



Pōmare SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term one - week 2 13 FEBRUARY 2026

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

Kia ora whānau,

Welcome back to a new year at Te Kura o Pōmare. It is so great to see our tamariki's smiling faces and to welcome whānau back into our midst. Our school roll is growing, and we have had a number of inquiries from whānau who have heard through the grapevine that we are doing a great job with our kids. Thank you to all of you who have been spreading the word. We really appreciate your confidence in us!

We have had a fabulous start to the year. Classes are full and buzzing, and attendance has been high, which is great for the school and for our tamariki. Since most students have stayed with the same teacher as they had in 2025, teaching and learning was able to get underway from day one. What a great start towards our goal of raising achievement for all students.



and Mihi Whakatau:

On Thursday morning we had our first Mihi Whakatau for 2026, where we formally welcome the last two new entrants from 2025 and this year's new tamariki and families – Laalaai Kalepo; Aini Sheikh-Jeylani; Una Taumoepeau; Harrell Canette; Micah, Toetuu and Talanoa Takai; Sylus and Sativa Griffiths-Kameta; Jzekaiah Corino and Jasmine Crown-Stone. We also welcomed a new Teacher Aide, Daniel McGaffin (as Aotahi has moved onto a new role). It is so wonderful to have you all as part of the Pōmare School whānau.

We were very proud of the students who sat on the paepae for our Mihi Whakatau and spoke on behalf of the kura. Well done Meziaah, Lamara, Ben, Tapita, Faith and Erin. You did us proud!

Whole School Trip to Te Ngaengae Pools:

We have had a fun filled day today, at our new year, whole school outing to Te Ngaengae Pools. We left school at 10.45am and were able to spend plenty of time in the water, with a



short break for lunch, before returning to school at 2:30pm.



There will be lots of tired kids tonight!

We have plenty more opportunities for you to join us for fun activities throughout the year, and we look forward to get to know you all even more in 2026. Our next event is the **Meet the Teacher Evening** on **Tuesday 17th February** at **5pm**. We hope we will get to see you there.

Mā te māia, te whakahonore, me te manawanui ka tipu ai te ākonga.

Through courage, respect, and resilience, the learner will grow.

Ngā mihi nui,

Sherilyn Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fridays @ 9:15am

Whole school assembly – whānau are always welcome!

Monday 16 February @ 5pm

School Board meeting in the staffroom

Tuesday 17 February @ 5pm

Meet the teacher evening and sausage sizzle



FUN IN THE POOL FOR OUR JUNIORS

(senior fun is on the previous page)

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Arohanui Strings+ will be holding after-school sessions at Pomare School, starting on Monday 9th February. We offer group violin lessons on Mondays, and woodwind lessons on Wednesdays, with qualified and experienced teachers, for tamariki age 6 and above.

The sessions are held from 2.45 pm to 4.15 pm and afternoon tea is provided.

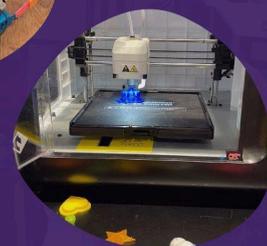
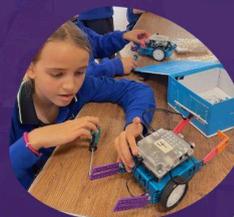
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