

Pomare School Newsletter



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Term One, Week 3, 2021

Kia ora whānau

Next Tuesday we are having a Talanoa for our Pacifica fanau on TUESDAY 9 MARCH from 5-6pm. This is an informal gathering to check in with you how we can best meet the needs of your children, and your aspirations for our kura. Please come and join us in the staffroom.

This week, the senior students have been busy applying for a position as Rangatira ō Pomare. The 6 successful applicants will form our student council, and we will also invite representatives from each class to attend each meeting. This is an opportunity for the students to take action in the school, and to ensure their voice is heard.

Finally, from now on, we will be dismissing Room 2 (our junior class) from the gate by the library. This is to ensure that they are all met safely by their parents and it will avoid our busy carpark. Please meet your child at that gate. Thanks everyone.

Have a fabulous weekend folks!

Nga mihi mahana
Cilla :-)

And a huge thank you goes to.....

Ephi's parents (Vanessa and Robert Semu) and the members of their congregation who spent last weekend giving our windows and gardens a birthday! You are absolutely amazing and we are very grateful!!



Term One Dates (updated regularly!)

Week Six	8 - 12 March	Talanoa Consultation - Pasifika families. 5 - 6pm in the staffroom. Tuesday 9 March
Week Seven	15 - 19 March	Learning Conferences. Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17 March Weetbix Tryathlon - Wednesday 17th
Week Eight	22 - 26 March	Swimming 22,23,24 and 25 April. Stokes Valley Pool. Home/School Partnership evening: Mathletics and Maths
Week Nine	29 - 2 April	Swimming 29, 30, 31 and 1 April. Stokes Valley Pool. 2 Easter Friday no school
Week Ten	5 - 9 April	5 Easter Monday - no school 6 Easter Tuesday - no school 7 Staff Only Day for Kahui Ako - no school
Week Eleven	12 - 16 April	Last day of term - Friday 16th



It's Movin' March people!

From this coming Monday

High Street Walking Bus - MONDAY/WEDNESDAY/FRIDAY - mornings only

Kara (see Photo if you not sure who she is) will be taking a walking bus on High Street, the meeting point is next to the BP, where the back of the car wreckers is (See Photo for Meeting Point). Look out for Vanessa (Ephi's mum) and Daph on the other side of the school collecting students from the Molesworth side. If anyone else can help out, please let Kara know :-)

The Walking Bus will be available from 8.15am and at 8.20 ish will make their way to school.

Please ensure that kids have a hat or jacket suitable for the weather.

Be great if any other family member(s) wish to join the walking bus.



**And another huge
to Kara who is making this all
happen!**



Swimming Lessons

Take place in Week 8 and Week 9
Starting on April 22 :-)



A few final reminders:

- **School starts** at 8:55 am. Please ensure your child is on time.
- **School ends** at 2:45pm. Please meet your child outside if waiting in a car.
- **Cars:** Please keep your cars out of our entranceway. Our carpark is very full and dangerous for our tamariki when cars are coming and going.
- **Breakfast** is available every morning in the Tech room from 8:15am. Tuesdays are open to all whānau - thanks to the ARISE church for serving us breakfast on this day
- **Free Lunches** are available to ALL children everyday. Please pack a hearty snack for morning tea, and a water bottle.
- **Homework Centre** is now in operation for Years 3 - 6 students. Please get a form from the office if you would like to enrol your child. If you have a Year 0 - 2 student, please arrange to talk to Daphne, our Homework Centre tutor about availability.
- **No Hat, No Play!** It's under the tree for students without a hat :-)

You can view the [lunch menus](#) for Term One here.

If your child has a special dietary requirement please let us know, if you haven't already done so :-)

Please also see an updated list of 2021 [Term Dates here](#)

Our Kahui Ako newsletter can be found on our website www.pomare.school.nz

If you need to pay anything to the school, please ...

pay directly into our bank account: **ASB - 12-3142-0389748-00**

And finally, a COVID update (words kindly supplied by the Ministry of Ed)

It has been great to see several days with no new community cases. However, as Dr Bloomfield has clearly stated, new cases are still possible and we need to continue to act with caution and do the right thing to keep our community safe.

[This document provides information on where you can go to get help, including financial support, as well as details about the different categories of contacts.](#)

With new variants and changed requirements for contacts of cases, New Zealand's COVID response seems to be more complex and sometimes it isn't clear what "the right thing" actually is. The basics still work. We have a large amount of control over how we can prevent the spread of COVID-19. Even with the new variants of the virus, the most important things we can do remain the same:

For our school we will:

- display QR code posters for the NZ COVID Tracer app
- keep our visitor register, attendance register and timetables up to date to help with contact tracing if needed
- be monitoring for illness and asking anyone who is unwell to remain at home, or to go home
- encourage people with relevant symptoms to seek medical advice through Healthline (0800 358 5453) or their GP and get tested for COVID if recommended to do so
- reinforce the importance of good hand washing and drying
- reinforce good cough and sneeze etiquette
- clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces regularly

Your whānau will also have good practices to follow to keep yourselves safe:

- check in using the NZ COVID Tracer app everywhere you go (the sooner you get notified that you were at a location of interest, the easier it will be to keep yourself and your whānau safe)
- switch on the Bluetooth function on the app (go to the dashboard in the app to do this)
- always stay home if you are unwell and seek advice from Healthline (0800 358 5453) or your GP
- get tested if recommended to do so. Testing is free to everyone in New Zealand!
- wash and dry hands thoroughly and frequently
- practise good cough and sneeze etiquette
- regularly clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces in your home
- wear face coverings on public transport
- for those of you who think you might have been at a [location of interest](#) at the specified time, follow the instructions on the [Ministry of Health website](#) or if you are unsure what to do, contact Healthline (0800 358 5453) for advice about getting tested

Get your information from good sources

[The Ministry of Education](#) provides us with specific advice for what needs to happen in schools and early learning services. Some of the rules are different for schools, early learning services and workplaces than the rules you need to follow when we are out and about with people you don't know. The main one is we have different physical distancing requirements than the general public. That is because we have

- good systems in place to prevent spread of COVID.
- The Ministry of Education also has [information for parents, caregivers and whānau](#).
- The [Government's Unite against COVID-19 website](#) is the main website to go to get great advice.

Āraia te kino and protect yourself, your whānau and your whakapapa. Ngā mihi.





