

11 February 2026

Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome back to a brand-new school year! It is wonderful to see our playground buzzing with energy again. A very warm welcome to our new students and their whānau. Thank you for joining us at last week's **mihi whakatau**—it was a special way to start our journey together.

We have an exciting year ahead, including the potential to host international students from **Beijing and Tahiti** for short stays! We are currently looking for kind homestay families to host these visitors. If you can help, please reach out to Shane.

We were honoured to welcome **Secretary Li, Jim, Lucy, and Daisy** from Beijing to our school this week. This visit was a significant step in building international relationships, with the goal of partnering to host Beijing students and creating future opportunities for our own Mauku students to travel to China.

Secretary Li and his team were incredibly complimentary of our school, specifically highlighting the **excellent behaviour** of our students and our **warm, welcoming environment**. They were struck by our deep connection to nature and the genuine **sense of family** that permeates our campus. We are so proud of our students for being such outstanding ambassadors and look forward to the global opportunities this partnership will bring.

As we enjoy the summer sun, please ensure your child stays **SunSmart** with a hat, plenty of water, and sensible clothing. Speaking of our environment, we are beginning our **five-year property cycle**, so expect to see upgrades to our roofing, joinery, and electrical systems throughout the year.

Mr Christie

Welcome to the following students who started with us this year:

Rm 1 (NE): Hunter Wyatt, Aadan Sidhu, Caleb Kasipale, Benji Thackham, Henry Aynsley, Emilia Galloway, Hiiona Kaihau

Rm 2: Indie Logan

Rm 4: Manaia Bradshaw, Keira Griffin

Rm 6: Hayleigh Samuels, Teina Thompson

Rm 8: Sebastian McGrath, Violet Riley



Dates to remember

19 Feb	Yr 5 & Yr 6 Surf Safe trip to Kariotahi Beach
25 Feb	Senior Swimming Sports @ Patumahoe School
5 Mar	Junior Swimming Carnival @ Mauku School
2 Mar	BoT meeting
3 Mar	Group Swimming Sports
7 Mar	Little Green Expo
9 Mar	NE cohort entry
13 Mar	Zone Swimming Sports
21 Mar	Franklin Multi-Cultural Festival

IMPORTANT START OF YEAR REMINDERS

Please remember to contact the office if your child is absent. Email (admin@mauku.school.nz), Phone (2363 654), Txt (021 123 0481) or use the Skool Loop app.

If children are late to school, or early leaving, parents are required to come into the office and sign them in (or out) on the office ipad. **This is for parents to do, not students!**

NO students are to be at school before 8.15am (other than bus students). Teachers are preparing for the day and are not able to supervise.

STATIONERY: Teachers would like all students to have their stationery packs by next week please. Stationery is ordered online from Officemax. Type the following into your internet search bar and follow the prompts.

Myschool.co.nz/Mauku

You can choose to have the packs delivered to your home, or to school.



STUDENT WELLBEING

At Mauku School, we are continuing to strengthen our focus Focus on student safety and emotional wellbeing as part of our commitment to hauora, by introducing Pulse from Week 3, Term 1.

Pulse is a simple, private weekly check-in tool that helps students build mindfulness, emotional awareness, and self-regulation skills while giving them a safe way to share how they are feeling and seek support if needed.

The tool supports our social and emotional learning Programme and helps staff notice wellbeing patterns so they can respond early with appropriate support for individuals, classes, or year levels. Students answer a small number of guided questions, with identifiable responses visible only to relevant staff, while wider data is viewed in anonymous group form.

Further information can be found in this video:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1k9evYn0QHTVh3M1FRwWG5ZMfJlqBmjO/view>



LUNCHES - TERM 1 2026

Register and Order at www.dollarforschools.co.nz

Wednesdays
Sushi

Fridays
Pizza



Order now or by 9am each day

\$1 for each lunch goes
to our School



**FULTON
SWIM SCHOOL**

Starting Monday 9 March, Fulton Swim School Instructors will be here running swimming lessons for Rooms 3, 4, 7, 8.

These lessons will run 3 days a week for 3 weeks. There is no charge for these lessons.



