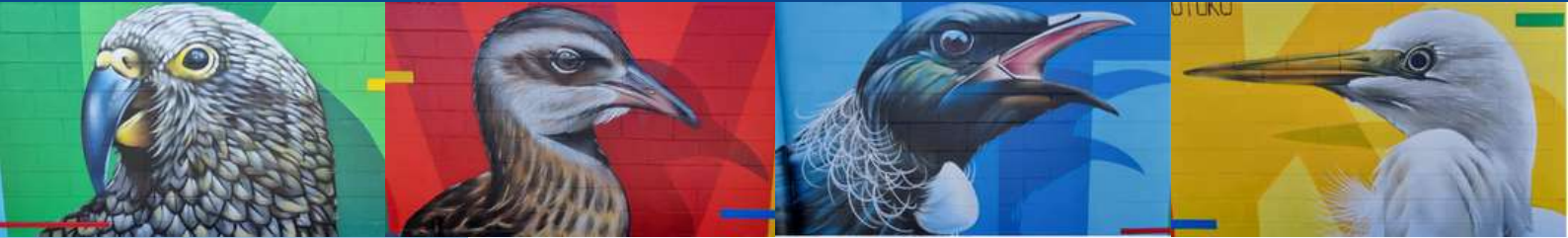


Weekly Newsletter

31st January 2025



SAVE THE DATE!

Week 4:

Thurs 20th Feb- Growers
Festival 5-7pm

Week 6:

Monday 3rd March-Wed
5th Camp A

Wed 5th to Friday 7th
Camp B

Mr Williams' Message

Tena koutou e te whānau,

Our schoolwide Concept this term is Community - Whānau, Whānui. During this topic students will be developing an understanding of the following questions;

- What is a community?
- Who is in my community?
- Why is it important to be part of a community?

Our particular focus will be on who is in our school community and celebrating the diversity that exists within our kura. We are planning a whole school celebration of cultures towards the end of term. Any whānau expertise and willingness to share your culture would be amazing. Our RICH value focus this term is that of Respect. Showing respect to others and ourselves is an important part of Pukekohe Hill School. Using manners- please, thank you, listening to others, looking at people when they are speaking, are all ways that our tamariki can show Respect to others.

Ngā mihi nui
Simon Williams



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2025

Growers
Festival



20 FEBRUARY
5-7PM

RAFFLE DONATIONS

Can you help??

We are looking for some yummy non-perishable food items to make grocery hampers to raffle at our Growers Festival.

Please drop donations outside the office between 8.30-9 am

From Mon 10th-Tue 18th, earn whānau points for every donation!



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GROWERS FESTIVAL & WHĀNAU EVENING

We hope your pumpkins are growing well.

Remember there is also the Designer Grass Heads, Bug Hotel and Photography competition.

- From week 2 Photographs can be sent with your child and taken to Mrs Willis in Room 23 or given to their teacher. Named, room number and year level on the front of the photo please.
- Pumpkins, Grass Heads, Bug Hotels and Photographs are to be taken home during the evening between 5-7pm.

20th February 2025

5-7pm

The countdown is on to our Growers Festival! We are excited to see all your creations for 2025!

Reminder of the categories to enter:

- Pumpkins
- Designer Grassheads
- Bug Hotels
- Photography- Theme is "Nature"



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2025 Growers Festival



THURSDAY 20TH FEBRUARY

Pukekohe Hill School Growers Festival/Whānau Evening is about bringing our community together, making connections, and Growing Great People Together.

CATEGORIES/IMPORTANT INFORMATION

There are 4 student categories. Children can enter into more than one category.

- Pumpkins
- Designer Grass Heads
- Bug Hotels
- Photography

Categories will be displayed in teams, Pohutukawa, Kauri, and Totara.

First, last name, year, and room number must be on each entry.



1 PUMPKINS

- Seeds will be given to your child. Only pumpkins grown from those seeds will be judged.
- Please fill out the seed request form on Class Dojo.
- Pumpkins can take 4 to 6 months to grow. So plant soon in time for our Growers Festival.
- Cut the pumpkin off the plant and bring it to school on the morning of the Growers Festival.
- NOTE: No diaries this year

GROWING INFORMATION



5 Steps to Pumpkin Success

- Choose a sunny area of the garden with enough space for plants to spread.
- Prepare your soil with organic matter like compost and sheep pellets.
- Add a layer of vegetable mix to plant into. Pumpkins are best planted in spring once frosts have passed.
- Feed every four weeks during spring and summer with vegetable food.
- Keep your pumpkins well-watered as they establish and grow, avoiding the leaves.

Judges will be looking for:

- Pumpkin is firm
- There are no scars
- Or soft spots

For more information:

<https://tuigarden.co.nz/how-to-guide/pumpkin-growing-guide/>

2 DESIGNER GRASS HEAD

Whether you make a person, monster, or animal, grass heads are great fun to grow! You will need:



- Grass seed
- Potting mix
- Old nylon stocking
- Jars, upcycled container or other items to serve as a reservoir for their bodies
- Upcycled or natural materials for decorating

Create Your Grass Head - plant seeds 3 WEEKS before the Growers festival for good growth.

