



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## *Special edition*

WEEK 8 | TERM 4 | 2025



[WWW.PAPATOETOEHIGH.SCHOOL.NZ](http://WWW.PAPATOETOEHIGH.SCHOOL.NZ)



PAPATOETOE HIGH SCHOOL



@PAPHIGH.OFFICIAL



**Vaughan Couillault**  
**Principal**

MEdLM, PGDipSM, BCom, DipTchg

## **Principal's message**

Kia ora koutou,

As we move into our second to last week of the year, I wanted to take the opportunity to reflect on what has been an very busy and rewarding term for our school community. From our Arts and Culture Prizegivings to the Sports Prizegivings, culminating in the Senior Prizegiving, we have acknowledged excellence across a wide range of contexts. In addition, we held Leavers' Assemblies and the Māori and Pasifika Graduations, all very meaningful occasions that honoured students' success for 2025

This week, we held our final board meeting of the year, during which the Board formally confirmed our Strategic Plan for 2026–2028. While the plan was not due for review until 2027, we have chosen to confirm it early to provide clarity and direction for the years ahead. This proactive approach ensures that our staff, students, and whānau can move forward with confidence, knowing the priorities that will guide our work. A central feature of this plan, embedded in Part Three, is our enduring commitment to strengthening the educational outcomes for Māori students. This focus has been a cornerstone of our strategic planning for over a decade, and we remain steadfast in our determination to advance this work in meaningful and impactful ways. If you wish to read our updated strategic plan, you can do so by [clicking here](#).

Looking ahead, week 10 promises to be an exciting and vibrant conclusion to the school year. We will host Beyond 72, an initiative that reflects our commitment to innovation and student engagement, alongside our Junior Prizegivings, where we will celebrate the accomplishments of our younger learners. Please note that the last day for students will be Thursday, 11 December. While these events mark the festive end of the year, it is important to remember that we still have two weeks of learning ahead. Every day matters, and we encourage all students to remain focused and engaged as we complete the term.

In preparation for the close of the year, reports will be generated next week for all students, providing a comprehensive overview of their progress and achievement. Senior students will also receive an NCEA summary of results so far.

I extend my sincere gratitude to our staff, students, and families for their support and dedication throughout this year. As we look forward to 2026 and the implementation of our updated Strategic Plan, I am confident that we will continue to foster an environment where every learner can thrive.

Nāku iti noa, nā

Ngā mihi nui,  
Vaughan Couillault  
Tumuaki/Principal



# 2026 STUDENT LEADERS



## Head Students

PHS 2026



**VINCENT AITOFELE MULIPOLA**  
**OLIANNE KEFU**



## Deputy Head Students

PHS 2026



**UZAIR ALI**  
**KATHRIN YAAKOOB**



## Sports Captains

PHS 2026



**JAISHEEL SINGH**  
**HOLLYA THEAVY**



## Arts & Culture Leaders

PHS 2026



**JEROEN NODALO**  
**WAIMARIE KIPA**



## Manukura Prefects

PHS 2026



**ARTHUR CASSIDY**  
**NAZRANA KAIRAU-HASAN**



# HOUSE CAPTAINS 2026

## KAURI HOUSE



**Lyrik Haurua Tomai**



**Zion Strickland**



**Ashley Bui**



**Kimberly Williams**

## POHUTUKAWA HOUSE



**Hasseb Ayubi**



**Osaiasi Kefu**



**Elisha Narayan**



**Annika Uaisele**

## KOWHAI HOUSE



**Rishan Goundar**



**Isaac Tran**



**Selena La**



**Tauri Meti-Mataiti**

## RIMU HOUSE



**CJ Asiata**



**Aaryan Tribhuwan**



**Lagi Ailuai**



**Ella Kwan-Him**



# WHAKATŌNGIA TE KĀKANO

## WHIWHINGA TOHU MĀTAURANGA

Recently we celebrated the successful completion of 5 years of education for all our year 13 Māori tauira at Papatoetoe High School, "He rawe whānau". It was a wonderful evening filled with tears, laughter, delicious food, and memorable photos with whānau and friends. What a privilege it has been for everyone here at PHS to be part of their journey and witness the pride and joy on the faces of their whānau. We send our best wishes for their new and thrilling futures. Anei te whakatauki o tātou tūpuna "Ka pū te ruha, ka hao te rāngatahi". Mauriora!!



# WHAKATŌNGIA TE KĀKANO



## PIATA Linstead-MANAIA MANUKURA 2025

Manukura Wahine  
Ko Te Rae o Te Papa tōku maunga  
Ko Waiho tōku awa  
Ko Ti Kapa tōku moana  
Ko Tohora tōku waka  
Ko Ngāti Hako tōku iwi  
Ko Mahutoro tōku hapū  
Ko Linstead-Manaia tōku ingoa whānau  
Ko Piata tōku ingoa



Tēnei te mihi e te whānau, for me being the Manukura of Papatoetoe High School has been an incredible experience and I have been truly honoured to have received the role and serve my school. Throughout my time as the Manukura, I have grown to understand the importance of having resilience and leading with integrity alongside my fellow student leaders. I was able to gain a deeper connection with my culture through my role and develop skills within my culture that likely would not have been achieved elsewhere. I am wholeheartedly grateful for every opportunity, friendship, and lesson I have learnt through my time as the Manukura and hope those stepping into my position enjoy it as much as I did. Ka kite āno!



## AWA KAHURANGI MANUKURA 2025

Manukura Wahine.  
Ko Maunga Pohatu toku maunga  
Ko Tuhoe toku iwi  
Ko Ngāti Whare, me Ngāti  
Manawa toku hapu  
Ko Whirinak toku awa  
Ko Waikotikoti toku marae  
Ko Awa kahurangi toku ingoa

Tēnā koutou e te whānau. Being Manukura this year has meant so much to me, it wasn't just a title, but a journey of growth, leadership, and connection. I've learned what it truly means to serve others, to lead with heart, and to represent my people with pride. This role has challenged me, inspired me, and reminded me of the strength that comes from unity and faith. I'm so grateful for every moment, every lesson, and everyone who believed in me along the way. Ngā mihi maioha!





**Anei te whakatauki o tātou tūpuna "Ka pū te ruha, ka hao te rangatahi". Mauriora!!**





# PASIFIKA GRADUATION

