

PUKEOWARE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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SEPTEMBER 5TH 2025

FROM THE
PRINCIPAL

KIA KAHIA KIA TOA

Bonjour, Bula, Kia ora

I hope you have all had a great week! It is very nice to see signs of Spring approaching. I'm told that Spring up here in the North can be a bit rough weather-wise and I'm hoping that doesn't eventuate!



Bounce trip

We are thrilled to be taking our Peer Mediators, Play Buddies and Librarians to Bounce in Takanini on Friday 24 October. The students who fulfill these roles play a very important part in the function of our school during break times. These leaders help students to navigate social problems, ensure students have someone to play with, and make our beautiful library accessible at lunchtime. We are indebted to their service and personally, I cannot wait to join them at their reward morning!



2026 Ballot

We have a small number of available spaces for out of zone enrolments in 2026. Please feel free to share the ballot information that will be shared on the school and community Facebook page in early October, as well as the school newsletter. Help us to spread the word that Pukeoware School is special!

Morning Jump Jam

This new initiative brought about by Mrs de Vries sees students, parents and staff coming together for some morning exercise and a boogie on Tuesday mornings from 8.30am. Please come and join us for a feel-good way to start the day, and dust off the early morning go-slow! Don't be intimidated – the staff who are about will be showing our skills, or lack thereof, and after all, it's all about having fun!



Road Patrol

You may have noticed that the commands our dedicated road patrollers call out to one-another have changed. This is in line with the training refresh that our Community Constable provided our students with.

The signs go out before the two students on duty check for safety by asking each other 'Check', 'Clear'. Then you will see the student's arm drop, followed by 'Cross Now'. We know that it can be loud and busy out at the crossing but please take note of the student's arm. If it is out to the side indicating that pedestrians need to wait, please do so. Some of the arms are quite little, so we have to have a good look! Thank you.



Mathex

Last week we had both our Year 7 and 8 teams compete in Pukekohe. There was stiff competition and some incredible mathematicians in the room! Our Year 7 team placed 6th equal out of 16 teams, and was the top scoring team from Waiuku! Our Year 5/6 team competed this morning. I look forward to sharing the results with you!

Taihiki Camp

I am beyond excited to be attending the Year 7/8 camp at Sir Peter Blake Camp MERC in the final week of term with Whaea Sue and her class. This will be an incredible opportunity for the students to challenge themselves in some fantastic activities, all while being in the most stunning spot! What an amazing way to end the term!



This is our final newsletter of the term, as the senior students and I are away in the last week.

Have an enjoyable weekend and take some time out with those most special to you!

Ngaa mihi mahana

Nathan Hughes
Tumuaki | Principal

"Haere taka mua, taka muri; kua e whai"

"Be a leader not a follower"

UPCOMING EVENTS



SEPTEMBER

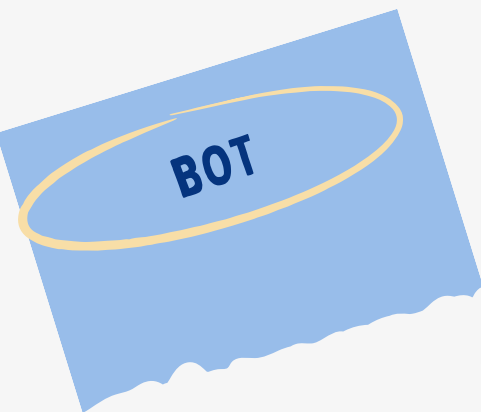
- 8 Yr 5 & 6 Basketball
- 9 Yr 5 & 6 Basketball Girls & Mixed Basketball
- 9 PTA Pie Fundraiser Collection – Studio
- 12 Yr 7 & 8 Technology
- 15 – 19 Yr 7 & 8 Camp
- 19 END OF TERM 3

IMPORTANT DATES

- End of Term Three - 19th September
- Start of Term Four - 6th October
- Calf Club - 11th October

OCTOBER

- 6 START OF TERM 4
- 11 Calf Club
- 13 Assembly
- 17 Yr 7 & 8 Technology
- 22 Yr 3 & 4 Touch
- 22 Yr 7 & 8 Touch
- 23 Yr 5 & 6 Touch
- 29 Pukeoware School Athletics Day
- 30 Pukeoware School Athletics Day *save day*
- 31 Yr 7 & 8 Technology



BOARD ELECTIONS

Board Elections Update

Voting for the Board elections has officially closed.

Postal votes will be accepted until 8th September.

