

# Pomare SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term TWO - week 2  10 May 2024

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

Kia ora whānau,

I hope you are all keeping warm with the change of temperature over the past couple of weeks. There has been ice on parked cars when I have come to school in the mornings – a clear sign that winter is well and truly upon us.

Despite the cold, tamariki will be playing outside at break times, as long as it is not raining, so it is important they have something warm to put on when they go out. Our classrooms are warm but the outside air is not.

## **Absences and Late Arrivals**

Our new absence texting system is now up and running. This means that if your child has been marked as absent and we have not heard from you, you will receive a text asking you to confirm they are away, and to let us know the reason.

If your child arrives at school after 8.55 am, please remind them to come to the office and sign in on the VisTab. The roll is marked as soon as the bell rings, so if they don't sign in, they will be marked as absent, and you will be texted or called.

It is important that tamariki are at school every day, unless they are unwell. Missing one day of school per fortnight, adds up to 4 weeks by the end of the year, and 1½ years of learning will have been missed by the time they leave school at the end of Year 13.

## **Badminton and Basketball**

Last term six of our students represented the school in Badminton on a Tuesday evening. Pomare Pride – Zakeenah and Epenesa, Pomare Pumas – Ruth and Emanuel, and Pomare Paradox – Nathan and Conan, made us proud as they played hard and demonstrated our PRIDE values on and off the court.

This term we have two Basketball teams competing in after school competitions. Pomare Panthers – Year 3 & 4 students, and Pomare Paradox – Year 5 & 6 students. Earlier this week I received a lovely email from one of the other schools in the competition, letting us know how impressed they were by the amazing



## **reminders**

### **Water Only**

As part of our healthy eating programme, we are a water only school. Please remind your tamariki to leave juice and other flavoured drinks at home.

### **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**

### **Monday 4 June**

King's Birthday holiday.

### **Tuesday 5 June**

Probable staff only day. TBC.

### **Monday 10 June**

**1-7pm**

### **Tuesday 11 June**

**1-5.30pm**

Student Learning Conferences – more details to follow

### **Thursday 20 June**

Matariki Celebration & visiting telescopes to look at the moon

sportsmanship our teams show. They mentioned that our students play fairly and even support members on the opposing team who are finding the game tricky.

Well done all our players. You show your Pomare PRIDE so well!

### **Weetbix Try Challenge**

Today a group of twenty-two year four and five students took part in the Weetbix Try Challenge at Fraser Park. Miss Penrose and Lish, along with a group of supportive parents, drove the students to the park and encouraged them as they completed the obstacle course. The challenge required them to keep running for 25 minutes, and that is what they did. They said it was hard work and tiring, especially navigating the different obstacles, but that didn't stop them. Pai te mahi a te roopu! Well done team!



### **School Loop**

We are in the process of connecting in to the School Loop app, so it is easier for you to get information about what is happening at Pomare School. The best thing about this app, is that it is linked with the Zero Data network, so you will be able to get notifications (once it is up and running) even if you don't have any mobile data left.

We will send out information on how to join up, and how it works once it is ready to go.

### **Three Way Learning Conferences**

In Week 7, we will be having Three Way Learning Conferences. This is an opportunity for tamariki, their whānau and their classroom teacher to sit down and talk about how they are going at school, and identify their next learning steps, so it is important you bring your child/ren with you.

The conferences will be held on Monday 10 June, from 1-7pm and Tuesday 11 June, from 1-5:30pm. School will remain open in the afternoons, but you are most welcome to pick up your child at 1pm on those days. Any students who remain at school in the afternoon will be supervised in the hall by Mr Singh, watching a movie or doing sports.

Teachers will write up a record of the conference and this will be sent home as your child's mid-year report. We will send out details on how to book a conference time soon.

These first two weeks of term have raced by, and there doesn't seem to be any sign of things slowing down. Before we know it we will be half way through 2024. Remember, you are welcome to come and chat with me at any time, if you have concerns or just want to talk about what is going on for your tamariki and/or the school.

**Mauri tū, mauri ora**

*An active soul is a healthy soul*

Ngā mihi nui,  
*Sherilyn Hall*

# community notices

## Has your child received support for **ANXIETY or ADHD?**



We are researchers and postgraduate students from AUT, currently investigating treatments for anxiety and ADHD. Parents (of children aged 5-11, living in NZ, with anxiety and/or ADHD symptoms) are invited to participate in the anonymous online survey.

Approved by AUTEK on 08/04/24 [Ref. 24/43]

✉ amy.kercher@aut.ac.nz

**Click to participate or learn more:**

[https://aut.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_1Cip0TC9wLfEIXc](https://aut.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1Cip0TC9wLfEIXc)



Wonderplay has places available in its award-winning drama classes on Mondays at Eponi Hall:

- 3.30pm (New Wonders: 4-8yrs - intro to drama. Learn to make and star in your own plays)
- 4.15pm (Star Players: 8-14yrs - intro to Shakespeare, Swordplay and Stage Combat).

First class free. Register today [www.wonderplay.co.nz](http://www.wonderplay.co.nz).



Does your child have asthma? Perhaps they might be interested in joining a world-leading study led by the @MedicalResearchInstituteofNewZealand.

The START CARE Study is looking for children aged 5-15 to participate in research comparing two different inhalers to determine which one is more effective at preventing asthma attacks in kids. By participating in this study, your child will contribute to a groundbreaking study that could change how we manage childhood asthma worldwide.

Watch the little [video](#) or click the link below for more details on how your child could be part of this important study. Let's work together to improve asthma care for our tamariki. FIND OUT MORE at <https://tinyurl.com/bdhrnjvx>.

#MRINZ #STARTCAREStudy #AsthmaResearch #AsthmaPrevention #KidsHealth #JoinTheStudy