Congratulations, Laura!





Ngaa mihi nui
Jodi Hermond
Principal | Tumuaki

"Maa te mahi tahi ka ora ai te katoa"

Through working together, everyone succeeds

Term 4 Key Dates

Week Three:

Monday 26 October
Labour Day

Wednesday 28 October
Year 7 & 8
Franklin Touch Tournament

Thursday 29 October
Year 5 & 6
Franklin Touch Tournament

Friday 30 October
Year 3 & 4
Franklin Touch Tournament
Year 7 & 8 Tech

Week Four:

Monday 2 November
Year 5 - Progress in International Literacy Study
Production run through

Assembly

Tuesday 3 November
Whole School Athletics Day

Thursday 5 November
Athletics save day

Friday 6 November
Kaakahu Your Way Day - Gumboot Friday

Week Five:

PRODUCTION WEEK

Monday
Production run through

Tuesday 10 November
Production Dress Rehersal

Wednesday 11 November
Athletics Group Day

Thursday 12 November
Production
11am Day time show
6pm Early evening show

Friday 13 November
Year 7 & 8 Tech

Week Six:

Monday 16 November
Franklin Zone Athletics

Year 8 Transition Visit to Waiuku College

Assembly

Tuesday 17 November
Zone Athletics Day

Wednesday 18 November
Barfoot & Thompson Book Battle

Year 8 Dance Practice

Week Seven:

Monday 23 November
Year 8 Dance Practice

Wednesday 25 November
Year 8 Dance Practice

150th Anniversary planning meeting 6:30PM

Week Eight:

Monday 30 November
Assembly

Thursday 3 December
Rainbows End Trip
(For students Y4 and up, who have completed jobs throughout the year)

Week Nine:

Monday 7 December
Year 8 Dinner

Tuesday 9 December
Year 8 Dance

Thursday 10 December
Prizegiving

Friday 11 December
Last day of school

PUKEOWARE SCHOOL PTA



CALF CLUB 2026

A huge thank you from the PTA to our Calf Club Committee, teachers, students and community for an amazing Calf Club day.
Your teamwork, enthusiasm and support made the event run beautifully and created a fantastic experience for everyone. We're thrilled with the success of the day and grateful for everything you contributed. Thank you for helping make Calf Club such a special Pukeoware tradition. The PTA

A big thank you to Hellers for generously donating delicious sausages for our Calf Club Day. The sausages were a huge hit with everyone and helped keep our tummies full throughout the day! We greatly appreciate your support in helping make this event such a success.





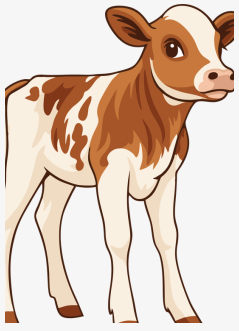








































Jack, Imogen and Kealie won 1st place for three of a kind - calves Congradulations!





Calves:

Jack - 2nd Senior Beef late
Imogen - 3rd Senior Beef late & 3rd Senior Rearing Beef late
Kealie - 1st Senior Rearing & 1st Leading.
Reserve Champion Leading
Champion Calf & Reserve Champion Child Effort.
Zoe - 1st Junior Rearing & 3rd Junior Leading.

Group Day Calf Club 2026

We had some wonderful success at the Waiuku Group Calf Club. Congratulations to all of our students who proudly represented Pukeoware School and achieved outstanding results.













Lambs:

Sofia - 1st Senior Leading & 2nd Senior Calling
Champion Lamb Leading
Reserve Champion Lamb
Reserve Champion Child Effort
Matilda - 2nd Senior Rearing late
1st Senior Calling late
Frankie - 2nd Rearing & 2nd Leading
Bobby - 3rd Leading



AWARDS

LET'S CELEBRATE

PRINCIPAL AWARDS



Angus Ewens



Chloe Swinburne



Ava Chesnokov



Mathew Griffiths



Kyron Botica



Peyton Rose



Tamati Briggs



Kaiden Miller



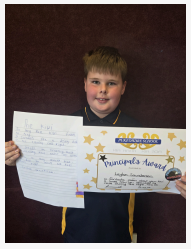
Jada Columbus



Zeb Perucich



Ruth Bailey



Leyton Saunderson

AWARDS

LET'S CELEBRATE

Best Class Award

Our best class in assembly award goes to a class that shows they are working hard and being role models for our school. This award is given out at assembly and at the end of each term the most awarded class will get a well deserved treat.