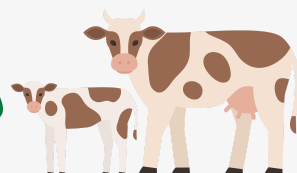
All votes will be counted on 9th September, and

Our newly elected Board will take office on 10th September.

Stay tuned—an introduction to your new school board is coming soon!



CALF CLUB



Calf Club Raffle Reminder!

Raffle cards were handed out last week—each family has 20 tickets to sell at \$1 each.

More tickets are available at the office if needed.

Please drop your donated grocery item into the Raffle Box at the school office to help build our prize hampers.

Thanks so much for your support—we appreciate every ticket sold and every item donated!

Calf Club Helpers Needed!

The Pukeoware PTA is calling on our amazing school community to lend a hand at this year's Calf Club.

Many hands make light work—and volunteering even just an hour means everyone gets a chance to enjoy the children's animals, art projects, and the festive atmosphere.

We're looking for helpers for the BBQ (cooking, serving, cash handling), Café (serving, cash handling), Plant Stall, and Game Stalls.

If you're able to help, please let Haley in the office know. Your support makes the day run smoothly and helps create lasting memories for our tamariki!

OXFORD PIE FUNDRAISER

Oxford Pie pickup will be available between 2:30pm and 3:00pm on

Tuesday, September 9th.



AWARDS

LET'S CELEBRATE



CLASSROOM AWARDS

TOTARA *Kylo O'Shaugnessy*

PARAKAU *Arthur Ewens & Hadley Ruddell*

MOKORAU *Harper Hornell & Archer Oliver*

RANGIAWHEA *Sophie Perucich & Payton Black*

WAITANGI *Oliver Roberts & Carwyn Meachen*

AWAROA *Zara Potman & Regan Grey*

TAIHIKI *Isaac Maynard & Jorjah Minhinnick-Peri*



WRITING AWARDS

TOTARA *Zaylor Evans*

PARAKAU *Zoe Chesnokov*

MOKORAU *Braxton Berry*

RANGIAWHEA *Kaiden Miller*

WAITANGI *Jack Barrett*

AWAROA *Bentley Twidle*

TAIHIKI *Jayden Pihou*

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 the recipient, and at the end of the term, all winners will enjoy a well-deserved treat with Mr Hughes!

Best Student in Assembly...

Ruth Bailey



AWARDS

LET'S
CELEBRATE



PRINCIPAL AWARDS



Maiya Kerwin



Connor Roberts



Ryan Rowntree



Rudo Broodryk



Antonia van Slooten



Harlow Payne

WELCOME

- Levi Black



Manaakitanga Award

For care, kindness and support



Victoria Cameron



**STUDENT
LEADERS**

House Captains

Kia ora, we are the Pukeoware House Captains for 2025



We are small group of passionate leaders who are excited to provide fun and engaging activities for all Pukeoware Akonga (students)



This term the school leaders decided that our houses need an extra boost by creating some friendly competition between our houses. Soccer was chosen as our starting sport because most tamariki at our school know how to play this. Then we chose Ultra Rip for Seniors and Ripper Thief for the Juniors.

We decided to hold these events during lunch time, so that it would not impact key learning time. We had to hold House meetings to explain how these events work - as this is new to our school this year. Then we invited students to participate in each event. We were surprised by how many students wanted to be involved. The most exciting part for us was seeing students who don't normally participate in sports events giving it a go.



On Tuesday, we held out first event. This was Soccer between Aroha and Mana Houses. The Junior game was intense, the students were determined to beat the other House. It was awesome to see strong competition, but also great sportsmanship from our Junior students. The Senior game was a nail biting event. The bell rang with a tie, and we had to have a penalty shoot-out. You could feel the tension in the air. Even Mr Hughes was holding his breath. Jaxon lined up... he aimed... fire... great save from Brodie. Next up was Carwyn, he aimed... he fired... great save from Isaac... Tension was in the air, you could have heard a pin drop after that!



They lined up again, and both times the ball was saved. The crowd was feeling anxious.

Last shoot out, Jaxon aimed, he fired and BOOM, in it went. Next up was Carwyn. He aimed, he fired... and another amazing save from Isaac. AROHA Won!



On Wednesday, we had Toa versus Kaha. It was just as exciting; the Juniors were so focused. Atlas would have won player of the day in this game. His team mates were great at supporting him. They set him up so he was able to get 3 goals in a row! It was a close game with Toa taking it out.



The senior game was great to watch, there was fantastic team spirit and ball skills. It was also great to see many students on the side line cheering everyone on. Kaha won this round.

It was fantastic to see the parents come and support the teams - it made it a really great family feel.

