



Newsletter

Wisdom begins with Wonder



Week 1 Term 4 2025

Thursday 9th October

Acting Principal Korero

Kia ora Whanau

As my 10 weeks as Acting Principal come to an end, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt thanks to the entire school community. It has been a true privilege to step into this role while Rob has been on sabbatical, and I have thoroughly enjoyed every moment of the journey.

To our wonderful staff – thank you for your unwavering support, professionalism, and the passion you bring to your mahi each day. Your commitment to the students and to creating a positive, nurturing learning environment is inspiring, and it has made my role a joy.

To our students – you have brought energy, curiosity, and a great sense of fun to each day. Whether in the classroom, on the sports field, or at school events, your enthusiasm and kindness have made a lasting impression on me.

And to our wider community and whānau – thank you for the warm welcome and ongoing support over these past 10 weeks. One of the great strengths of our kura is the partnership we share with our community, and it has been a pleasure to be a part of that during my time here.

I've had an incredible experience – full of laughter, learning, and connection – and I leave with many fond memories. I look forward to seeing the continued success of the school and know it's in excellent hands with Rob returning to lead.

Ngā mihi nui,

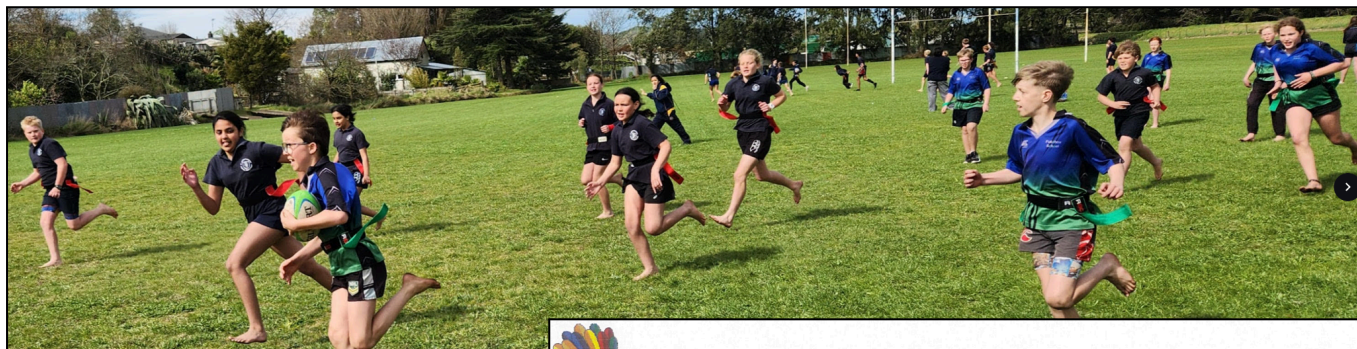
Mark Gifkins

Acting Principal

RIPPA RUGBY TOURNAMENT

During the last week of last term we had four teams of students travel to 'Coronation Park' to compete in the annual CHB Rippa Rugby Tournament. The students had an absolute blast and were able to put the skills they had been perfecting during lunch breaks into full use. It was wonderful to watch the sleek passing and dynamic running as the Pukehou players burst down the field scoring try after try. All players came back to school full of Pride and satisfaction in the successes they had achieved. A real competitive spirit flourished that day. Below are photographs of students in action as well as those who were awarded "Players of the Day" medals.





IMPORTANT DATES:

(Check updates on the HERO Calendar)

OCTOBER

Wed 15th 1pm - Production Matinee
6pm - Production
Thurs 16th 6pm - Production
Mon 20th Pet Day
Tues 21st School Photos (NB change of date)
Thurs 23rd Possible Strike Day
Fri 24th Hawke's Bay Anniversary - School Closed
Mon 27th Labour Day - School Closed
Tues 28th - Thurs 30th Kea Class Camp

NOVEMBER

Thurs 6th Athletics Day (tbc)
Thurs 13th CHB Athletics



The Greatest Show

Production reminders and updates:

Performance dates:

Wednesday 15th October - matinee 1 pm and 6 pm

Thursday 16th October - evening 6 pm

The show is approximately 1 ½ hours in duration.

Dress rehearsal will be on Thursday 9th of October, the first week of next term. We have invited an audience to this performance at 1 pm.

Wednesday/Thursday evening performance IMPORTANT information:

Students will need to be back at school by 5:15 pm.

Cats, dogs, clowns, and Cara will need to be back at school at 5 pm.

Students will go to their classrooms to get their costumes on, and will remain there until we are ready as a school to move to the hall.

After the performance, you can wait on the tennis court until your son and daughter have changed out of their costume; they will meet you there.

Students will need to have something to eat once home so that they can sustain the evening.



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PUKEHOU SCHOOL

Term 4 Lunches

16th October – Dominos Pizza

22nd October – St Pierres Sushi

29th October – Pita Pit

13th November – Dominos Pizza

26th November – Pita Pit

Orders close 9am on day of delivery



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www.lunchonline.co.nz

1. Login/Place an Order
2. Create an account
3. Add member/s Include name, school and classroom number
4. Under Lunch Orders select student name – Start order and place your order
5. You will be directed to the make a payment page
6. A pop up will confirm 'your order has been successful' or check 'Order History' tab
7. Any queries please call us on 0800 LOL LOL (0800565565)



Pukehou School **Garden Tour** *16th November 2025*

Tickets: \$35 or \$50 includes a packed lunch
(plus booking fee)

- Available at Eventfinda

Contact: whanauandfriends@pukehou.school.nz



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Get ready for a delightful day exploring beautiful gardens of CHB, all while supporting Pukehou School!

Stroll through a collection of stunning local gardens, enjoy fresh air, and gather inspiration for your own backyard oasis.

Stay tuned to the Facebook event page for more updates and sneak peeks as we get closer to the big day.



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Date: 16 November 2025
Time: 9:45am - 4pm
Start Point: Pukehou School
174 State Highway 2
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