

Pomare SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term TWO - week 10  5 JULY 2024

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

Kia ora whānau,

We have made it to the end of Term 2, and what a busy term it has been. Despite the cold, short days and sickness, lots of learning has been done and we are still smiling (most of the time).

This week has perhaps been more intense than some of the others, as teachers work to finish off the term's learning and complete assessments. On top of that, other important things were on the go. Our amazing Performance Poly Group – The 15 Stars of Pomare – performed at Hutt Fest on Tuesday evening, we had a Ngā Manu Group challenge on Thursday and finished the term with a pyjama day and gem reward on Friday.

Hutt Fest

Throughout the term, Whaea Herena and her team have been working hard getting ready for Hutt Fest. There have been numerous practices at school and more than a few Friday night noho, so the performers were prepared and confident when they stepped onto the stage on Tuesday evening.

This year's performance was unique, as for the first time, our group's bracket was made up exclusively of songs from the Cook Islands. The costumes were bright and eye catching, particularly the headpieces, and the props on stage (one large and seven small waka) completed the visual effect that added to our tamariki's passionate performance. The group was small in

number, but as is the way with Pomare Kids, big in heart. The support of three ex-students and the adult musicians, on stage, gave them the boost they needed



to fill the Walter Nash Stadium with sound. Well done everyone!

Attendance

School attendance has been in the news a lot lately, as our government pushes to ensure children are at school regularly. Their aim is to have 80 per cent of students present for more than 90 per cent of the school year by 2030.

Sadly, we are a long way from this target, as to date only 37% of our students (32 tamariki) have been at school for 90% or more of

reminders

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.

Absences

If your child is going to be away from school, please ring the absences line and leave a message, or contact us through the absences tab on the Skool Loop app. Remember to tell us why they are away so we can record the absence correctly.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 22 July

First day of Term 3

Wednesday 24 July

Cricket coaching

Monday 29 July

5:00pm

Board Meeting

these past two terms.

To put this in perspective, 90% attendance allows for a student to be away one day per fortnight, on average. If a student misses one day per fortnight for their 13 years at school, they will have missed out on nearly 1½ years of school by the time they leave at the end of college.

As a staff we have been brainstorming ideas of how to encourage our tamariki to be at school as often as possible. As a first step, we handed out certificates at assembly this morning, acknowledging those students who have been at school for 90% or more of Term 2. In the future there will be a reward that goes alongside the certificate, so you can remind your tamariki about this, if they are reluctant to leave home in the morning.

If your child is going to be away from school, it is important you let us know so that we can record the absence reason on our student management system. You can leave a message on the school phone, respond to the text Cherie sends, or use the Absentee tab on the Skool Loop app. If you want to use the Zero Data function on the app, see the graphic below showing how to enable that function.

The Ministry of Education (MOE) guidelines around attendance state that holidays within term time are not justifiable absences. Reasons such as sickness, medical or justice system appointments, alternative education and bereavements are considered justified by the MOE.

Term 3

The first day of Term 3 is Monday 22nd July, and we look forward to seeing some well rested tamariki ready for another full term of learning. In the first week we have a visit from Cricket Wellington, who will be doing some coaching with our tamariki. In week three, our year sixes will be visiting Avalon Intermediate School to get a taste of what is in store for them in 2025 (whether they go there or not). In week six the senior students will learn about Financial Literacy, with the support of a team from KPMG, and in week nine our year 0-3 students will get to attend a performance of Finding Nemo at Little Theatre.

There's lots of learning and fun to be had, despite it being a winter term, so we are looking forward to Term 3 with positive anticipation.

Enjoy your tamariki over the next two weeks. Hopefully the weather will be kind and we will all be able to get outside and have some fun. See you all on Monday 22nd July.

Tangata ako ana i te kāenga, te tūranga ki te marae, tau ana.

A person nurtured in the community contributes strongly to society.

Ngā mihi nui,
Sherilyn Hall



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