We can't wait until next week, when we have the Ultra Rip and Ripper Theif. We hope more parents can come along and cheer us on.

Sophie, Chloe L, Jayden, Chloe T, Kayla, Caleb, Jorjah, Immy.



CLASS ROOM



Rangiawhea



We have been busy making clay pots for Calf Club day. We learnt about the techniques of coil and pinch pots, sketched our design, then got our hands dirty and made them! We will then make clay and wire flowers to go inside.



In class we have been learning to read chapter books and retain information over longer periods.



I like reading Tree Top Treasures because it's exciting and cool. I like it because it has Jessie and Merrick, and a lady called Miss Carter in it. Angus

I like reading chapter books because they are really long. I liked chapter one because there is a running race. I didn't like it in Chapter 2 when Miss Carter was going to leave. Eden

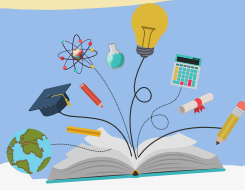
I love reading chapter books. I love to read funny and interesting books. Once you start reading them you just can't stop! SOPHIE



We completed some egg carton self-portraits to share in assembly. We were learning how to follow instructions, to persevere when a task gets hard, and to problem solve.



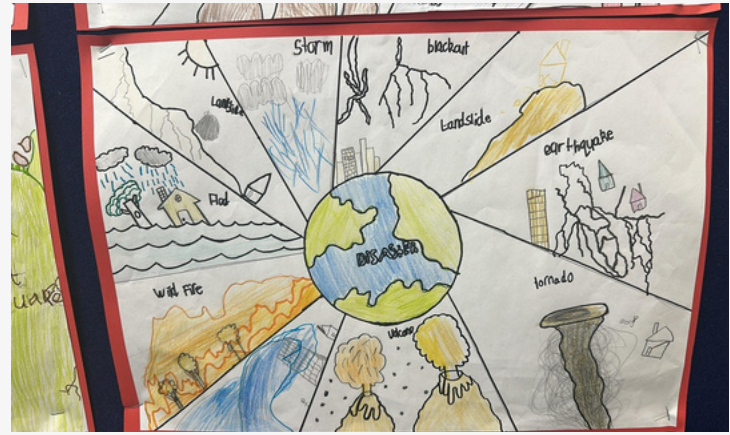
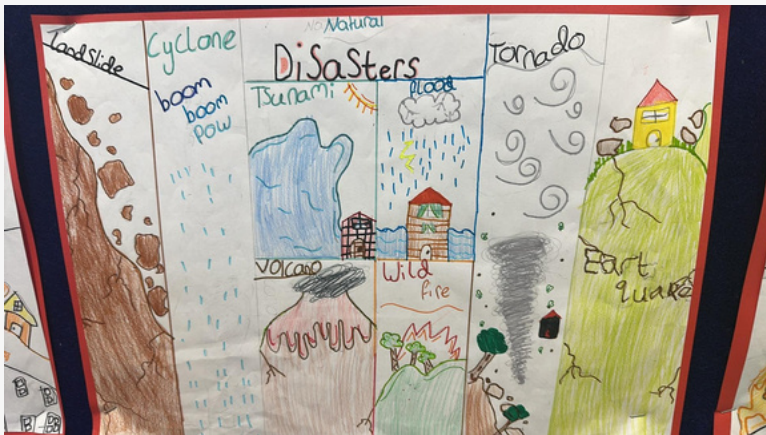
CLASS ROOM



WAITANGI



Waitangi has been learning about disasters this term. We have completed some art work and are also in the process of writing a warning story where a character is warned not to do something, they ignore the warning and then need to be rescued. Everyone has written wonderful and entertaining stories. This is a snippet of our stories:



The giant trees overlooked the boys. When they got to the caravan it smelt awful, the walls were covered in mould, and a rat ran across the table. Old wooden plates lay discarded and there was no food or any power. The door jammed behind them and the boys anxiously tugged on the door.

By Carwyn

Creative Writing

Kevin ran off into the dark forest, puffing and panting. Then they sped down to the rough lake ahead. The lake was as rough as a herd of rhino's. It smelt like thick mud and rotten mould. Then Jacob leaned over to see the waterfall splashing on the sharp rocks sticking out of the lake. There was no one to be seen

By Jack

Boom! Alice and Kate jumped as the sound of thunder ripped through the air. A few seconds later fork lightning struck and narrowly missed a pine tree.

By Kealie

Inside the cabin there was moss on the table and large trees were around the outside of the cabin. So they went outside to look at the small lake. "What would you mum think?" Claire said worried. "She wouldBOOM" Claire jumped dramatically When they got into the cabin they heard lightening and the rain was getting harder and it sounded like someone pounding on the roof.

