PUKEOWARE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER **NOVEMBER 9TH 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 whirlwind of a term it has been!



Our school has been a hive of activity, and there has certainly been no time to relax. From our ERO visit, to Calf Club and now our preparations for the school production, the term has been full of opportunities for our students to shine.



Behind the scenes, we have also been busy collating feedback from our community, staff, and student surveys. Thank you to everyone who took the time to share their thoughts. Your feedback is invaluable and will help guide the direction of our Strategic Plan as we continue to shape the future of Pukeoware School together.

I am delighted to acknowledge Ms Bush has officially begun her role as Deputy Principal, and I am equally thrilled to announce that Cassie Bailey has now become a permanent member of the Pukeoware family. We are incredibly fortunate to have such dedicated and talented staff supporting our learners every day.



It has been a year filled with change, challenges, achievements and celebrations. Through it all, one thing has remained constant: Pukeoware School is an amazing place because of its amazing people. Our students, staff, whaanau and wider community continue to make this school a special place to learn, grow and belong.



A huge thank you must go to Whaea Sue, who is our Production lead, and who has been working tirelessly with our lead performers while also helping create many of the production props. I would also like to thank the parents who have generously given their time to help paint and prepare props, as well as our talented Year 7 and 8 students who have been contributing their creativity and hard work. We are looking forward to seeing all of these pieces come together on stage and sharing the production with our community.



Once the curtain closes on production, it will be time for another highly anticipated event... the rematch of the **Parents vs Students Gaga Ball Challenge!** The students have certainly had plenty of practice and are feeling confident. The question is, can the parents reclaim the title?

If you're free on **Friday 4 December at 2:30 p.m**., come along and join the fun. We would love to see a strong parent team ready to take on the challenge. It promises to be an epic showdown!

Ngaa mihi nui
Jodi Hermond
Principal | Tumuaki

"Maa te mahi tahi ka ora ai te katoa"

Through working together, everyone succeeds

LET'S CELEBRATE

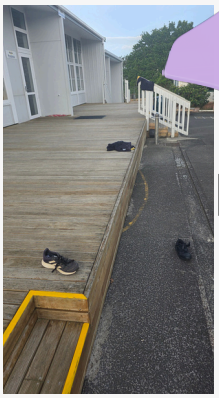


Lost Property

Taking Pride in Our School Environment

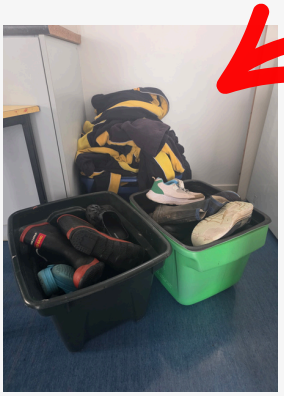
Over the past 2 terms, we have seen a wonderful positive change around our school grounds. One of the most noticeable improvements has been the significant reduction in clothing being left around the playground and school environment.

Many parents and visitors have commented on how much tidier, more welcoming, and better cared for our school looks. The difference has been noticeable, and it is a credit to our students.

