



PUNI SCHOOL

Effort Brings Reward

December 2025

Historically the Kiwi Sport funding we receive through the school operational grant has been wonderful as it has allowed us to fund release of staff and the hire of facilities to support our sporting programmes as well as transporting students to and from events/facilities; that we would have had to fund from the traditional operational grant monies. This is very important as I often facilitated the events and as a Principal it meant I did not have to compromise additional release to organize the events. In 2025 we continued to opt into the donation scheme. These two in tandem allow us to offer activities at no cost.

The majority of sports events were able to go ahead without disruption.

Plans for 2025 included support with:

- Hire of venues and cost of entry to Franklin events (Pukekohe) and fields to enable us to make use of their facilities. This traditionally has allowed the students to be able to push themselves in a larger context. There was also the cost of recovery of a release day for the preparation and planning of the events. Whilst we have a school pool it is too small for the senior students to be able to prepare for the various Franklin events. Again release for planning was required.

- Release of staff for the planning of our annual Multicultural festival which includes the support around the planning.

- Making use of Counties Manukau Sports groups such as Counties Manukau Rugby, Cricket, Tennis and Hockey.

- Subsidized some of the activities for the senior sports exchanges to another school (Bus hire).

- Completely subsidize the Life Ed program so in conjunction with the Donation scheme there will be no additional cost for the school.

- Also enabled me to model quality P.E. lessons to all the teachers across the school with at least two or three 45 minute sessions. The funding allowed me to cover my release to take these P.D. sessions with the staff.

- We will also purchase additional sports equipment to support our school wide programs.

- We have also engaged with CLM and this will lead to more extensive opportunities and ideas for 2025. We have signed an MOU with CLM for the next 3 three years.

This is an additional level of support that is externally funded by the Government (although not directly to Puni School).

In 2026 the Franklin Principals Association will be increasing their costs for teams to enter events. As we are a part of the donations scheme we will make use of both the kiwisport funding and donation scheme to ensure our students can continue to participate. This is a requirement of accepting the donations scheme while the kiwisport funding will off-set this increased cost.

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