

Pomare SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term one - week 6  6 MARCH 2024

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

Kia ora whānau,

Autumn is upon us, and the days are getting shorter. I don't know about you, but I am certainly finding it harder to get out of bed in the mornings now that it is darker and colder when I get up.

Please make sure your tamariki bring a warm layer of clothing to school, even if it is sunny, as the daytime temperatures are so unpredictable.

Sickness

As we head into autumn, we become more susceptible to bugs that are floating around. Our teachers and support staff have been affected by this, which means we have had quite a few relievers in the school over the past two weeks. I am so proud of how our tamariki have responded to change. They have demonstrated our PRIDE values, especially pono – integrity and whakaute – respect as they have got on with business as usual and adapted to new teachers in their classes.

Most of you will be aware that Whaea Herena has been unwell for three weeks now, and we are not sure when she will be well enough to return. Although we have done our best to keep some continuity of teachers in Te Awakairangi (Room 7), this is not always possible. Thank you to the whānau of our Room 7 students, for your patience and understanding.

Swimming

School swimming starts on Monday and runs for two weeks. The whole school will travel to Stokes Valley Pool at 9:30am (Monday-Thursday) for their lessons. Rooms 8 and 10 will return at around 11:00am and Rooms 7 and 9 at about 12:00pm.



Swimming lessons are part of our PE curriculum, so it is expected that all students will join in on the lessons unless they are unwell. Please make sure your child has their togs and a towel in a waterproof bag and something warm to change into, each day, so they can swim with their peers.

Gates

Towards the end of 2023 we had new gates installed around the school. These were financed by the Ministry of Education, as a safety measure, to protect all our students, but especially those with special learning needs, who may not recognise the danger of leaving the school grounds.

To ensure these modifications are doing their job, we will be locking the gate by the library and the Pomare Shops at 9.30am and unlocking them again at 2.30pm each day from Monday. The pedestrian gate at the main entrance now has two latches so is a bit tricky to open. If you are having trouble getting through, ring the office and someone will come and help you.

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Absences

If your child is going to be away or late, please ring the school office on 04 939 7421 and let us know. If we don't hear from you, your child will be marked as truant.

Assemblies

9.15-9.45am - Fridays.
Feel free to join us if you are able.

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

11-21 March

Swimming lessons at Stokes Valley Pool. Monday to Thursday each week. Bring togs, towel and goggles if you have them, in a waterproof bag.

Easter Break

No school Friday 28th March to Tuesday 2nd April. School resumes Wednesday 3rd April

Friday 12 April

Grandparent/whānau Day. Details to follow.

Doors

The second part of the safety measures being put in place by the MoE is automatic doors at the main entrance and the other two doors that open onto the school carpark. These will be closed during the day, but accessible by pushing a button, so they won't stop you being able to enter the school.

Sports and an Easter Raffle



A number of parents have been asking about sports teams and opportunities for our tamariki to play in inter-school competitions. This term we have a group of senior students playing badminton on a Tuesday afternoon and we are looking to have at least one basketball team in Term 2. Unfortunately, the cost of these competitions has risen over the years, which makes it difficult for many of our families to have their children participate.

Next week your child will bring home a notice asking for donations of goodies for an Easter Raffle. Later in the week we will send home raffle tickets to sell. We will be using the funds raised to subsidise the cost of playing in a sports team, so that more of our tamariki are able to join in.



Relay for Life

What a great bake sale we had yesterday afternoon. Thank you to everyone who came, shopped and supported our staff in fundraising for Relay for Life. We raised over \$700 and sold out before everyone had eaten their fill.

As a team we will be taking part in the relay at Trentham Racecourse, on Saturday 23rd to Sunday 24th March. Each team member is working to raise funds, alongside our combined fundraising, so we can do our part towards supporting those in our communities who are affected by cancer.



Signing In

We have noticed an increasing number of whānau members coming into school throughout the day. We have an open-door policy, and you are welcome to pop in. However, for safety reasons, we need everyone who is on-site to sign in on the VisTab (tablet) at the office. This is primarily so that if we have to evacuate or go into lockdown, we know who to find. If you're not sure how to do this, Cherie or I can walk you through it.

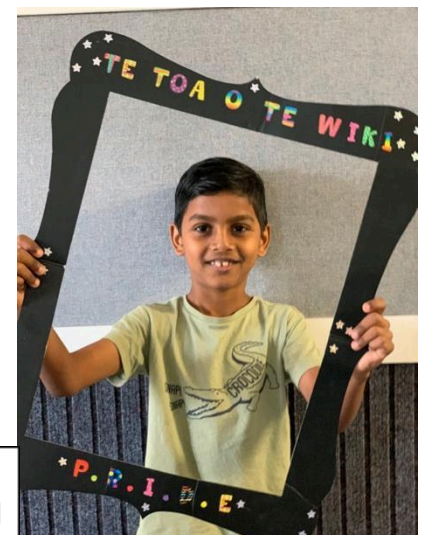
There are only five weeks left this term, with a break over Easter in weeks 9 and 10. It will be the end of the term before we know it.

Tohaina ō painga ki te ao.

Share your gifts with the world.

Ngā mihi nui,

Sherilyn Hall



Week 5 Te Toa o te Wiki (Student of the week)
Shivaansh Prasad