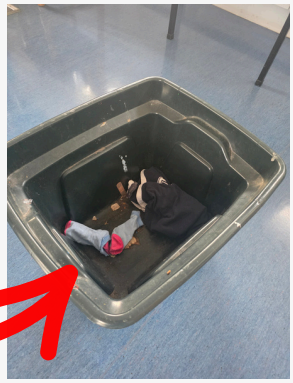


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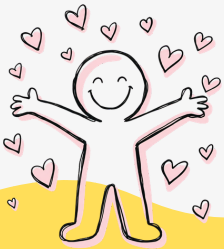
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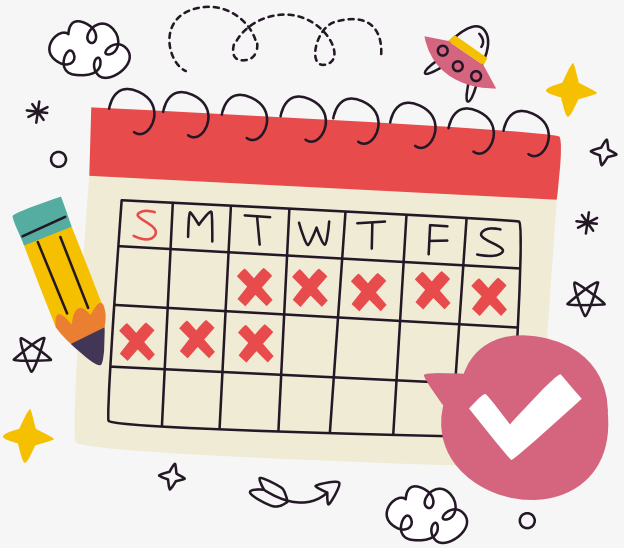
By taking greater **responsibility for their belongings,** students are helping create a school environment that everyone can be proud of. This positive change has also meant that our caretaker, teachers, and principal are no longer spending hours each week collecting, sorting and returning clothing left around the grounds. Instead, that time is being used supporting students and focusing on learning.

This is a great example of how ***high expectations***, ***personal responsibility,*** and ***pride*** in our school can lead to positive outcomes for everyone. Thank you to our students for stepping up and showing respect for their environment, and to our families for supporting these expectations.



Together, we are creating a school community that looks great, feels welcoming and reflects the pride we have in our school. 🌟

UPCOMING EVENTS



NOVEMBER

- 10 – Production Dress Rehearsal
- 11 – Athletics Group Day
- 12 – School Production 11am &6pm
- 13 – Year 7&8 Tech
- 16 – Franklin Zone Athletics & Year 8 Transition Visit to Waiuku College, Assembly.
- 17 – Save Day Zone Athletics & PTA lunch
- 23rd – Newsletter
- 25 – Reunion Meeting 150 years – 6.30 pm in the staffroom at school
- 26 – PTA Meeting 6pm
- 27 – Year 7 &8 Tech
- 30 – Assembly

DECEMBER

- 1 – Head Students Leadership Day
- 3rd – Rainbows End Trip (Year 4 and up who have completed jobs throughout this year)
- 4th – Head Students Leadership Speeches & Gagaball Rematch Parents vs Students 2:30pm
- 7 – Year 8 Dinner & Newsletter
- 8 – Year 8 Dance & House Captain Leadership Day
- 9th – Meet the Teacher
- 10 – Cafe with Principal, House Captain Speeches & Prizegiving 6pm
- 11 – Last Day of School – finish time 12pm

IMPORTANT DATES

11th November -School Production
3rd December -Rainbows End Trip
4th December -Gagaball Rematch Parents vs Students @ 2:30pm
10th December -Prize Giving 6pm
11th December -Last day School 12pm finish

UNIFORM SHOP

Please note that the Uniform Shop operates by appointment only. If you would like to try on or purchase uniforms, or have any enquiries, please contact us to arrange a suitable time.

uniform@pukeoware.school.nz

PUKEOWARE SCHOOL PTA

PTA







Save the Date - Pukeoware School Twilight Gala 2027

Our much anticipated Twilight Gala is coming up on Saturday 3 April 2027 from 2.00pm, and we can't wait to welcome our whole community for an afternoon and evening of fun!
There will be something for everyone, including:

🍔 Delicious food stalls, 🛍️ Market stalls, 🎵 Live entertainment, 🎯 Games and activities,
🎁 Raffles and prizes, ✨ And plenty more family fun!

White Elephant Donations

Do you have some hidden treasures at home looking for a new owner? We'd love them for our popular White Elephant Stall! We will begin collecting donations early in the New Year, so please tuck them away safely for now and hold off bringing anything to school just yet. We'll let everyone know when collection starts.

We're Looking for Helpers and Sponsors

To make our Gala a great success, we're looking for:

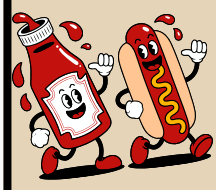
- Volunteers to help on the day
- Local businesses interested in supporting our event
- Donations of products, vouchers, services, or merchandise
- Businesses keen to be involved in our Naming Rights Sponsor Raffle

Every contribution, big or small, helps make this a fantastic event for our students and community.

Get Involved

To offer your help or find out more:
📧 Grace: gala@pukeoware.school.nz 📞 Antoinette: 021 230 0610
Thank you for supporting our school. We look forward to celebrating together on 3 April 2027!

