PUKEATUA 2026 PRESS

23rd October, Week 2, Term 4 Te Panui o te Kura #11

Message from the Principal

My name is Wayne Lunjevich aka Matua Wayne. My time as Interim Principal at Pukeatua School has started wonderfully, and I feel very fortunate to join such a positive and welcoming school community.

I have really enjoyed getting to know the students, seeing them engaged in their learning, and experiencing the energy and enthusiasm they bring to school each day. It has also been a pleasure meeting many of our new whānau and beginning to build strong relationships with families and our wider community.

I am thoroughly enjoying working alongside the dedicated staff at Pukeatua School. Their commitment to our students, their professionalism, and the care they show each day are strengths that I am already appreciating.

I am looking forward to continuing to build relationships, listening and learning, and working together to ensure Pukeatua School is a place where every student feels valued, supported and inspired to achieve their very best.

I am excited about the journey ahead and the opportunities we have together to make a positive difference for our students, whānau and school community.

Ag Days was a great success, and I want to thank everyone who contributed to making the day so memorable. It was a wonderful occasion that brought us all together to share animals, food, and laughter.

Special recognition goes to Gaby for her dedication and outstanding effort in ensuring the event ran smoothly.

Thank you again for all your hard work.

A proverb or whakataukī reflects this, which says:
' Nā tō rourou, nā taku rourou, ka ora ai te iwi '
- With your food basket and my food basket, the people will thrive

Ngā mihi

Wayne Lunjevich
INTERIM PRINCIPAL



FAREWELL MR FRANKLIN

At our last assembly of Term 3, we farewelled Mr Franklin. The students prepared gifts and speeches about his time at Pukeatua School over the last 5 years. It was sad to see him go but we wish him all the very best for his new adventure.



WELCOME

This term we welcome Mr Lunjevich, who is our Interim Principal for the rest of 2026. He comes to us with extensive experience and knowledge in education and leadership so we are in great hands for T4.





Beginning in February 2027 we will have a new permanent Princpal - Mrs Douglas. She will be joining us from the start of the year and has previous experience as a Principal, along with many years of teaching and school leadership across the Waikato, Waipā and Rotorua areas.

We are very excited for this new transition and look forward to seeing what new adventures and opportunities Mrs Douglas will share with us.

THANK YOU

2026 AG DAY

TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE OUR AG DAY A SUCCESS!

Trophy results

KIDS

Olsen Senior Points Cup — Caitlin Cheer
Person with highest total of points from Most Obvious Pet, Leading & Rearing

LAMBS

Bradstreet Senior Points Cup — Cora Hine
Person with highest total of points from Most Obvious Pet, Leading & Rearing

Anderson Intermediate Points Cup — Souljah Smith
Person with highest total of points from Most Obvious Pet, Leading & Rearing

Knox Junior Points Award — Fraser Herbert
Person with highest total of points from Most Obvious Pet, Leading & Rearing

CALVES

Forsman Senior Points Cup — Brayden Holmes
Person with highest total of points from Leading & Rearing

Stockholmes Intermediate Points Cup — Eleanor Stockholmes
Person with highest total of points from Leading & Rearing

Williams Junior Points Cup — Kobe Smith, Jock Niederer
Person with highest total of points from Leading & Rearing

SPIRIT OF AGRICULTURE DAY TROPHY (donated by the Board of Trustees) — Lauren Ramsey
Person who has a pet, is seen to be enjoying the day, interacting well with their animal and in general being a good sport.









WE HAVE MANY PHOTOS OF AG DAY THANKS TO CHLOE OUR PHOTOGRAPHER - IF YOU WISH TO GET COPIES PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE.












































































LATEST VALUES AWARD WINNERS






IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4

OCTOBER

23rd	Eastern Zone Touch Tounament
26th	LABOUR DAY - School Closed
27th	Board Meeting

NOVEMBER

5th	Yr7&8 Technology
6th	Gumboot Friday
	Assembly R2
13th	Wheels Day
	House Challenge
19th	Eastern Zone Athletics Day
25th	Teachers vs Students - Touch
26th	Parent Helper Afternoon Tea
27th	House Challenge

DECEMBER

1st	Year 8 trip to Rainbows End
	Board Meeting 7pm
2nd	Korakonui Formal
3rd	Yr7&8 Technology
4th	Assembly
5th	Maunga visit at School
9th	End of Year Assembly 11am
11th	Whole School Fun Day
	Last day of Buses
15th	Final School day for 2026
	Finish at 1.45pm

STAY GROOVY

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- **Keyboard tutor**
- **Voice tutor**
- **Another instrument**
  violin, bass, woodwind, or something else!

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WEEKLY DURING TERM TIME
HELD AT PUTARURU COLLEGE

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