PUKEATUA PRESS 2026

6th November, Week 4, Term 4 — Te Panui o te Kura #12

Message from the Principal

Kia ora koutou katoa,

It has been another busy and positive couple of weeks at Pukeatua School, and it has been wonderful to see our ākonga continuing to learn, grow and participate in the many opportunities that school life provides.

Over the past two weeks, our classrooms have remained focused on teaching and learning, with students demonstrating great enthusiasm and commitment to their learning. It has also been fantastic to see the positive relationships developing across our school as we continue to build a strong sense of belonging and connection among our ākonga (students), staff and whānau.

A particular highlight has been seeing our students getting involved in sports and extracurricular activities. These opportunities provide our students with the chance to develop not only their physical skills, but also important qualities such as teamwork, perseverance, resilience and sportsmanship.

Looking Ahead

As we move further into Term 4, plenty is happening across the school. Some exciting events coming up include our Athletics, Year 8 Rainbows End Graduation trip, Kapa Haka trip to Hamilton, and Whole School Fun Day at the Te Rapa Pools. This is where our students will have the opportunity to challenge themselves, have fun and proudly represent Pukeatua School. I encourage all our students to get involved, give things a go and support one another.

Our teachers are also beginning an important period of assessment and reporting. They are gathering evidence of student progress and achievement and beginning to prepare our end-of-year reports. This is a valuable opportunity to recognise the progress each child has made throughout the year and to celebrate their individual strengths, achievements and next steps for learning.

While Term 4 can be a busy time, it is important that we continue to maintain our focus on learning, relationships, wellbeing and high expectations. There are still many opportunities ahead for our students to finish the year strongly and to celebrate the successes of 2026.

I would like to acknowledge and thank our dedicated staff for the energy, commitment and care they continue to show our students. I also want to thank our whānau for your ongoing support of Pukeatua School and for the positive contribution you make to our school community.

It has been a real pleasure getting to know our students, staff and whānau, and I continue to feel very positive about the direction we are heading as a school. There is a great deal to be proud of at Pukeatua School, and I look forward to the exciting weeks ahead.

Ngā mihi nui,

Wayne Lunjevich
ACTING PRINCIPAL

WHAKAHOU WHAKAARO, WHAKAHOU AO — I AM HOPE — CHANGE ATTITUDES, CHANGE THE WORLD

Today is GUMBOOT FRIDAY
Gumboot Friday is a fundraising initiative of "I am Hope", raising money to provide free counseling sessions for young people 5 years to 25 years.

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donate at iamhope.org.nz or
text HOPE to 469 to donate $3.

GUM BOOT FRIDAY

Ph: 07 872 4862 E-mail: office@pukeatuaschool.co.nz



GARDEN TO TABLE

Room 4 students got into our school gardens on recent sunny day. They worked hard getting everything ship-shape for summer and put in new plants.

ATTENTION! IMPORTANT

PERMISSION SLIPS

We have two activities coming up this term requiring transport outside the school. We MUST have the permission slip for these back by the deadline stated. We need this information to plan accordingly for numbers attending. No late permission forms will be accepted. Please return these on time or your child cannot attend.

EASTERN ZONES ATHLETICS DAY

Week 6 - Thursday 19th November

Organised by Puahue School

Held at Te Awamutu Stadium, Armstrong Avenue

(Postponement day - Monday 23rd Nov)

8.40am - Meet at stadium

9.00am - Age groups line up

9.15am - First event starts



- Parents need to transport their child/children to and from this event.
- Parents are welcome to stay and watch their children participate. This is definitely helpful with the younger students.

END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS NOTICE

As we approach the end of the school year, we are currently reviewing all student accounts. Please note that all outstanding fees and charges must be fully cleared before the end of the term.

We understand that this can be a busy or challenging time, so if you need a bit of help setting up a payment plan for the remainder of the term, please reach out to the school office as soon as possible. We are more than happy to work with you.

If you already have a payment plan in place, please check to make sure it will cover all outstanding amounts before the term ends on 15th December.

Thank you for your support.

The School Office

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!

tech Y7&8









Tech arts over the last few weeks has been about basic life skills. This week they had the opportunity to learn basic car knowledge and hand sewing skills. Each year group learned how to open the bonnet, what fuel they use, where to add fuel, how to change a tyre, what the hand brake looks like, where to check the oil, hand stitching & utilising this skill to make pillows, pencils cases and friendship bracelets. They've also learnt how to make beds, set a table, hang washing, fold a fitted sheet, cleaned windows and use an iron.



A huge thanks to staff who let the students use their cars for this week's exercise.
















LATEST VALUES AWARD WINNERS











IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4

NOVEMBER

5th	Yr7&8 Technology
	Guy Fawkes
6th	Gumboot Friday
	Assembly R2
7th	Elections
13th	House Challenge
19th	Eastern Zone Athletics Day
20th	Wheels Day
	Disco - Pukeatua Community Hall
	Preschoolers 5.30pm-6.30pm/school age up to Yr 8 6.30pm-8.30pm.
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
	Kapa Haka trip to Tainui Waka
	Kapa Haka festival in Hamilton
3rd	Yr7&8 Technology
4th	Final newsletter for 2026
	Assembly
	Last touch round
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

What matters most, Waipā?

Help shape our next 10 years

From the roads you drive on to the parks, libraries and pools you use, tell us what matters most to you before decisions are made in our next 10-Year Plan

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waipadc.govt.nz/what-matters

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AFTER-SCHOOL LESSONS
WEEKLY DURING TERM TIME
HELD AT PUTARURU COLLEGE

PAID ROLE

TRAVEL REIMBURSED

Know someone who loves music and would be great with young people? Please pass this on.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO APPLY

Hannah 027 3166 265

putaruruschoolofmusic@gmail.com

When the same hard moment keeps happening for our tamariki

When the same hard moment keeps repeating, it may mean your child is having difficulty meeting an expectation in that situation.
The behaviour is the signal. The unsolved problem is what needs our attention.



1 Identify the problem

What specific expectation is your child having difficulty meeting?

Think "getting dressed before leaving home" rather than "difficult mornings".

2 Get curious

When everyone is calm, try:
"I've noticed it's hard to get dressed in the morning. What's up?"

Listen for what you don't know or don't understand yet.

3 Solve it together

Share what matters to you and why, then invite their ideas.

Look for one realistic solution that works for both of you and try it out.
"How about we try...."

A SIMPLE TIP

Kōrero before it's hard again
Problems are always easier to solve before everyone is frustrated.

Tamariki do well if they can.
When they can't, curiosity helps us understand what's getting in the way

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