PTA LUNCHES
HOTDOGS
TUESDAY 17TH NOVEMBER



Your child should have brought home an order form for Hot Dogs. Please return the completed form by Thursday 12 November. The PTA has organised a range of topping options, including cheese and onion, as well as vegetarian and gluten-free hot dog choices.
Don't forget to add a yummy cookie to your order for an extra treat! 🍪



Next PTA Meeting

'all welcome'

Thursday 26th November
6pm in the school staffroom

AWARDS

LET'S CELEBRATE

PRINCIPAL AWARDS



Harper Hornell



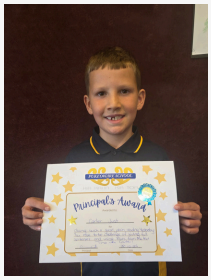
Braxton Berry



Riley Anderson



Bryce Avision



Carter Just





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:

Mokorau

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!

Best Student in Assembly...

Lachlan Robinson
Jack Barrett



Manaakitanga Award

For care, kindness and support



Drover demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship during Touch Rugby. He showed great teamwork and selflessness by giving a teammate the opportunity to score a try, putting the success of the team ahead of personal achievement. His positive attitude and encouragement of others made him a valued member of the team, and which he was awarded the Manakitanga award for Sportsmanship.

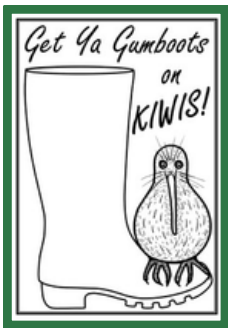


STUDENT LEADERS

HEAD STUDENTS



Beau, Chloee, Chloe





Gumboot FRIDAY



We had a fun filled day with Gumboot Friday on the 6th November.
Children were invited to wear their gumboots and take part in some exciting games like "Capture the Flag" as well as entering our Gumboot Colouring Competition.
One lucky winner will receive a bag of lollies! Winners will be announced today(Monday 9th Nov)
We asked for a gold coin donation to support this great cause. We raised just under $200 for this worthy cause - well done everyone. All in all everyone had a fantastic day filled with fun and laughter.
By Chloee











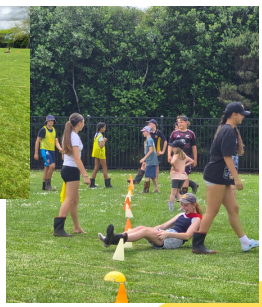


At morning tea, the juniors played a game of Capture The Flag - in gumboots of course! Even though it ended in a draw, everyone had an awesome time.
At lunch the seniors played. The game was very competitive, but it was also fun to watch. In the end, the non-bibs team won 6-2.











STUDENT LEADERS



House Captains





Athletics Day



On Tuesday, 3 November, Pukeoware School held its annual Athletics Day. It was an exciting and sunny day, with lots of cheering and support from our whaanau.

There were many events, including high jump, long jump, shot put, discus and sprints. Many of our students performed exceptionally well and qualified for Group Day on Wednesday, 11 November.









It was awesome to see all the students showing great sportsmanship and enthusiasm. Everyone cheered each other on and gave their best effort in every event, no matter how challenging it was.

At the end of the day, we held our traditional relay race between the four houses. The race started very close, but Aroha soon pulled away to take the win for the third year in a row. Kaha finished in 2nd place, with Mana close behind in 3rd, and Toa in 4th place.

By Beau, Jaxon, and Devon

RAINBOWS END



On the 3rd of December, Year 4 to Year 8 students who have had a job around the school this year, like being a Peer Mediator, Sports Shed Monitor, or any other school job, will get the chance to go on a trip to Rainbows End!

This is a special reward for students who have helped out and shown responsibility throughout the year. It will be an awesome day where we can hang out with our friends, go on lots of rides, and have heaps of fun.

Make sure you are at school **before 8:30am** because we will be leaving at around 8:40am. We should be back at school by about **4:00pm**, so don't forget to tell your parents or caregivers what time they need to pick you up.