Best Class Award goes to:

Term 3 Week 10 Assembly:

Awaroa & Awaruaiti

Term 4 , Week 2 Assembly:

Awaruaiti

BEST STUDENT IN ASSEMBLY

This special award celebrates the student who shows outstanding assembly manners by sitting quietly and respectfully throughout. Each assembly, a different teacher will select two recipients, and at the end of the term, all winners will enjoy a well-deserved treat with Mrs Hermond!

Term 3 Week 10

Zoe Ralph & Kora Murphy

Term 4 Week 2

Naveah Johnson-Tea Haere & Suraya McMahon-Reedy

Manaakitanga Award

For care, kindness and support

Teina is the recipient of our Manaakitanga Award for the last week of Term 3. He consistently demonstrates kindness and respect towards others, both in and out of the classroom. Teina is quick to celebrate the success of his peers and is often heard offering encouragement with a cheerful "Well done!" when he sees others doing something positive.

He willingly steps up to help wherever needed and is always looking for ways to make a positive difference. Whether through his thoughtful actions, encouraging words or support of others, Teina embodies the true spirit of manaakitanga.

His positive attitude, generosity, and genuine care for those around him make him a wonderful role model at our kura. We are incredibly proud of Teina and the way he lives out our school values every day.

"He aroha whakatoo, he aroha puta mai." If kindness is sown, then kindness you shall receive.



Teina



Immy & Victoria

The Manaakitanga Award this week has been presented to two very deserving students. These students noticed that our teachers needed help last week and kindly offered their assistance without being asked. They continued helping well beyond the end of the school day, showing outstanding generosity and care for others.

Their support was greatly appreciated by all the teachers, who were busy preparing classrooms and getting everything ready for Calf Club. Their willingness to lend a hand demonstrated the true meaning of manaakitanga, showing kindness, respect, and care for others.

A huge thank you to these amazing students. We are very proud of the way they stepped up to help our school community.

WELCOME TO PUKEOWARE SCHOOL

Welcome: Aubree Hornell & Mackenzie Henneker

CLASSROOM AWARDS



TOTARA Cruz Clarke & Makaia Nganeko

PARAKAU Asher Khinda & Connor Cattermole

MOKORAU Silas Cadd & Indie Columbus

AWARUAITI Evan Nguyen & Heidi Ruddell

WAITANGI Peyton Rose & Tobias Anderson

AWAROA Riley Kloodyrtboer & Kora Murphy

TAIHIKI Pax Nguyen & Bentley Twidle





MATHS AWARDS

TOTARA Asher Rothwell

PARAKAU Zach Ross

MOKORAU Regan Bycroft

AWARUAITI Anika Khanna

RANGIAWHEA Ava Chesnokov

WAITANGI Archie Firth

AWAROA Kai Smith

TAIHIKI Jon Kelly





STUDENT LEADERS

GIVE SUPPORT

HEAD STUDENTS



Beau, Chloee, Chloe

Fundraising EVENT

DONATE

Kaakahu Your Way Day - Friday 6 November

On Friday 6 November, we will be taking part in Kaakahu Your Way Day to help raise funds for "I Am Hope", Nationally they want to raise $3 million. This amazing organisation provides free counselling for young people aged 5-25 throughout New Zealand.
We are asking all students to bring a gold coin donation on the day and **wear their favourite Gumboots**. Every donation helps ensure that children and young people can access the support they need when they need it most.

Thank you for helping us support this worthy cause!

Ero Visitor

Last Tuesday and Wednesday, a reviewer named Lynne visited our school to observe how our teachers teach and how our school operates.
Lynne spent time in each classroom, watching lessons and learning about the ways our teachers support students. During her visit, she saw how we learn, work together, and complete our schoolwork each day. She was there to gather information about the strengths of our school and areas where we can continue to grow and improve.
It was interesting having someone visit our classrooms and see all the learning that takes place at Pukeoware School. Our teachers work hard to help us learn new things and achieve our best, and it was great for Lynne to see this in action.
We really enjoyed having Lynne visit our school and hope she enjoyed her time here too. We were proud to share the wonderful learning that happens at Pukeoware School every day.



