



Newsletter

Wisdom begins with Wonder



Week 6 Term 3 2026

Tuesday 25 August

Principal Korero Cross Country!

As the first day of Spring approaches, last week was a reminder that winter is still here, which naturally coincided with our Cross Country on Wednesday with Poukawa and Ōtāne Schools!

It was our turn to host, and I'd like to thank Pixie and Peter Seligman and the McBain Farm for opening up their farm for us. It's a pretty epic course with hills, gullies, and streams to cross, very old school! And with the rain, there was enough mud to keep everyone happy too!!

The course is challenging, and I'm super proud of the effort, determination, and grit that all the runners showed. I'm sure those that complete it will remember it fondly in the years to come. I'd also like to acknowledge the parent volunteers and teachers that braved the elements as marshals on the course.

There was great support on the day from parents and whānau, and it was heartening to hear the encouragement that each runner received as they flew down the final hill and burst back into school, powering to the finish lines.

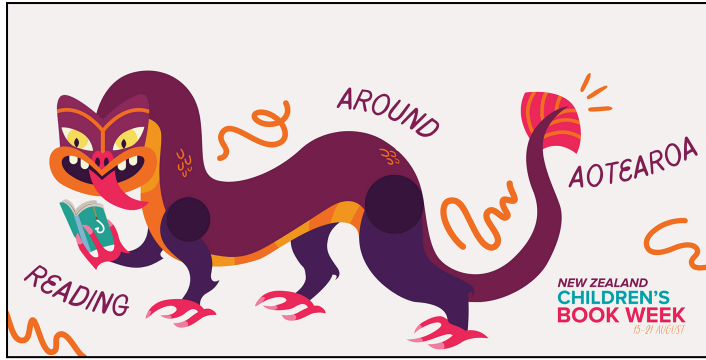
Our Pukehou Whānau & Friends team provided some sustenance on the day, and the soup was especially hearty, although the children still preferred ice cold Juicies!! Thanks to our whānau for the yummy baking. We're still finalising the amount of funds raised, but it will go a long way towards the purchase of a trampoline!

For our students, the training continues. Congratulations to Frieda, Carter, Zoe, Leo, Maja, Kaoru, Cleodie, Kayla, Camille, Jaxon, and George who have been selected for this week's CHB Interschool Cross Country event at Wanstead.

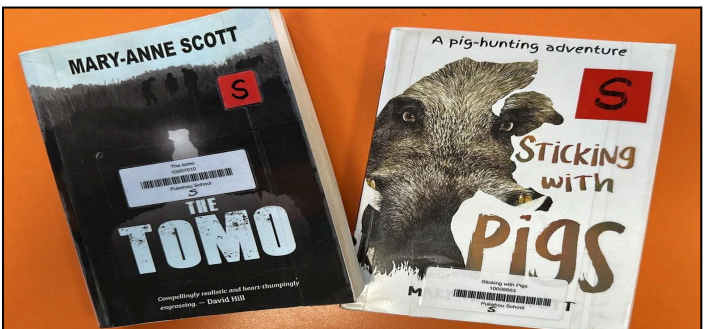
Next week will also see our running phase finish, with students participating in a sponsored **RUNATHON!** Students will run and walk as many laps as they can in one hour of a course here at school. There's still time to sponsor a runner, and all funds raised will go towards our trampoline too 🙌 **When:** Thursday 3rd September @ 1.30pm



Aotearoa NZ Children's Book Week



Last week we celebrated NZ Children's Book Week here at school with a literacy quiz, 'Where's Wally?' scavenger hunt, and book character day. We also welcomed amazing local authors (and illustrators) Susanna Wilson and Mary-anne Scott into school to share their books and passion for the craft with our tamariki.



Maths Practice Tool for Years 3 to 8

parentportal.education.govt.nz



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The Ministry of Education has released an [Interactive Maths](https://parentportal.education.govt.nz) practice tool for students in Years 3 to 8, available on the Parent Portal:

- The practice tool content supports the New Zealand Curriculum and includes content covering number problems, working with money, counting, multiplying and dividing, fractions, decimals, percentages, ratios, powers, and roots. .
- You don't need to be a Maths expert to support your child's learning.
- Just by spending a few minutes together throughout the week, encouraging effort, and celebrating progress, you can help build confidence and the skills children need to thrive in Maths.
- The practice tool website has been developed following feedback from parents and whānau that they wanted practical ways to support learning at home. This is a trial which will run until the end of December.

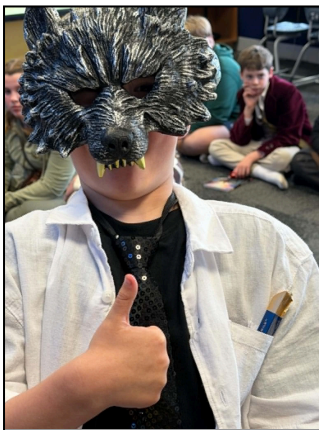
REMINDER: YOU ARE INVITED! Parent & Board Walkthrough

MONDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 9am - 11.30am

Parents and whānau are warmly invited to join the Board to walk through classrooms to observe and discuss the teaching and learning happening in our classrooms. You don't need to come for the whole block, any part thereof is welcomed, and we'd love for you to stay on for morning tea. Please RSVP to office@pukehou.school.nz by Thursday 10th of September.



