

Pomare SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term THREE - week 2  2 AUGUST 2024

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

Kia ora whānau,

Here we are, at the end of week 2 of Term 3, over half way through the year. Time seems to be passing at an ever increasing rate.

I hope you managed to find time to enjoy your tamariki over the holidays. Although the weather was a bit of a mixed bag, there was enough sunshine for me to spend time outside with my mokopuna and on my mountain bike.

The highlight of the holidays for me, was the birth (at home) of my sixth grandson (mokopuna number 11). He did well to arrive while I was on holiday so I could be on hand to look after his two older brothers, and get lots of cuddles in before the term started.



Attendance

Last term I wrote about the importance of regular attendance and we celebrated the students whose attendance levels were 90% or more, at the final assembly. Over the holidays I received the Ministry of Education's report on our Term 2 attendance data. This states that only 27 of our students (29%) attended school for 90% or more of Term 2. *A student with 90% attendance has missed one day per fortnight across a term.*

During the holidays, we teachers analysed our students' achievement data and one clear pattern that emerged was that students with the lowest attendance, tended to have the lowest achievement levels. This once again highlights how vital it is that tamariki are at school every day, unless they are unwell.

Ngā Toi

This term our inquiry learning focus is Ngā Toi (The Arts). Teachers spent time planning together to create a whole school plan for this important area of learning.

Ngā Toi Whakaari (whole school kapahaka) has moved to Monday afternoons, to free up Wednesday afternoons for Ngā Mahi Toi (visual arts). Students will work in their Ngā Manu groups and spend two weeks with each teacher creating art pieces from different genre that will be displayed on our newly recovered display boards in the corridors outside the classrooms.

Three of the classes will also be rotating around the different teachers to experience and learn drama, dance and music skills. Pākuratahi will continue work in these learning areas, in their own space, with Mrs Davies.

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Policy Reviews

Each term go to:

<https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/>

Username: pomare

Password: pride

Click the review button and have your say.

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

Tuesday 6 August

Avalon Intermediate Open Day

Wednesdays @

1:40pm

Ngā Mahi Toi – arts rotations

Fridays @ 9:15am

School assemblies – you are welcome to join us.

Monday 19 August

Duffy Super Role Model Assembly

The 15 Stars of Pomare School

Our Polyfest performance group had an opportunity to perform again today. All the performance groups from our kahui Ako gathered at Taita College and performed for each other. This was a special occasion, as our performers don't usually get to see each other in action.

As always, our team of 15 did an amazing job, filling the hall with sound and Pomare PRIDE!

Events

This term has lots happening, which should help keep those winter blues away. Last week each class got to have a session with a couple of coaches from Wellington Cricket, learning some of the basics of the game. Thankfully the weather was kind, so the sessions were held outside.

On Tuesday 6th August our year six students will be visiting Avalon Intermediate School's open day to see what's on offer there for 2025. Then, on 19th August, the year five and sixes will be travelling to Porirua for a super Duffy role model assembly, and financial literacy learning, provided by KPMG on 28th August.

The juniors will be attending a Musical Stars performance of Finding Nemo on Monday 16th September at Little Theatre in Lower Hutt, then the whole school is spending the day at Owhiri Bay School, to catch up with Whaea Cilla and watch the Owhiro Bay students perform their school production on Wednesday 25th September.

To top the term off, there are a couple of sports events our students will participate in at Walter Nash Stadium. We also have learning conferences in week 7 – Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September, and on Thursday 19th September we will have a parent's evening that will include the Pomare's Got Talent final, Maths activities and shared kai. We hope we'll see many of you there.

Skool Loop

If you have not done so already, please use the QR code below to sign up for the Skool Loop app, so that you can keep up to date with what is going on at school. Alternatively you can go to the app store or Google Play Store and search Skool Loop. Once you have the app downloaded, search for Pomare School and sign up to 'general' and your child's class. The app has a zero data option, so you can use it to let us know if your child is going to be absent, even if you have no data or minutes left.



Ahakoā he iti he pounamu.

Although it is small, it is greenstone (precious).

Ngā mihi nui,
Sherilyn Hall

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