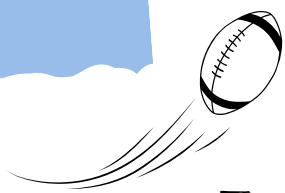
Last week, our school welcomed NIK, a team working on behalf of the Ministry of Education to carry out some important upgrades around our school.
The team installed new carpet in Awaruaiti and the Music Room, giving these learning spaces a fresh new look. They will also be returning to complete further improvements, including soundproofing some classrooms and upgrading the school's electrical systems in the coming werks.
We would like to thank the team for their hard work and the improvements they are making to our school. We appreciate their efforts and look forward to seeing the finished upgrades and the positive difference they will make for our students and staff.



STUDENT LEADERS

House Captains

RUGBY





Touch Rugby

Every Wednesday after school, some of our Year 3-8 students play touch rugby against other schools from around Waiuku. It is a fun and exciting way to spend the afternoon and represent our school. Each game consists of two 20-minute halves, giving everyone plenty of time to get involved and show off their skills.

If the weather is wet and cold, there is also a coffee truck available where spectators can buy a hot drink to keep warm while cheering on the teams.

Touch rugby is a great opportunity to make new friends, stay active, and enjoy some friendly competition with other local schools









Twilight Netball

Pukeoware School has a netball team that competes against other Waiuku schools in a competition called Twilight Netball. It is a fun and engaging sport that gives students the opportunity to work together, improve their skills, and enjoy friendly competition.

Each game is made up of four 10-minute quarters, giving players plenty of time to get involved and do their best on the court.

There are also sausage sizzles and cold, refreshing drinks available to purchase, making it a great evening out for players and supporters alike.

Twilight Netball is a fantastic way to stay active, build teamwork skills, and represent our school with pride.









Touch Tournament

In Week 3, some of our students will be travelling to Tuakau to represent Pukeoware School in a touch rugby tournament against schools from across the Franklin area.

This is an exciting opportunity for our players to showcase their skills, work as a team, and compete against students from other schools. It will be a fun day filled with great sportsmanship and plenty of touch rugby action. There will also be food stands selling tasty treats, including ice blocks, chips with sauce, and much more for players and supporters to enjoy throughout the day. We wish our Pukeoware teams all the best and hope they play their hardest and make our school proud. Good luck, everyone - bring that trophy home!



Kia Kaha, Kia Toa!

