

Pomare School Newsletter

Term three - Week 10  22 september 2023

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

Kia ora whānau,

It was with great sadness, but lots of pomp and ceremony, that we farewelled Mr P today after nearly twelve years as our school caretaker and cleaner. Staff shared kai at morning teatime as we celebrated Mr P and all he has done for us. In the afternoon the tamariki honoured and farewelled him in a special assembly. There was much singing and fun, with a few tears mixed in, as the children made sure Mr P knew how much he means to them and how much we will all miss him! It will not be the same around here, without his cheerful grin and hearty singing to greet us each morning.

Last week was a very busy one, as the seniors headed off to camp and the rest of the school visited the Jurassic World by Brickman display in Wellington or enjoyed an hour of fun at Jumparama. Lots of new experiences for all. The seniors came back with many stories of their daring adventures, which were not dampened by the extreme wind on Thursday.

The week started with a belated celebration of Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori. What a great day we had, starting with our own National Anthem and flag raising of Tino Rangatira, in the hall. The tamariki then broke into eight tuakana-teina groups to complete a scavenger hunt around the school, reading clues in te reo, to help them find QR codes that revealed parts of a whakatauki, and complete challenges at each spot.

In the middle block, they rotated around activities that included whai (string games), pūrākau, tī uru (a traditional sports game), counting in te reo, rākau (stick games) and more. The day culminated in an extended kapa haka session where the whole school had a go at rākau and sang waiata with great manawa.

In the first couple of weeks of Term 4 we will be completing the 'Keeping Ourselves Safe' programme with the support of Constable Blue, our local Education Officer. We will be holding a parents' information evening on Monday 9th October at 5:00pm in the school staffroom. You are welcome to join us to hear about what will be being taught in your child's class.

Enjoy the next two weeks with your tamariki. We'll see them back at school on Monday 9th October.

Waiho I te toipoto, kaula I te toiroa

Let us keep close together not far apart.

Ngā mihi nui,

Sherilyn Hall

reminders

Absences

Please phone or email the school office if your child is going to be away or late. Unexplained absences are recorded as truant by the MoE.

Calendar

Monday 9 October

First day of Term 4

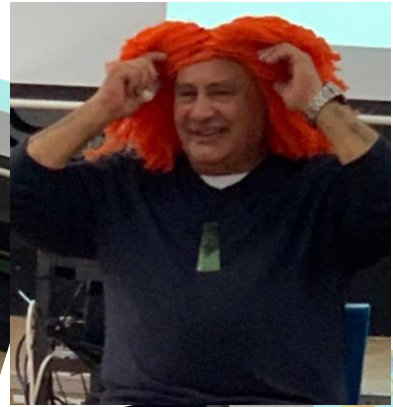
Monday 9 October - 5:00pm

Keeping Ourselves Safe parents' information evening

Friday 20th October *Pomare School 75th Jubilee*

All day at school, followed by a dinner for delegates in the evening – see Facebook for details.

Farewell Mr P. We'll Miss you!



MR P – GREATEST SUPERHERO OF THEM ALL!