On Saturday, 7th March, some of our Enviro group students will attend The Little Green Expo at the Anglican Church in Pukekohe. This is to help sell our Enviro products such as preserves, worm tea, seeds, and beeswax wraps etc.

This is valuable learning that helps students to develop their financial literacy, communication skills and follow the school values.

This is one of the fundraising events we do, with the funds raised going towards purchasing bee suits for our Mauku Beekeepers Club.

From the Kaitiaki of Mauku Enviro Group

Community Notices



Young at Art Term 1 children, teen and adult art classes are now open for bookings. Regular after school and home school art classes run for 9 wks for 6-8yrs, 9-12yrs and 13yrs+ in Pukekohe. This term we also have our specialist Dynamic Drawing 4 wk course on Thursdays.

Adult classes run regularly on Wednesday evenings (6.30pm-8.00pm for 6x weeks), and we also offer workshops in painting, resin and face painting.

For more information or to book, please visit: www.youngatart.co.nz or email admin@youngatart.co.nz




Kids' Beats
GROUP


DRUMLINE & BUCKET DRUMMING LESSONS

DURING SCHOOL AND AFTER SCHOOL

AGES 7-12

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FRANKLIN SQUASH CLUBS

JUNIOR TRAINING!

TERM 1 LESSONS 9 FEB - 30 MAR
ON ALL MONDAYS DURING THE TERM
EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS
GEAR PROVIDED AT THE CLUB
2 FREE TRIAL SESSIONS
\$100 FOR THE YEAR
CONTACT US TO JOIN - CAN START MID TERM
MARK - 027-478-3021
OR EMAIL ADMIN@FRANKLINSQUASH.ORG.NZ

CLASSES	TIME (MONDAY)
GROUP 1	4.00 - 4.55PM
GROUP 2	4.55 - 5.50PM
GROUP 3	5.50 - 6.45PM



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Pukekohe



 Franklin
Indian
Cultural
Club

BHANGRA & BOLLYWOOD CLASSES

Get ready to move and groove - punjabi style!

Saturday mornings!
31st Jan Onwards

Bollywood
9.45 - 10.30am

Kids Bhangra
10:30-11:15am
(Kids)

11:30-12:30pm
(Adults)

For more info, call
Coach Arshi
021 164 1674

Venue:
Pukekohe Intermediate
44 Queen Street (Gate 3)
Pukekohe

Follow us on:
 Instagram
 TikTok



Clubrooms are open every Thursday from 4pm

Pukekohe AFC - Football Season Update

Now Open

- All registrations for the winter season - ages 4 years right through to 17 year olds
- Fantails registrations open – free training programme for girls aged 5 to 12 years old
- For all registrations, go to our website and follow the link www.pukekoheafc.com



Thursday 12th February & Thursday 19th February

- Junior open training sessions – U10, U11 & U12
- That is all players turning 10, 11 or 12 in 2026
- Kick off times to be confirmed

Wednesday 11th February

- Fantails kicks off
- Meet at the Bledisloe Park Clubrooms – 4pm

Sunday 1st March, Tuesday 3rd March, Thursday 5th March

- Junior & Youth Musters – U10 through to U17 age groups.
- If you are turning 10 or over this year and wish to muster, please put these dates in your calendar. It is NOT compulsory to muster, if you register and pay we will ensure you are placed in a team.
- Schedule and kick off times to be confirmed at a later date.

Saturday 2nd May

- Small Whites, Juniors, Youth season kicks off
- This is for Small Whites right through to U17 age groups

Any queries, please contact Suzi Ihaia - admin@pukekoheafc.com



PUKEKOHE
Association Football Club Inc



Our Milo Fantails training sessions begin soon! If you have a daughter keen to play football in a safe, fun environment, register for our Term 1 programme.

Who : Girls aged 5 to 12

When : Wednesdays 4pm to 4.55pm **starting 11th February 2026**

Where : Bledisloe Park, Field 6 (meet under the trees on the High School side)

Cost : Free!

For more information and to register go to our website page: <https://www.pukekoheafc.com/fantails/>