1. Place a couple tablespoons of grass seed in the toe of the stocking.
2. Fill the toe with soil to create the head OR Add enough soil to cover the seeds. Add enough topsoil to the stocking to create a ball the size of a tennis ball.
3. Tie a knot in the stocking just below the head. Place the end of the stocking in the upcycled container. The stocking "tail" serves as a wick moving the water from the reservoir into the soil. Keep water in the reservoir and make sure the soil stays moist.
4. Decorate the grass head with upcycled or natural materials.
5. The grass "hair" will soon sprout and grow. Use scissors to give your grass head a hair cut as needed.

You can use your own grass seed or request some from school. A google form will be sent out term 4.

Judges will be looking for:

- Most creative design
- Use of natural and upcycled materials



3 BUG HOTEL



Follow these steps to create a simple bug hotel.

Step 1. Collect twigs and sticks

You want a good quantity of dry hollow twigs, stems or bamboo canes.

Step 2. Cut sticks to size

Using a pair of secateurs, cut your sticks into 15cm lengths.

Step 3. Bundle and tie

Bundle a handful of cut sticks together. Around 10 - 20 sticks should be fine.

Tie around the bundle tightly with twine. Make a knot to secure the twine. Make sure there is one long length of twine still when you do this. This will be used to hang up the bug hotel.

Step 4. Hang your hotel

If possible, place the bug hotel in a sheltered spot away from the wind. If it is somewhere that will get the morning sun, even better.

Use google for more difficult bug hotels.



The Bug Hotel must be made from natural/upcycled materials.

Judges will be looking for:

- Most creative
- Use of natural/upcycled materials



4 FOCUS ON NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY

Have a go at photography - take a photo on a walk or in your backyard. Photography is a perfect reason to get outside and explore and notice what is happening around you.

Photos must have a Nature Theme.

Print a 6x8 inch (15x20cm). Approximate size photo.

Please add your child's first and last name, year and room number on the **BACK** of the photo.

Photos can be sent from week 2. Please send to Mrs Willis in Room 23.

Judges will be looking for:

- Most creative
- Use of light
- Camera angle



A & P Showgrounds Photo Competition

We have been so impressed with the photos we received for our Grower's Festival Photo Competition that we will send a small selection of photos from each classroom to the Franklin A & P Show for display and judging.

We would love for your child to have the chance to have their nature photo displayed!

Rules:

1. To be eligible all photos must be at school by Monday 10 February.
2. The photo needs to be printed on photo paper, and not normal paper
3. The photo needs to be sized 6" x 8" (20cm x 15cm)
4. Do not mount the photo or back it onto any card
5. Please name and provide date of birth on back of the photographs, (Please note, this differs from what our flyer initially requested!

Pukekohe Hill School will be entering our nature photos in either the "From the Backyard" section or "Open" section.

W E
W A N T
Y O U R
P H O T O S !



Senior Camp 2025

Port Waikato

Year 5 and 6 Students will have received permission forms and details on Class Dojo regarding camp. Please complete these as soon as possible so we are able to finalize details.



Lunch Ordering Term 1



LUNCHES - TERM 1
Starts this Fri 31st!

Register and Order at www.dollarforschools.co.nz

Wednesdays -
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Fridays -
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Thurs Feb 20th
Thurs Mar 13th
Thurs Apr 3rd



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3. New World Pukekohe will then donate 1% of all sales made with participating Clubcards scanned to Pukekohe Hill School.



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Mitey News



We are looking forward to continue our Mitey journey this year. The Mitey programme is a unique approach to mental health education that was designed for New Zealand primary schools by the Sir John Kirwan Foundation in partnership with the University of Auckland.

As we continue our Mitey journey we are focusing on integrating the learning outcomes into other areas of the curriculum and every day life. As part of our concept Whānau Whānui (Community) we are learning about being brave, our strengths, being a friend, our feelings, Whānau and aroha and how we can contribute to our community. **We are unique and bring our own strengths to our community.**

Community News

One to one Tutoring available.

I am an experienced teacher/tutor, running individualised programmes to target learning needs. I cater for a wide range of abilities and specialise in students with extra challenges.

For more information, please get in touch with Jocelyn Reilly, 021 153 1014, or jocelyn.reilly743@gmail.com



FREE FEES 2025

PUKEKOHE JUNIOR RUGBY

U5-U13 BOYS & GIRLS WELCOME

REGISTRATION DATES:
 Monday 17th Feb 5:00pm-7:00pm
 Wednesday 19th Feb 5:00pm-7:00pm
 Tuesday 25th Feb 5:00pm-7:00pm
 Thursday 27th Feb 5:00pm-7:00pm

Scan QR Code to register

Boot exchange back for 2025

For more info:
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 10:30am - 11:15am (Kids)
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\$15 per class OR \$50 monthly pass

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For more info:
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