Remember to wear you school uniform and to bring the following:





- A hat
- Sunscreen
- Food and a drink
- Comfortable shoes for walking around

It would also be a good idea to check the weather and bring a raincoat if it looks like it might rain.

Most importantly, bring a good attitude! Make sure you listen to the teachers, follow the rules, stay with your group, and be kind and respectful to everyone.

Let's make it a fun, safe and exciting day that everyone will enjoy! 🎢🎡😃 By Zara and Jacob

Kia Kaha, Kia Toa!

Production

Pukeoware School has been busy practising for our upcoming school production in Week 5, which is all about New Zealand legends. Each class has its own scene to perform, and everyone is working hard to get ready for the big day.

Did you know our school production script was written by Mrs Byrnes? Whaea Sue and our teachers have added their own creativity and flair along the way too. It's a genuine Pukeoware original!

The production will be held on Thursday 12 December, with performances at 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Entry is by gold coin donation, and children under 5 are free.

We are all excited to share our hard work with our whaanau and wider community, and we look forward to seeing you there.

By Karthik



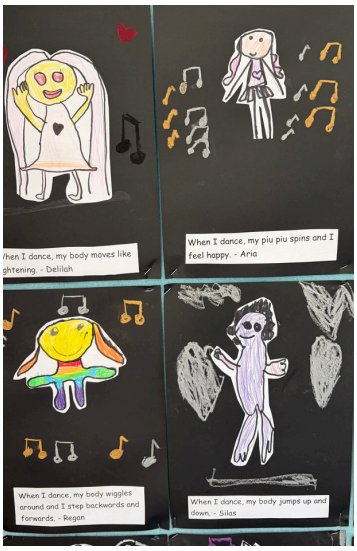
CLASS ROOM MOKORAU

Here we are working extremely hard on our end of year writing assessment. We are remembering all the skills we have learnt in writing this year. Pop in anytime to see what we have been doing and read our MIHARO writing in our books and around the room.





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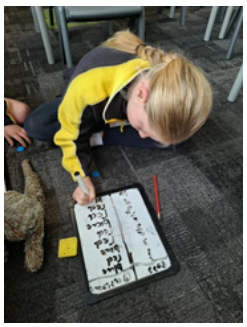


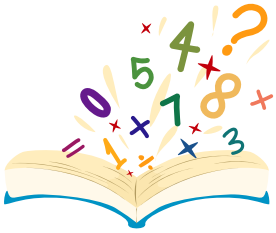
Mrs Swinburne has been teaching us about dance - different kinds of dance from around the world. As a follow up activity we made these pictures and we all were challenged to use verbs in our sentence - how did we go?











Our big maths focus at the moment is using the language of chance! We had a lot of fun tossing a two sided dice and writing down our results and comparing the data.

Ask us a question about what chance we think something might happen - see if we can use the correct language!





Look at the cube snake we made! It went out the door and into Teina's and Silas's bags.

Watch out, boys!



PARAKAU





We have been refining our dance moves for our Maui and the Sun dance for production. You will see us on the stage soon dancing to the song "You're Welcome!" from the Moana movie.



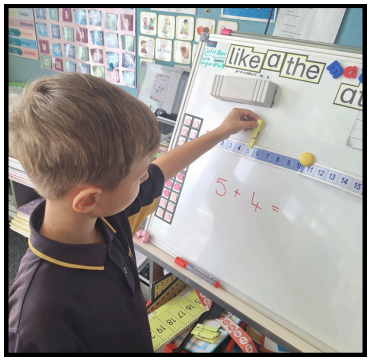




In Maths, we have been learning how to count on from the largest number when solving addition questions.







Ms Wolfgram has begun testing us to see how much we have learnt in reading this year. She is so proud of our progress. Here is a group doing choral reading (everyone reads together at the same time).





Parakau worked hard to train for our Athletics Day. We are good at cheering on our friends and putting our best effort into our practices. We tried our hardest on the day and we are proud of our achievements!







TOTARA LEARNING



How is it Term 4 already??
Totara has had a fantastic start to Term 4 in the classroom. We welcomed Aubree and Mackenzie to our class whaanau this term.

The class loved our school's Calf Club and being able to show off all our beautiful art, poem writing and floral art.