By Ruth





PLANTING DAYREPORT 2025

Pukeoware School with
NZSteel and Russell & Issie



Together, we grew and planted 844 native plants!

Thank you for your commitment to environmental education and the growing and planting of native trees. Together our actions are having a positive impact on environmental restoration.





PLANTING DAY SUMMARY:

13 Aug 2025 at 55A Bald Hill Road

We couldn't have asked for a better day for our 2025 Trees for Survival Planting Day! The sun shone bright and the students arrived ready for action!

Our planting site was a very wet low lying area prone to flooding after heavy rain and desperately in need of Pukeoware School's expertly grown native plants. Following a quick briefing and discussion about the benefits of planting natives around waterways, students teachers and parent helpers went about their work with great enthusiasm, navigating the deep mud and remaining long weeds.

The students worked well together and after a couple of hours mahi, 844 harakeke, cabbage tree, kanuka, and karamu had found a new home. For their efforts students enjoyed a yummy bbq lunch courtesy of land owners Russell and Issie.

Well done Pukeoware School! Your native plants will provide habitat for birds, skinks and insects, reduce the impacts of flooding, and filter nutrients.

You should all be very proud of yourselves!

TfS Facilitator: Karen

Teacher: Laura Bush

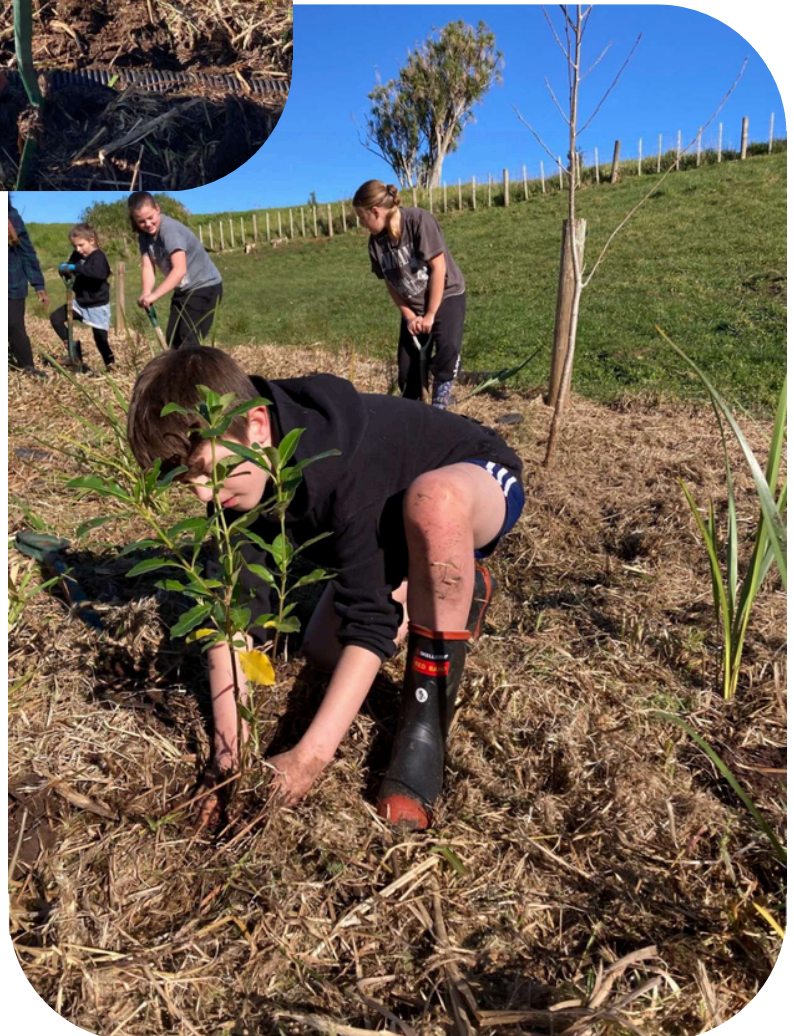
23 Students

1 School Staff

7 Parents, Landowners & Others

Waterway planted: 50m and 50m







330 x Tī Kōuka

(Cabbage Tree / Cordyline australis)

One of our most iconic native plants. Ti Kouka trees prefer open wet areas and swamps, and their large taproot helps stop soil erosion. Flowers are enjoyed by insects and birds. It has the fastest growing root system over 5 years than any other species. It belongs to the lily family.



