

Pomare School Newsletter

Term Four - Week 1  13 October 2023

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

Kia ora whānau,

Can you believe we are one week into Term 4 already? The year seems to have flown by. I hope you had a great time with your tamariki over the holiday break, despite the weather.

Term 4 is always a busy term for everyone as we head toward the end of the year and the summer holidays. I have added a calendar for the term at the bottom of this newsletter, so we can all know what is coming up.

Sunhats

Yesterday I handed out (and named) bucket hats to each student, for them to wear at school. We have asked them to leave these hats at school, as if they lose their hat, they will need to get their own replacement. As we are a sun smart school, caps are **not** a suitable alternative as they do not protect the ears or neck and are not sun-smart, so are not to be worn at school.



Keeping Ourselves Safe

Thank you to those parents who made it to the Keeping Ourselves Safe parents' information evening on Monday. Constable Blue explained the programme and its purpose of teaching students how to be safe in lots of different settings, including online. Kaiako have begun teaching the programme in classes. Your child should bring home homework sheets after most sessions. It is helpful for you to go through these sheets with them, as it reinforces the learning and keeps you informed of what is being covered.

Reviewing School Policies

One of the tasks our School Board undertakes is to review our school policies. However, reviewing our policies is not limited to Board members. If you would like to have a read and have your say on what is in our school policies, simple go to <http://www.schooldocs.co.nz>, click on

reminders

Hats

As it is the summer term, students need to wear bucket hats when in the sun. **No caps please, as these do not protect the ears or neck and are not sun-smart.**

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 17 October

Years 1-4 Soccer Tournament at Walter Nash Centre

Thursday 19 October

Years 5-6 Soccer Tournament at Walter Nash Centre

Friday 3rd November Pomare School 75th Jubilee

NB: Change of date. All day at school, followed by a dinner for delegates in the evening – see our Facebook page for details and to register.

13 November

Staff only day – no school for tamariki.

the green 'search for your school' button in the top right-hand corner, then type in Pomare. The username is: pomare and the password is: pride. Once you are in, click on the 'current review' tab at the top of the page and follow the instructions. Your views are important to us.

School Chaplain

On Thursday 19 October, our new school chaplain, Robyn Eastgate-Manning, will be visiting classes to introduce herself and tell the tamariki about what she will be doing when she is at school. A school chaplaincy is a non-religious voluntary position, which provides students, staff, and parents, with a safe, non-judgemental person they can talk to.

Robyn will be at school on Thursday mornings from 9.00am to 12.30pm. She will have books, art materials and games, to share with the tamariki as they get to know each other and build rapport. Discussions between students and Robyn are confidential. Robyn has been police vetted and trained to work with children in this capacity.

Students can refer themselves or be referred to Robyn by a teacher or caregiver, but will not be accepted onto Robyn's roll until we have written consent from their parent/caregiver. If a referral is made, a consent form will be sent home for you to sign. If you have any questions about Robyn's role, feel free to come and chat with me about it.

Staff Only Day

Monday 13 November will be a staff only day, so please make alternative arrangements for your children on that day. The Ministry of Education requires schools to have a teacher only day in Term 4, to 'unpack' the curriculum refresh so we are able to implement it effectively in our classrooms. Thank you for supporting us with this.

75th Jubilee

One final reminder, that we are holding our 75th Jubilee on Friday 3rd November. This will begin with a Mihi Whakatau at 10:00am. Attendees will then get to spend time in classrooms in the middle block of the day, before sharing kai with the tamariki at lunchtime. In the afternoon we will have the formal part of the day, which will include a cake cutting and performance by our kapa haka group. In the evening attendees will gather for a dinner and time of celebration.

Check out our FaceBook page for more details and to register. Cost is \$60 per person. Let Whaea Herena or myself know if you are keen and able to help us with organisation or on the day.

Remember my door is always open (even when it's closed to keep out the cold), so please feel free to come and chat with me if you have any concerns or simply want to share something about your tamariki.

Alternatively you can contact me by email: principal@pomare.school.nz and I will reply to you as soon as I can, or make an appointment to meet with me, through Cherie, at the office.

He aroha whakatō, he aroha ka puta mai

If kindness is sown, then kindness is what you shall receive

Ngā mihi nui,

Sherilyn Hall

Term 4 Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Wk 1 – 9-13 October	3.00pm - KOS staff meeting 5pm - KOS parents' meeting	Kiwi Kaha Programme			10am – Assembly
Wk 2 – 16-20 October		Kiwi Kaha Programme 9:30am-1:00pm Yr 1-4 Soccer Tournament @ Walter Nash Centre		9:30am-1:00pm Yr 5-6 Soccer Tournament @ Walter Nash Centre	10am – Assembly
Wk 3 – 23-27 October		Kiwi Kaha Programme			10am – Assembly
Wk 4 – 30 Oct-3 November		Kiwi Kaha Programme			75th Jubilee 10am – Mihi whakatau 6pm – Dinner
Wk 5 – 6-10 November		Kiwi Kaha Programme			10am – Assembly
Wk 6 – 13-17 November	Staff Only Day Students stay home	Kiwi Kaha Programme			8:30am-12pm School Photos
Wk 7 – 20-24 November		Kiwi Kaha Programme			10am – Assembly
Wk 8 – 27 Nov-1 December		Kiwi Kaha Programme	Wainuiomata Pools Trip Whole school outing		10am – Assembly
Wk 9 – 4-8 December		Kiwi Kaha Programme	10am Helpers' special assembly and morning tea	Year 6 Dinner 5:30pm at Whitby's Restaurant (James Cook Hotel)	10am – Assembly Reports go home
Wk 10 – 11-15 December		Kiwi Kaha Programme		11am Final Assembly, Carols and Prize Giving	Last Day of School – ends at 12pm



POMARE SCHOOL
75TH JUBILEE



Pomare School 75th Jubilee

We are excited to announce that Pomare School, formerly known as Taita North School is celebrating its 75th jubilee. We are honoured to have you join us for this momentous occasion. As alumni, you are an important part of our school's history and we would love to celebrate and reminisce with you.

Price
\$60
/Person

Event Includes

- ✓ Mihi Whakatau (welcoming ceremony)
- ✓ Tour of the school
- ✓ A range of fun activities
- ✓ Showcasing memorabilia
- ✓ Plenty of good memories, laughter & kai

When



3rd November 2023
10:00am - 10:00pm

Location



4 Partridge St
Taita

RSVP By 26 Oct

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