We have kicked back into learning mode with our core subjects and we have been doing a lot of practice for our upcoming production. It is going to be awesome!

Along with the rest of the junior school, we all enjoyed running our athletics 60m and 100m heat races.

Our end of year assessments have been completed in class and it is very exciting to observe the progress and achievement that each and every tamariki has achieved so far this year!











NOTICES

Waiuku Health Pools & Leisure Center

STRONGER TAMARIKI
BRIGHTER COMMUNITIES

He wai he oranga
Healthy waters brighter futures

HEALTHIER TAMARIKI
Swimming and water confidence for life.

YEAR-ROUND ACCESS
A facility that can be used all year round, in all weather.

LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT
Swimming lessons support wellbeing, skills and confidence for our tamariki.

STRONGER COMMUNITIES
A place for our children, whānau and local schools and ECE centres.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!
We would love to receive a supporting letter from your school or ECE centre, sharing how the Waiuku Health Pools & Leisure Center will benefit the tamariki in your organisation.

GET IN TOUCH
Grace Van den Brink
on behalf of Moramo Hou Ministries Trust
graci3@xtra.co.nz
027 255 7316

Support Our Waiuku Health Pools & Leisure Centre Project
For our tamariki. For our community.

He kaupapa nui mō ā tātou tamariki me te hapori

We are seeking **letters of support from** schools, ECE centres, and **community organisations** to help show the council how this project would benefit tamariki, whānau, and the wider Waiuku community.

Your support letter will help strengthen our portfolio and demonstrate the importance of having a year-round aquatic and leisure facility in Waiuku.

Healthy Tamariki, Thriving Waiuku

Why this matters
- A safe and welcoming place for swimming and water safety learning throughout the year
- Swimming lessons that can continue in every season
- Increased confidence, fitness, and wellbeing for tamariki
- Support for schools and ECE centres with regular access to aquatic learning
- Opportunities for recreation, inclusion, and community connection

What could this mean for your organisation?
- Reliable access to a facility open all year round
- Consistent swimming lessons for children, regardless of weather
- More opportunitee to support water confidence and safety
- A valuable community space for learning, health, and active play

What we would love you to share in your letter
- How this project would benefit the tamariki in your school, ECE centre, or organisation
- What having a year-round facility would mean for your children and whānau
- Why all-year swimming lessons are important for your setting
- How this space could support learning, wellbeing, and community participation

He hapori kaha, he anamata mārama

Wai • Whānau • Hauora • Hapori • Angitūtanga

Please support this kaupapa
by providing a letter of support for our council portfolio.

Ngā mihi nui for standing with us to support a healthier, safer future for our tamariki and community.

Get in touch
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on behalf of Moramo Hou Ministries Trust
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Phone: 027 255 7316

SAFE ACTIVE CONNECTED THRIVING
Together for Waiuku

Waiuku Health Pools & Leisure Centre | Tautoko mai – Support our vision

PUKEOWARE SCHOOL
KIA KAHA KIA TOA
Together We Shine

END OF YEAR PRIZEGIVING
THURSDAY 10 DECEMBER

Join us as we celebrate another wonderful year of learning, growth, and achievement at Pukeoware School.

- End of Year Awards
- Christmas Songs & Performances
- Celebrating Student Successes
- A Reflection on the Year Gone By

Everyone Welcome!

We look forward to celebrating with our students, whaanau, and wider community.

PUKEOWARE SCHOOL
KIA KAHA KIA TOA

SUNSET COAST BMX
80 Attewell Road, Puni

JOIN OUR BMX CLUB!
ALL WELCOME

- Wednesdays from 5pm
- Join us to "Play Bike"!
- All welcome – any age or skill level
- First 3 sessions are FREE!

BEFORE RACING STARTS
- CHECK IN 5.15 – 5.45 PM
- ORDER DINNER BEFORE RACING BEGINS
- CHECK YOUR GEAR — HELMET, GLOVES, LONG SLEEVES, LONG PANTS, SAFE BIKE

RACING STARTS AT 6PM

PLAY BIKE HAVE FUN MAKE FRIENDS

YOU CAN HIRE A BIKE, HELMET AND GLOVES FROM THE CLUB

WEDNESDAYS | FROM 5PM
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