164 x Karamū

(Coprosma robusta)

Common throughout NZ and easily recognized by its bright orange ripe fruit. This bushy shrub grows to 6m tall and provides food for birds in winter. It easily self-seeds which makes it a great plant for many restoration projects.



170 x Harakeke

(Flax / Phormium tenax)

Found throughout NZ, flax grows well in a wide range of habitats but favours wetlands and open riversides. Its flower stalks can grow up to 4m tall and tui and bellbird are especially fond of the nectar.



180 x Kānuka

(Kunzea robusta)

Kanuka is a larger growing tree than the similar looking manuka, growing up to 15m tall with beautiful white aromatic flowers in summer and leathery strips of bark. It is a great colonizer and provides a canopy for slower growing native species. It provides good perching places for birds.





What is Trees for Survival Charitable Trust?

Trees for Survival Charitable Trust is a Rotary initiated project now supporting over 250 schools and local communities across Aotearoa New Zealand to grow and plant native trees along waterways and on environmentally at-risk sites.

Through action based learning, our environmental education programme provides the opportunity for school communities to have a positive impact on their local environment.

Trees for Survival Donation & Membership

From \$7.00 you can support the growing and planting of a native plant in NZ by a school running our programme. For donation and partnership options visit us at

www.tfsnz.org.nz/donate

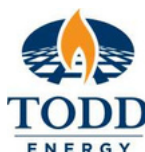
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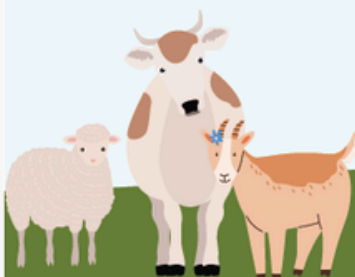
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- NRM Lamb Start Mix 20kg 2 bags for \$60
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Pukeoware Netball Club Twilight Netball!

Registrations are Open
Forms are available at the school
office

**Mondays from 5:30pm
8 weeks : 13th Oct - 4th Dec**

Yr 4 & 5 (6v6)

Yr 6, 7 & 8

Boys & girls or mixed

NOTICES



KIDS AFTER SCHOOL

Spring HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

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SPRING 2025 SCHOOL HOLIDAY CHILDREN'S ART WORKSHOPS

PUKEKOHE



Looking for something fun & creative to entertain your children these holidays?
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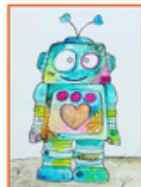


PK1, BONNIE BIRDS - Papier Mache (5-14 yrs+) Wed 24th & Thurs 25th September / 9.00am - 12.00noon

On day 1 we will study the creations of artist Barbara Kobylnicka, design our own sculptures and then using a variety of materials construct our birds. Then using papier mache to sculpt and strengthen. On day 2 we will paint and decorate our fabulous colourful creations.

Tutor: Anna Molineux

Cost: \$92.00 *Price includes all materials and both mornings



PK2, MR & MRS ROBOTS, Watercolours (6-14 yrs+)

Wed 24th September / 9.00am - 12.00noon

Learn how to create 3D shapes to design your own robot and then paint in wonderful watercolours and finish off with an illustration style in pen.

Tutor: Anna Molineux

Cost: \$57.50 *Price includes all materials



PK3, BEACHSCAPES, Watercolours (9-17 yrs+)

Thurs 25th September 2025 / 9.00am - 12.00noon

Learn the wonderful art of painting with watercolours to create a stunning beach scene worthy of any wall. *Students are welcome to bring in a photograph of their favourite beach, beach scene images will also be supplied.

Tutor: Anna Molineux

Cost: \$57.50 *Price includes all materials



PK4, 3D ART GALLERIES (7-17 yrs+)

Friday 26th September / 9.00am - 12noon

Each young artist will create their own individual art gallery using small boxes adding decor to the walls and floor. We will then add artwork and sculptures to our galleries based on our individual style or influenced by our favourite artists.

Tutor: Anna Molineux

Cost: \$80.50 *Price includes all materials and both mornings



PK5, SELF PORTRAITS IN FRAMES, Acrylics (6-15 yrs+)

Monday 29th September, 9.00am - 1.00pm

Learn how to paint a self-portrait using acrylic paints and then design and create your own personalised frame.


Tutor: Anna Molineux

Cost: \$69.00 *Price includes all materials

FOR BOOKINGS OR MORE INFO:

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SUMMER 2025 -2026

FOR AGES 5 AND UP

COACHING SESSIONS: **Tuesday or Thursday**

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Have a go days will be on

- Sunday 7th Sept 10am-1pm
- Thursday 11th Sept 4pm -6pm
- Sunday 14th Sept 10am -1pm

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