



Newsletter

Wisdom begins with Wonder



Week 2 Term 3 2026

Monday 27 July

PRINCIPAL KORERO

The brisk starts and lovely blue sky days made for a great start to Term 3. Student learning conferences were held, and it was a great opportunity to reflect on the progress that our tamariki have made over the first half of the year and set some clear goals for the remainder of the year. Thank you to our parents and whānau. Learning is a partnership between home and school, and your support and insights are invaluable.

Term 3 is always a busy sporting term with the Onga 7s, Cross Country, Ki o Rahi, and Rippa. Our tamariki have had an active first week!! We are again striving to complete **1km a Day**, and to be fair, most students have been completing more than that already, which is heartening.

We will be hosting the annual Pukehou - Ōtāne - Poukawa Cross Country on **Wednesday 19th August**. We'd love to have your support on the day, so please pencil it in. It will be a challenging course again, and I hope to take a walk in the hills behind school this week to get a better idea of what needs to be done!

As part of the 1km a Day training, we will also culminate with a **Runathon** on **Thursday, 3rd September**. Students will be sponsored to walk, run, or walk-run as many laps of a 300m course here at school in one hour. Excitingly, all funds raised will be used to purchase a school trampoline which is exciting for students and staff alike!!



Children have brought sponsorship forms home and can be sponsored per lap or can receive a one-off donation. There will be prizes for our top fundraisers too! If you are part of our wider school community, and would like to sponsor a runner, please contact us and we can facilitate this.

Our School Values

As we begin to look ahead to 2027 and the development of a new Strategic Plan, whānau, iwi, and community consultation will be pivotal. Re-examining and defining our values will be part of this process.

This term, our values focus is **Oranga Hauora**.

He Oranga Hauora

is about healthy living and lifestyles. It's about making healthy living choices that enhance our health and wellbeing to benefit our learners and our learning community. At Pukehou School, we...

Have a **GROWTH MINDSET**, showing **RESILIENCE**.

PAUSE, BREATHE, and SMILE.

Practise **MINDFULNESS**.

Are **MANA ENHANCERS**.

Are **SUNSMART**

Promote **HEALTHY EATING** choices.

Are physically **ACTIVE**, relishing sports, games, and play

Build **SUPPORT** networks with friends, whānau, and the community.



Students will have abundant opportunities to:

- ★ Be **physically active**
- ★ Have a **growth mindset**
- ★ Show **resilience**
- ★ Be **mana enhancers**

This week, we are focused on how to be mana enhancers. This is similar to the concept of being a 'bucket filler' which we have previously shared. The challenge is to consider how we can lift others up through the things we say and do, to build their sense of self and feeling of connection.

REMINDER: TEACHER ONLY DAYS

Please remember that two Ministry of Education Teacher Only Days, focused on Curriculum and Assessment, are planned for this term.

**Friday, the 4th September, and
Monday, the 7th of September.**

School will be closed on those days as the teaching team engages in professional learning to improve curriculum knowledge and assessment practices. We recognise that this may cause inconvenience, and thank you in advance for your understanding.

Celebrating Success - World Record!!

In February, Jaxon competed in the 2026 NZ Sports Fishing Nationals. His commitment and dedication to this sport was in full display over the tournament.



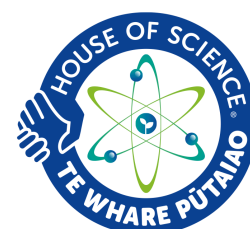
He gained 1st place Albacore tuna on 4kg line with his fish weighing 12.18kg (pictured). This is a new HBSFC junior record and is also a NZ junior record on 4kg line. This was the top Albacore on 4kg line in the whole of NZ for both senior and junior!!



Recently, Jaxon was presented with an International Game Fishing Association Award for his Albacore Tuna!! Congratulations, Jaxon.

Science

We are super excited to announce that we will be joining the House of Science initiative, provided by the Ministry of Education. Through this we will have access to science kits. Having used these before, I can't recommend them highly enough. The kits come with a raft of teaching resources, equipment, and lessons that allow teachers to deliver engaging science lessons (and experiments!!) easily.