A colourful parade of our favourite book characters! Who can you recognise?



Fancy Nancy

Celebration Time

Assembly was a colourful celebration!!



Mrs Wishy Washy and her Kea superstars!



Miley and Leo receive awards for showing determination and grit!



Cross Country: Hudson Y1 Boys 2nd; Bobby Y2 Boys 1st; Frieda Y3 Girls 1st; Carter Y3 Boys 3rd



Leo Y6 Boys 2nd; Kayla Y8 Girls 2nd, Kaoru Y7 Girls 3rd; Maja Y7 Girls 1st [Absent: Cleodie Y7 Girls 2nd, Camille Y7 Boys 2nd]

YOUR VOICE MATTERS

Strategic Planning Consultation

We are entering a new strategic planning phase with recent direction being provided by the government. Schools are required to develop a new two year Charter and Strategic Plan for 2027 and 2028. As part of this, we will be gathering school whānau voice around what's important for you and for your tamariki to be successful.

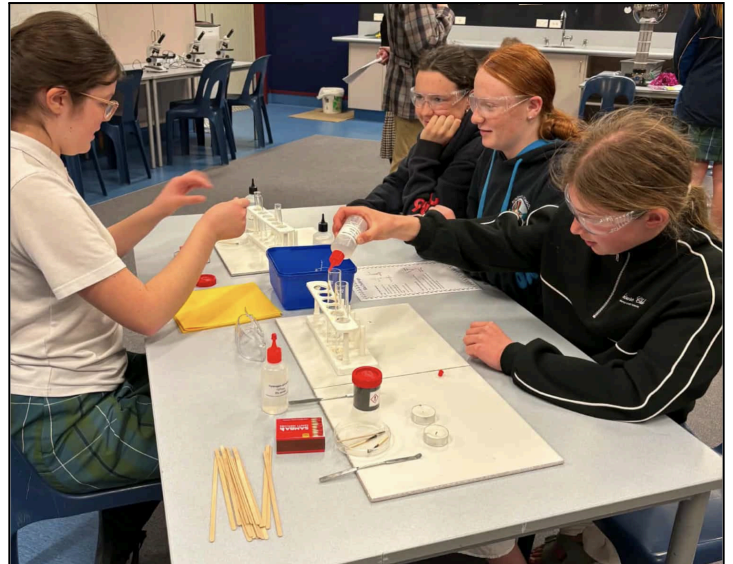
Next week, a survey will be shared and we encourage you to complete it. Not only will you be providing vital information, but all completed entries will go in the draw to win a \$100 voucher from Waipawa Butchery!!



UPDATE

The year is racing by! Our Year 7-8's don't have long left to complete the Community Service and Passion Project aspect of their challenge! We will be well on top of our Outdoor Activities, even after having to postpone a trek to Sunrise Hut this week. All going to plan and illness permitting, we will hit the trail next Monday, along with Norsewood School.

I'm also excitedly looking forward to our end of year challenge camp at Guthrie Smith Outdoor Education Centre near Lake Tūtira. This is planned for mid-October, and we'll join with Omakere and Elsthorpe schools to camp out, tackling high ropes, orienteering, canoeing, and tramping. A huge thanks in advance to the CHB William Pike Trust for this opportunity and their continued support of students across CHB.



@ Central Hawke's Bay College Open Evening

More Cross Country photos:



Susanna Wilson with Kea Class:





<u>IMPORTANT DATES:</u>	
<u>AUGUST</u>	
Thurs 27th	Inter School Cross Country
Fri 28th	Daffodil Day
<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	
Thurs 3rd	Run-a-thon
Fri 4th	SCHOOL CLOSED Teacher Only Day ~ Maths PLD
Mon 6th	SCHOOL CLOSED Teacher Only Day ~ Assessment
Mon 14th	Parents Day
Wed 16th	Mathletics
Fri 18th	Swim-a-Thon @ 5.30 pm
Wed 23rd	RIPPA Tournament, Y0-8
Fri 25th	Pet Day & End of Term

As we get closer to the 2026 General Election, we are beginning to build our local election team.

Working for the Electoral Commission is a great opportunity to be part of something that makes a real difference to our communities. Our election teams are made up of people from all walks of life, and the skills, knowledge and connections that local people bring are incredibly valuable.

If you are interested in supporting the delivery of GE2026, please seriously consider applying.

There are a range of temporary election roles available, with opportunities to work alongside a great team and play an important part in making sure people can have their say.

Applications are open now:

[General Election 2026 - Tukituki + Ikaroa-Rāwhiti - Electoral Commission](#)

Thank you for helping us build a strong and diverse local team for GE2026.

Ngā mihi nui,

Sunil Kumar (He/Him) | Electorate Manager | Electoral Commission |

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