

Pomare SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term one - week 10  5 APRIL 2024

Taloʻfa, Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Malo e lelei, ʻŌ ʻŌ Suostei, Bula Vinaka!

Kia ora whānau,

I hope you had a lovely Easter break with your whānau. I spent time at a conference, enjoyed my grandchildren and got out on my mountain bike, which made for a lovely long weekend.

Can you believe that there is only one week left of Term 1 and that we are over a quarter of the way through 2024 already? It has been a busy term, with lots of unexpected events, but we are all very happy to ending the term with Whaea Herena back at the helm in Te Awakairangi (Room 7).



Grandparents/Whānau Time

Your tamariki should have brought home a notice yesterday, inviting you to our grandparents/whānau time on Friday 12th April, from 11am till 1.30pm.

Students will be gathered in their Ngā Manu Groups, and some will share the pepeha they have been writing and practising in class. You will then be invited to join the tamariki in a Ngā Manu Group challenge, before lunchtime when we will share kai together as a whole school.

It's going to be a great day, and we are excited to have many of you join us. Please do let Cherie know if you are coming, so we can make sure there is enough kai for all.

Minimising Restraint

One of our school policies, available to read on 'Schooldocs' through our school website, addresses the use of physical restraint to manage student behaviour. This policy lines up with and supports the legal requirements of the Education and Training Act (2020), while prioritising the wellbeing of our students and staff.

In this policy, 'physical restraint' refers to the use of physical force to control, limit, or calm a student's movement against their wishes, whether it involves their whole body or a part of it. At our school, only teachers are authorised to restrain a child. However, all staff are required to complete online modules where they learn the physical restraint guidelines, which include recognising what causes stress, understanding students' needs that aren't being met, and taking steps to prevent, reduce, and address student distress.

reminders

Arriving late

If your child gets to school after 8.55am, please remind them to come to the office and sign in on the VisTab, so we know they are here.

Policy Reviews

Each term go to:

<https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/>

Username: pomare

Password: pride

Click the review button and have your say about our policies.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 12 April

11:00am to 1:30pm

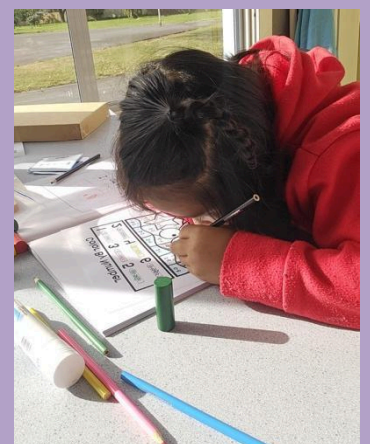
Grandparent/whānau event.

Friday 12 April

Last day of Term 1

Monday 29 April

First day of Term 2



Our policy states that physical restraint should only be used as a last resort, when all three of the following conditions are met:

1. There is risk of significant harm – physical or emotional – to the student or another person.
2. There is no other reasonable option.
3. It is only as forceful as needed and for the shortest possible time.

Should physical restraint be used, as a last resort for managing a child's behaviour, we will inform the child's parent or guardian as soon as possible. Whānau and the child are then welcome to meet with me and/or the teacher involved to debrief together in the days following the restraint.

If you have any concerns or questions about the use of restraint at Pomare School, please don't hesitate to come and chat with me about it.

Duffy Theatre

Last Monday our students were entertained and educated by the Duffy Books in Schools Theatre Team, as they performed their latest show, *Calling Detective Duffy, Stat!*



Duffy, his friend Scruffy and cousin, Crystal Kea had a mystery to solve, and used their reading skills to help them solve it.

The show was enjoyed by all, as it gave the message of the importance of reading - the focus of the Duffy Books in Homes programme that our school is part of.

Relay for Life

Well done to the wonderful Pomare and Kimi Ora staff who completed the Relay for Life the weekend before Easter. Not only did the team raise over \$2500 for this worthy cause, they made sure there were two people on the track (running or walking) throughout the night. What an amazing team effort!



End of Term

Our last day of term is Friday 12th April. School finishes at our usual time of 2:45pm, but please do be on-time to pick up your tamariki. Our staff will be keen to get back into class to tidy and pack up so they can get away for a well-earned break.

Term 2 begins on Monday 29th April at 8:55am.

In the meantime, enjoy the two week break with your tamariki. Hopefully the weather will hold out, so there are plenty of opportunities for family adventures over the holiday period.

Whāia te mātauranga hei oranga mō koutou
Seek after learning for the sake of your wellbeing.

Ngā mihi nui,
Sherilyn Hall