

Pomare SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term TWO - week 8  21 June 2024

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

Kia ora whānau,

What a busy week it has been, and what a fabulous night it was last night, celebrating our students' learning and welcoming Matariki to our skies. I had never looked at the moon through a telescope before, and I know I wasn't the only one. How exciting was that?!

We have lots of people to thank for our successful celebration. Firstly, a big thank you to Whaea Herena, Mr P and their team, who made sure that the hangi food was prepped and cooked ready for us all. Thank you to the three lovely young men from KPMG who sorted the meat for us, and then stayed to prepare veges and pack hangi packs.

Thanks too, to all the Pomare School staff, who worked tirelessly to ensure things were sorted for the night, and to students who did work before so their classes had something to share, and to those who were able to attend the evening, as they did our school proud.

Finally a big thank you to Caii-Michelle Baker, who added sparkle to our evening with her awesome performance and Jeremy from the Wellington Astronomical Society for bringing those two enormous telescopes and standing out in the cold for two and half hours, so everyone could get a chance to look through them.

Website and Skool Loop App

Our new website and the Skool Loop app are now live. I know a number of you downloaded the app last night, so you are ready to go. I am on a steep learning curve on how to use the app to keep you all informed. Hopefully you'll start getting notifications on it soon.

For those of you who have not got the app downloaded yet, simply go to Google Play or the App Store and search Skool Loop. Once it is downloaded, choose Pomare School and you will be in.

Crocs and Jibbits

It seems to have become a fashion statement for students to wear crocs to school, especially if they are covered with jibbits. This has become a concern, as some students have slipped while



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 absence 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 24 June

5pm

Board Meeting in the staffroom

Friday 28 June

Matariki Public Holiday

Friday 8 July

Last day of Term 2

Monday 22 July

First day of Term 3

wearing crocs, which has resulted in painful injuries. Furthermore, students have been 'trading' jibbits, then changing their minds and asking for them back, which has caused some altercations in the playground and corridors.

As a result, teachers have agreed that we would prefer jibbits were not worn at school. If a student has jibbits on their crocs at the beginning of a day, their teacher will ask them to remove them. They will then hold onto the jibbits for the student until the end of the day, when they will be returned, to take home.

If your child insists on wearing crocs to school, please ensure they have something else to change into for fitness, as crocs do not work well in this setting. Thank you for your help with this issue.

School Snacks and Lunches

We are very blessed at Pomare School, that we are able to provide breakfast, fruit and hot lunches to our tamariki. There are strict guidelines around the sorts of food schools should be providing and feedback from you, our community, agrees that it is important for us to encourage healthy eating.

Lately we have noticed an increase in the number of students arriving at school with large bags of chippies and other snacks, in lieu of a lunchbox. While we recognise that these are tasty, and often preferred by students, they are not nutritious or particularly filling, and so are not good options for school lunches.

We do recognise that it can be a challenge to find food children will happily eat, but as we provide nutritious and tasty food at school, we would prefer that these oversized snacks be kept for sharing at home. Please remind your children that there is plenty of food at school, so a small packet of chips would be plenty as a filler at morning tea.

Learning Conferences

Thank you to all those whānau members who made it to our student learning conferences. We had a great turnout this year! It was a good opportunity for tamariki and their teachers to share what they have been doing in class, to celebrate their successes and to identify next learning steps.

Summaries of these conferences will be heading your way at the end of next week. These are effectively your child's midyear reports, so please do have a read, share them with your tamariki and let us know if there is anything that you are unsure of or disagree with.

Just two more weeks of school are left this term, and next week is short as we have a public holiday on Friday 28 June for Matariki. Let's work together to get our tamariki through this last push before the holidays so we can all end the term on a high note.

Kia mau ki te tūmanako, te whakaponu me te aroha.

Hold fast to hope, faith and love.

Ngā mihi nui,
Sherilyn Hall