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CHB Ngāti Whai Festival

During the last week of Term 2, we participated in the CHB Ngāti Whai Festival, a celebration of waiata, haka, and tikanga Māori. Our tamariki had been preparing throughout the term, guided by Mrs Strong and our guitarist, Jade. A huge thanks to them both for their commitment and care. As the festival approached, it was awesome to see our tamariki rise, reaching for and attaining that performance standard! On the day, they shone, and we are proud of each and every one of them. A special mention to our Kaea, Jaxon, who led powerfully. *Whāia te iti kahurangi, ki te tuohu koe, me he maunga teitei!*

A huge thanks to the organising committee. It's a huge task, but we appreciate their efforts and the opportunity to be part of this iconic and important local event.





IMPORTANT

DATES:

JULY

Wed 29th Onga Onga 7's (Kāhu)
Discovery morning (4 yr olds)
Pita Pit lunch option

AUGUST

Fri 7th Yr 7 & 8 Chess Competition
Fri 14th Discovery morning (4 yr olds)
Wed 19th Cross Country

Discover the wonder at Pukehou School!

We offer engaging learning experiences in a beautiful rural environment encompassing years 0-8. Small class numbers ensure your child gets the learning support they need to thrive and grow in confidence through active learning experiences.

"Whāia te iti kahurangi, ki te tuohu koe, me he maunga teitei"

"Seek the treasure that you value most dearly, if you bow your head, let it be to a lofty mountain"



We invite 4 Year olds and their parents to visit Pukehou School.

Join Kea class (Years 0-4) for a morning of discovery.

Enjoy a play in the classroom and our playground before morning tea.



Discovery Day Dates in Term 3 2026

Wednesday July 29th and Friday 14th August

9:30 am - 11:00 am

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Please contact Fleur fleur.mcdowell@pukehou.school.nz or Jacqui (06) 856 8169 to confirm numbers a week prior.



Kāhu Artefacts



Central Hawke's Bay College

To challenge, inspire and enable the potential of tomorrow, today...

Central Hawke's Bay College wishes to invite all Year 7 & 8 Students and their Parents/Caregivers to attend our

OPEN EVENING

On Wednesday 12th August 2026, 6.15pm to 8.30pm
Assembly Hall

6:15pm—Hall Opens
6:30pm—7:30pm
8:30pm—Finish

Displays in the Hall. Visitors arrive. Addresses from the Principal and Students. School tours commence. Visitors can depart or return to the Hall to talk to staff if they have questions.

See our excellent facilities

Speak to current College students

Learn how the College can meet the educational needs of your children

Talk to our experienced staff

View examples of students' work

Proud sporting update from the holidays...



Kayla, Maja, Cleodie and Leo had the fantastic opportunity to play at the Big Save Hockey Tournament held at Park Island, Napier over the holidays.

They proudly represented Central Hawke's Bay, who had 8 teams in the three day tournament facing teams from all over the North Island.



Dear Fellow Farmer,

Daffodil Day is a special time for communities across New Zealand to come together and bring hope to people affected by cancer. With this year's fundraiser coming up in August, we're reaching out to local farmers and asking you to consider donating a sheep in support of the Cancer Society.

If you're able to help, donating is simple: just have a chat with your livestock agent or fat stock buyer and let them know you'd like to donate an animal. Although August is the Cancer Society's main fundraising month, your support is welcome at any time of year.

Many of us know someone whose life has been changed by cancer. In our rural communities, where people often face long distances and added challenges, that support can mean so much. Each year, the Central District Cancer Society supports more than 500 rural cancer patients and their whānau with practical care and guidance during an incredibly difficult time.

Funds raised in Hawke's Bay stay in Hawke's Bay, helping local people and families when they need it most.

Every donated animal is a generous gift that can make a real difference. Together, we can stand alongside people in our community affected by cancer and help ensure they don't face it alone.

Thank you sincerely for your kindness and support.

Jenny Schaw

Supportive Care Co-ordinator – CHB Region

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Improving community well-being by reducing the incidence and impact of cancer
Cancer Helpline 0800 226 237 - for any question about cancer



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PART-TIME GARDENER NEEDED

4.3 km from Pukehou School
We are looking for a part-time gardener to help out in a newly developed garden around a new build.

Job will involve weeding, planting, mowing, spraying, watering and seeding.

Some experience preferred.

\$30/hr + 8% holiday pay

We are very flexible and are happy for you to work around your other responsibilities, as long as the jobs that require doing are being done.

If you think this will work for you please give me a call on 0272462942.

Thanks, Debbie