



# Pomare SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term one - week 4 21 FEBRUARY 2025

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

Kia ora whānau,

Can you believe that we have had four weeks of school already?

This sunny weather is lovely for break times, while making learning a bit challenging in the afternoons, as classes heat up. The teachers have been working hard to ensure learning is fun and engaging, to help our tamariki stay focused throughout the day.

## **Welcome New Students:**

Welcome to our two new students and their whānau. Edna Gwiza has joined Pākuratahi, having just arrived in the country with her family, and Alisar Mano is in Mangaroa. We're glad you're here.



## **Teaching and Learning:**



Classes are well underway and our tamariki are busy learning the important skills they need to be successful. Staff are continuing to upskill on the new curriculum documents for Maths and Literacy, so they can provide high quality learning for our tamariki.

This term our topic is 'Heroes and Villians'. Tamariki are learning about who they are, and how they can live our school values – Perseverance/Manawanui; Respect/Whakaute; Intergrity/Pono; Diversity/Kanorau; and Emaphy/Aroha – each and every day.

## **Attendance:**

Thank you to those whānau who have completed our attendance questionnaire. This is a major focus for 2025 as the government's target is 80% of kids at school 80% of the time.

Our school's attendance data is nowhere near this lofty goal. We are making a concerted effort to lift our attendance rates, as we know that if tamariki are not at school, they cannot achieve to their full potential.

As part of this process, we have issued a challenge in the form of an inter-class competition. Each term, the class with the highest attendance will receive a reward, and if the whole school manages to get attendance to the 80% mark for a term, everyone will get a reward. A bit of healthy competition can be a great motivator.

## **Looking Ahead:**

Check out the 'Upcoming Events' below, so you are up to date with what's happening at school. Pop in and see me if you have any questions, concerns or celebrations to share.

**Mā te ngākau aroha koe e ārahi**

*Let a loving heart guide your decisions*

Ngā mihi nui,  
*Sherilyn Hall*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Fridays, 9:15am**

Whole school assembly – whānau are always welcome!

### **Wednesdays & Fridays, Term 1**

'Stay Cool' ice blocks for sale. \$1 or \$2 each. Place orders with your classroom teacher

### **Wednesday 26 February, 2.45pm**

Bake sale outside Room 7 to raise funds for our year 5/6 camp

### **Monday 17 March – Thursday 27 March**

School swimming lessons at Stokes Valley Pool

### **Monday 17 March – Friday 21 March**

Bee Healthy Dental Van at school

### **Thursday 20 March**

School disco – TBC

### **Wednesday 2 April**

Bake sale outside Room 7 to raise funds for our year 5/6 camp

## REMINDERS

**Absences:** If your child is going to be away from school or arriving late, please phone the office or let us know through the Skool Loop App. If we don't hear from you, you will receive a text and/or a phone call. Absences that are not explained are marked a truant.

**Water only:** We are a water only school. Please keep fizzy, juice, flavoured milk and energy drinks for after school.



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