



Pōmare SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term TWO - week 2 1 May 2026

Talofoa, Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Malo e lelei, සුවසුඵ් Suwesti, Bula Vinaka!

Kia ora whānau,

Term 2 has started with a hiss and a roar, including lots of rain, and lovely sunny days. Who would have imagined we would have to close the school on the second day of the term. At least we had no damage from this weather event, unlike February 16th. The damage to the playground matting from that earlier big rainfall is finally being repaired next week.

Mihi Whakatau:



This past Tuesday we welcomed our new students and their whānau, with a Mihi Whakatau. The welcome was for ākonga who had started during last term (and their whānau), as well as those who have joined us in Term 2. Our new students this term are: Jairus Kallumkal who has joined Te Whanganui-a-Tara; Jackerie Espana in Te Awa Kairangi; Jaxith Kallumkal and Johanna Jestus who are in Mangaroa; and Anderson Martell, Finau Loketi, Shaela-Jay Iele-Osborne, and Ariella Collins who have joined our every growing New Entrant class, Pākuratahi.



Improving Our Grounds:



A focus for our School Board over the holidays, has been getting the school grounds up to scratch. To do this we have purchased some equipment to make our caretaker, DJ's, job easier. Our biggest purchase was a ride on lawnmower, that DJ has been trying out as he tidies up the grass near the playground.

It certainly looked like he was having lots of fun while working out what settings were best for getting the grass under control.



Attendance:

We have been working hard to improve our tamariki's attendance, by celebrating those who attend regularly, awarding the class with the highest fortnightly attendance, and making school so fun and interesting that our tamariki want to be here each day. We even had a reward afternoon at the end of Term 1, to celebrate having over half of our tamariki at school at least 90% of the time.

This week we received our official Term 1 attendance results from the MOE, which had the following on the front page: made it over



This is a huge win for our school, and the first time we have the 50% mark since these results have been published.

Thanks for all the hard work you have put in, to ensure your kids are at school each day. This is a team effort, and it shows. Please do contact the classroom teacher or me, if you are struggling to get your kids to school, and we will see what we can do to support your efforts.

Check out the 'upcoming events' below, so you don't miss out on the fun planned for this term.

Mā te kimi ka kite, Mā te kite ka mōhio, Mā te mōhio ka mārama.

Seek and discover. Discover and know. Know and become enlightened.

Ngā mihi nui,

Sherilyn Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fridays @ 9:15am

Whole school assembly – whānau are always welcome!

Fridays @ 1:45pm

Whole school PS sessions – whānau are welcome to join in

Mondays & Thursdays @ 1:30pm

Huttfest performance practices in the hall – guitarists and drummers who are willing to support us, would be greatly appreciated

Monday 4 May, 5:00pm

Pomare School Board meeting in the staffroom

Thursday 7 May, 9:00am-2:30am

Student Leaders & Whaea Sherilyn attending the World Vision Junior Youth Conference 2026 @ Lower Hutt Events Centre

Tuesday 19 May, 5:30-7:00pm

Term 2 Whānau Evening in the school hall – includes a performance by the Huttfest Group, visit to classrooms, information about changes to reports, and some kai to end

Monday 1 June

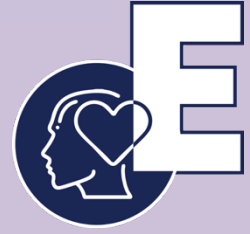
Kings Birthday public holiday – no school

Monday 8 June, 5:00pm

Pomare School Board meeting in the staffroom

Week starting 15 June

Learning Conferences and Reports – specific dates and times TBC



COMMUNITY NOTICES



Free string (violin, cello, etc), woodwind (recorder, flute, clarinet, etc) or brass (trumpet, trombone, tuba, etc) lessons @ Pōmare School Hall, Monday and Wednesday after school.

Instruments are provided for students to use (also free) and all comers are welcome.

Go to <https://www.arohanuistrings.org/> to find out more, or email admin@arohanuistrings.org to register or ask any questions you may have.

This offer is open to all school age children, but is especially for our Pōmare School tamariki. What an amazing opportunity it provides our community!