

Pomare SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term FOUR - week 9  8 DECEMBER 2023

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

Kia ora whānau,

I can't believe I am writing the last newsletter of 2023 already. These three terms since I arrived have flown by. I would like to thank our amazing team of teachers and support staff who care so deeply about our students and have helped me learn how things work at Pomare School.

New Teacher

In the week 7 newsletter I introduced our incoming DP, Praneel. As he will be working across the school, we have also employed a teacher to teach in Room 9. Olivia Penrose is a beginning teacher, who has lots of passion for our profession and the tamariki. Whaea Herena will be Olivia's mentor teacher and Praneel will teach in her class one day a week, so she will have lots of support as she works with our senior students.

Classrooms on the Move

Next year we are going to have all the classes in one end of the school. We will be moving Ms Ilott and Room 2 into Room 8, and Mrs Davies and Room 1 into the library. The library will be relocated to Room 2. This is a big job, but we believe it will be beneficial for all, as the classes will *all* be close together.

Reports and School Photos

Teachers have been hard at work completing your children's end of year reports. These are now almost ready and will be sent home on Tuesday 12th December.

The school photos that were taken last month arrived at school today. Check your child's bag if you ordered photos and you haven't seen them. If they haven't arrived, let us know and we will follow up.

Year 6 End-of-Year Events

On Tuesday our Year Sixes were taken out for the day by a group from KPMG, who support our school in several ways, including organising and funding this trip. The tamariki arrived back at school keen to tell us all about their adventure.

On Wednesday evening some of our staff took the Year Sixes into Wellington to have dinner at Whitby's Restaurant. We then headed up to the Mount Victoria lookout to see what we could see from on high. This was great fun too! Our students did us all proud with their great manners and the respect they showed while at the restaurant.

Our final assembly, carol singing and senior prizegiving is being held on Thursday 14 December at 11am. This is the final big event for our Year Sixes. Feel free to come and join us and support our tamariki if you are able.

reminders

Bucket Hats

All children must wear a bucket hat when outside in terms 1 and 4. Please check your child still has one to wear.

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

14 December – 11am

Final assembly and prizegiving

15 December

Last day of school
Pick up at 12.30pm

31 January 2024

First day of school for 2024

2 February

Trip to
Wainuiomata Pool

5 February

Staff only day – no school for tamariki

Last Day for 2023

School will finish on Friday 15th December at 12:30pm. Please make sure you are here on time to pick up your tamariki, so teachers are not having to wait around for them to be collected. They still have things to do after your children leave. I know the children are counting down the days till they are free of school for the summer.

Start of 2024

School will start on Wednesday 31 January 2024. The Board of Trustees is supplying stationery for all our students for 2024, so you won't need to worry about buying any in the new year. The term has a busy start as we are going to Wainuiomata Pool on Friday 2 February, and then having a Staff only Day on Monday 5 February, followed by Waitangi Day. That means our first two weeks are only three days long for the students. This should ease them back into learning, ready for another full year.

Thank you, once again, for the opportunity to serve as Pomare School's principal. It is a great honour, and you have made me feel so welcome. I look forward to our continued partnership in 2024 and beyond.

Have a wonderful summer and holiday season. Enjoy this time with your tamariki and please stay safe!

E iti noa ana, nā te aroha.

Although it is small it is given with love.

Ngā mihi nui,

Sherilyn Hall



Fun at the year six dinner.