

# Pomare SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term one - week 4  23 FEBRUARY 2024

*Talofa, Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Malo e lelei, ʻŌi ʻŌi Suostei, Bula Vinaka!*

Kia ora whānau,

Can you believe that we are already at the end of week 4 and February is quickly drawing to a close. It looks like it is going to be another speedy year.

## Meet the Teacher Evening

What great weather we had last Thursday, for our meet the teacher evening. A big thank you to our wonderful cooks, everyone who was able to attend, and to those who completed our Board survey. It is helpful to hear your thoughts on how things are going at our kura.

On Friday morning, we pulled a name out of the box, as promised. Congratulations to Alex Mejia, for winning the \$50 Pak'nSave voucher that was up for grabs.

## Ngā Manu Groups & Student Leaders

Last newsletter I mentioned that we were starting 'house' groups this year – Ngā Manu Groups. I asked senior students to apply to be leaders of these groups. They had to complete an application form, then speak in front of their peers, explaining why/how they would make good leaders.

Those who put their names forward spoke well and the voting was very tight. We are proud of all the tamariki who put themselves forward for these important positions.

Our student leaders (and the Ngā Manu group they lead) are as follows:

- Ruth Harrison – Weka
- Zakeenah Estella – Tūī
- Nathan Conradie – Ruru
- Epenesa Lesa - Kōtare



## Assemblies

One of the student leaders' responsibilities, will be leading our school assemblies, every second Friday. The alternate assemblies will be led by a different class each time, and this will be an opportunity for them to share some of the learning they have been doing.

We have also moved assembly times to 9.15am, so it is easier for whānau to stay and join us, if you would like to. I know our tamariki enjoy having whānau members as part of this time together.

## Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is up and running again, with volunteers preparing food for our tamariki each morning. There is cereal and fruit, milo, toast and sometimes spaghetti, baked beans or eggs. Students are welcome to come and have breakfast at school between 8:15am and 8:50am each morning.

## reminders

### Water Only

We are a water only school. This means students should not be bringing juice, flavoured milk, fizzy or energy drinks to school.

### 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.

### Assemblies

Now from 9.15-9.45am on a Friday morning. Please join us if you are able.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 11-21 March

Swimming lessons at Stokes Valley Pool.  
Monday to Thursday each week.  
Parent helpers needed.

## **Walking School Bus**

In the past our kura has had a walking school bus, where a volunteer walks to school, collecting students from outside their homes, and delivering them to school in time for the start of day.

We would like to begin this programme again, as part of Movin' March, but are only able to do so if we have volunteers from the community who are willing to be the 'bus driver' (lead the tamariki) each day.

If you would like some free exercise and are interested in helping us with our Walking School Bus, please let Cherie know, at the office, or email: [principal@pomare.school.nz](mailto:principal@pomare.school.nz). We would love to hear from you.

## **Lost Property**

Unfortunately, we find we often have a lot of lost property lying around the school at the end of each week. There is now a blue laundry basket in the corridor outside Mangaroa (Room 8), which we will put any lost property into. Please check this first if your child comes home without an item of clothing.

We also have a collection of clothes from 2023, that we would love to have claimed by its owners. If you can't find your child's clothing in the lost property basket, please come and chat with Cherie and she will direct you to the rest of the clothes so you can look through them.

## **Whānau Group**

Thank you to those people who indicated their willingness to be part of a Whānau Group to support our school with events and fund raising. In the next couple of weeks, we will meet as a group to be planning things for the rest of 2024. If you have told us you are interested, we will email you the information.

If you are interested in being part of this group, but have not let us know yet, please email [principal@pomare.school.nz](mailto:principal@pomare.school.nz) and I will add you to the list.

## **Goal Setting**

Over the next few weeks students will be working through some assessment, to find out exactly where they are at in their learning, and to identify next steps. They will then work with their teachers to set learning goals. They will bring home a copy of these goals to share with you later in the term.

As a team, we feel very blessed to be able to work in such a caring and supportive community. If you have any ideas, concerns or feedback for us, please feel free to contact me by email or make an appointment to see me, through Cherie at the office.

Have a great week and enjoy the sunshine while it lasts.

**Mā te ngākau aroha koe e ārahi.**

*Let a loving heart guide your decisions.*

Ngā mihi nui,

*Sherilyn Hall*

