

POMARE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term TWO - week 6  2 JUNE 2023

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

Talofa Matua,

Today we celebrated Samoan Independence Day with visitors from Owhiro Bay School, including our very own Whaea Cilla. Students tried Samoan foods, did craft activities, learnt a dance, listened to stories from Samoa, created siapo patterns, sang Samoan songs and learnt the sāsā together. It was great fun, and we were sad to say goodbye to our special guests at the end of the day.



Our next cultural celebration will be Matariki, at the beginning of next term. Something for the tamariki to look forward to!

Colds, flu and Covid are on the rise as we head into the winter months. The Ministry of Health states that:

- If you test positive for COVID-19 you must self-isolate for 7 days.
- Day 0 is the day your symptoms started or when you tested positive, whichever came first.
- Stay at home — do not go to work, school or any public places.
- **You cannot end your self-isolation early, even if a later test is negative during the 7 days.**

It is important to keep your child/ren home from school for the full 7 days if they test positive (or until they are well again, if they are still sick after 7 days), to minimise the risk of spreading Covid.

On Tuesday we have our teacher only day. Staff will be learning to identify what causes inappropriate behaviours and how to help tamariki resettle, without adding to their stress or distress.

We will be holding Learning Conferences in week 8 of this term. This will be a chance to talk with your child and their teacher, about how they are doing at school. Teachers will write a summary of your discussion, which will become the child's mid-year report. More details, and how to book a time with your child's teacher, will follow in a separate notice.

What an amazing first half of the term we have had. We have a wonderful little school, and our tamariki are a delight to work with!

E tū tāngata - We achieve together!

Na mihi nui

Sherilyn Hall

reminders

Beginning and End of the Day

Students should be arriving at school from 8.30am and need to be collected promptly at 2.45pm.

Change of Clothes

Please put a change of clothes (especially socks) in your child's bag as we have lots of puddles and many tamariki are getting wet at break times. Gumboots would be helpful too to keep their feet dry.

calendar

Monday 5 June

King's Birthday public holiday.

Tuesday 6 June

Staff Only Day

Week 8 (12-14 June)

Learning Conferences - More details to follow