

Pomare SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term THREE - week 4  11 AUGUST 2023

Talofoa, Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Malo e lelei, ʻŌʻŌ Suostei, Bula Vinaka!

Kia orana anau,

On Wednesday we celebrated Kia Orana Day as a school.

Kia Orana Day is celebrated on 4th August each year in the Cook Islands in remembrance of achieving self-government on this day in 1965, while the people retained New Zealand citizenship. As we had only just celebrated Matariki, we decided to postpone our celebrations until this week. What a great day it was!

The morning began with singing the Cook Islands National Anthem and a flag raising in the hall. In the middle block students rotated around activities including coconut scraping, tuvaevae creations, making banana pancakes and screen printing. Lunch included food from the Cook Islands and then for the last block of the day we were treated to Cook Islands dance performances by girls from Avalon Intermediate, interspersed with songs the classes had been learning. Finally there was a yummy dessert treat for all.



What a great day! Thanks to Pomare staff and volunteers for making the day so special for our tamariki.

Wednesday morning gave us a surprise, with the remnants of the hail storm from the night before on the roof and in corners where the sun had not reached. At morning tea break, the students enjoyed playing in the hail on the deck outside the staffroom. Cold but fun!



The year five and six students are getting ready for camp in week 9. They are working hard to find ways to raise money to ensure everyone can attend, as the amount each student is paying to come to camp does not cover what we are being charged.

reminders

Absences

We still have a number of unexplained absences each day. 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.

Water Only

We are a WATER ONLY school. Please do **not** put flavoured milk, fruit juice or fizzy drinks into your tamariki's lunch boxes. If children bring these to school they will be held by the teacher and returned to them at the end of the day.

calendar

12 September

Junior dodgeball at Walter Nash Stadium

13-15 September

Senior camp (Yrs 5/6) @ YMCA Camp Kaitoke

22 September

Last day of Term 3

Labour Weekend

75th Jubilee

Camp is an amazing opportunity for our senior students to have a go at activities they wouldn't normally come across. These activities include archery, rock climbing, a giant swing and a mega flying fox. We really appreciate all the fund raising support we are getting from parents and the wider community, to ensure our tamariki have a great time at Camp Kaitoke in September.

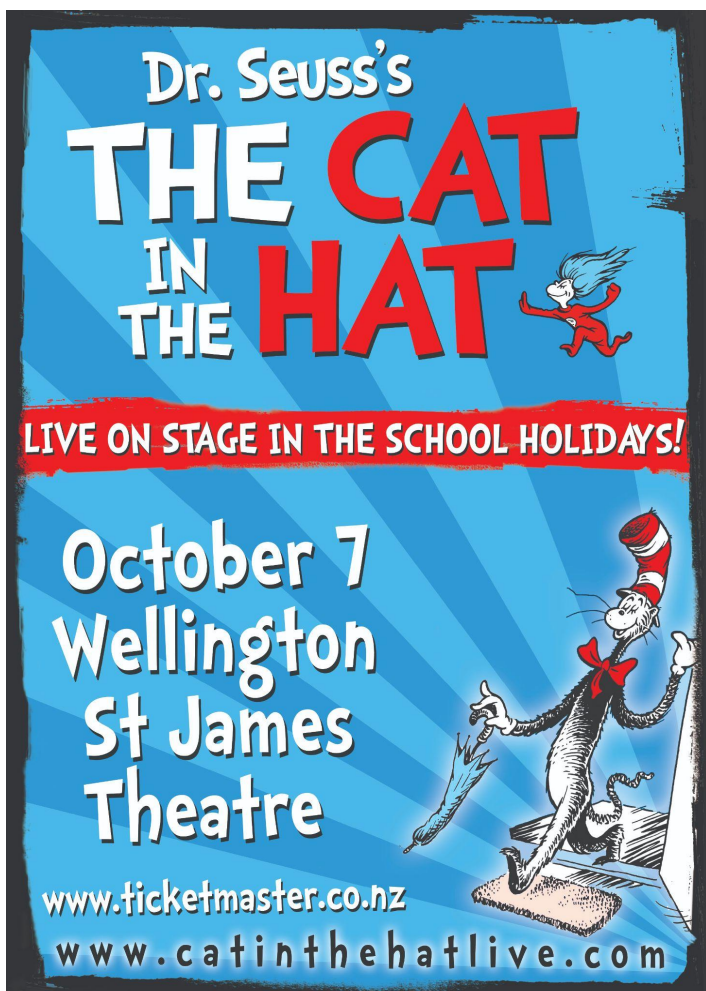
We will also be looking for sleeping bags and other camp items to lend to students who don't have them. If you have, or know someone who has items they are willing to loan us for camp, please contact Cherie at the office and let her know.

As a staff, we work hard to give our tamariki every opportunity to become all they can be. However, if students are often absent, this affects their learning and achievement. We provide a variety of food for our students and keep the classrooms warm, so that unless they are sick, they are able to be at school. If there is any way we can help you support your tamariki to be at school each day, please let us know.

Te manu e kai ana i te miro, nōna te ngahere; te manu e kai ana i te mātauranga nōna te ao.

The bird that consumes the miro berry owns the forest; the bird that consumes knowledge owns the world.

Te Atua te a'roa
Sherilyn Hall



School Chaplain

Later in the term a chaplain will begin working at our school. School Chaplaincy is non-religious, offering students (and whānau) a safe adult, other than their teacher, they can talk to about things that are worrying them. Students will only be able to chat with our chaplain, Robin, once we have written consent from their parents or caregivers.