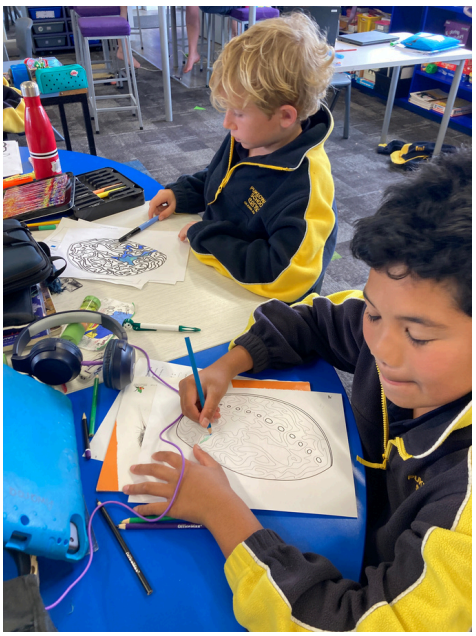
Te Wiki o te Reo Maaori 2026



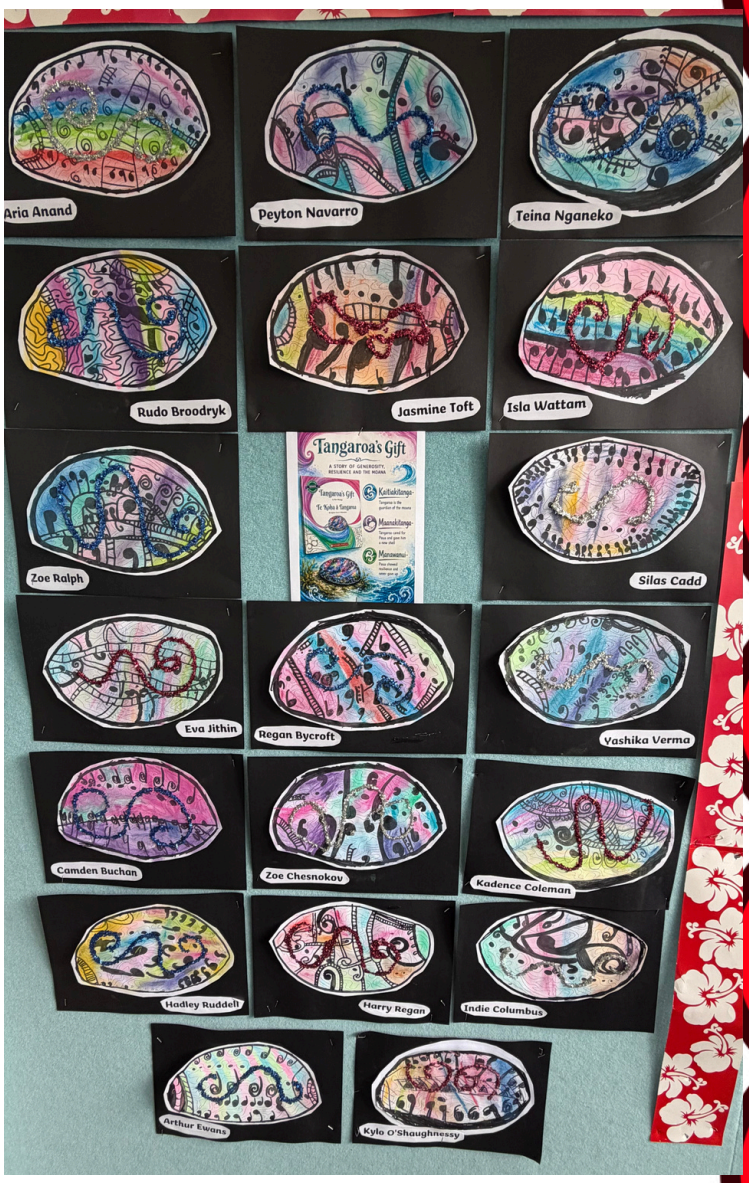


There were lots of fun activities throughout Maaori Language Week. Students had the opportunity to learn new te reo Maaori words and phrases, take part in games and challenges, and celebrate Maaori culture. It was great to see everyone getting involved and giving te reo Maaori a go. Maaori Language Week reminded us of the importance of celebrating and preserving one of New Zealand's official languages while having fun and learning together.





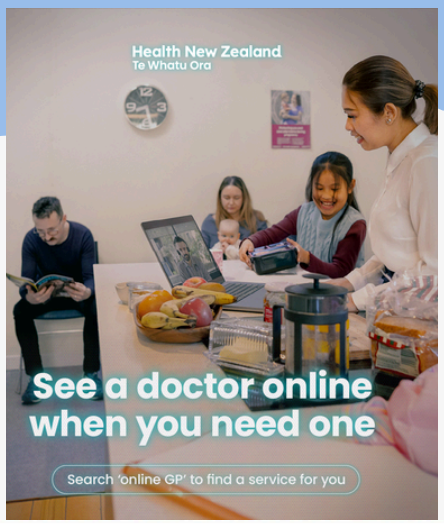



Aria Anand
Peyton Navarro
Teina Nganeko
Rudo Broodryk
Jasmine Toft
Isla Wattam
Tangaroa's Gift
Zoe Ralph
Silas Cadd
Eva Jithin
Regan Bycroft
Vashika Verma
Camden Buchan
Zoe Chesnokov
Kadence Coleman
Hadley Ruddell
Harry Regan
Indie Columbus
Arthur Ewans
Kylo O'Shaughnessy


Story | Puurioakoa
Courage | Maaia
Ocean | Moana
Canoe | Waka
Journey | Haere
Guardian | Kaitiaki


TANGAROA'S GIFT

NOTICES









2027 YEAR 9 OUT-OF-ZONE APPLICATIONS FOR WAIUKU COLLEGE

Waiuku College is currently accepting Year 9 out-of-zone applications for 2027.

The Waiuku College Board has approved the enrolment of up to 15 Year 9 out-of-zone students for the 2027 academic year.

Year 2027 out-of-zone applications must be completed online by 5.00pm Thursday 5th November 2026.

If the number of Year 9 out-of-zone applications for the 2027 academic year exceed the allocation, a ballot will be held on Friday 6th November 2026.

Further information is available below.

https://waiuku-college.school.nz/enrolment/



UNIFORM SHOP

Please note that the Uniform Shop operates by appointment only. All uniform try-ons, purchases, or enquiries can be directed to uniform@pukeoware.school.nz to arrange a suitable time.

uniform@pukeoware.school.nz