



Pōmare SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term THREE - week 2 31 JULY 2026

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

Kia ora whānau,

Welcome back to a cold, but busy term. I hope you enjoyed your time with your tamariki over the holidays and that everyone is rested and ready for a long winter term. We have hit the ground running with a 5th classroom and extra things happening around the school.

WELCOME & Mihi Whakatau:

We have had three new students join us so far this term. Welcome to Jayzaliah Keen, Maile Loketi Meadow Percival, and their whānau. It's great to have you as part of our school community.

Last Tuesday we held a mihi whakatau for the students who arrived throughout term 2, and at the beginning of this term. We also formally welcomed Debbieanne Benton, our new teacher, and Pena Asiata, our new teacher aide, along with Natasha Stevens who is our new office manager.

Steve Adams Basketball Camp:

On Tuesday this week, eight of our senior students attended a one day basketball camp with Steve Adams. The tamariki learnt some new skills and each received a signed ball and t-shirt to take home. Thanks to Lish for organising this awesome opportunity.



Balls and More Balls:

On Wednesday, a team from Nuku Ora and the Tania Dalton Foundation delivered two huge boxes of balls they were donating to the school.

Our year 6 students were able to ask the young women about their sporting experiences, and the balls are already being well used in the playground.

Year 6 Visit to Avalon Intermediate:

Thursday was Avalon Intermediate's open day, and all our year 6 students got to visit the school to experience some of the different things they will get to do in 2027 as year sevens. Mr G tells me our tamariki were a credit to our school, showing our school values as they enjoyed their time in a different environment.



Tū Manawa Fund - Loose Parts:

We have been very blessed to receive a grant from Nuku Ora's Tū Manawa Fund to set up some 'loose parts' play at Pōmare School. Over the next three weeks, our tamariki will get to try out some loose parts play with an organisation called Bushsprouts, who are experts in this type of recreation. They will also be supporting us to stock our own kit of loose parts for tamariki to use going forward.



Loose parts play involves using natural, recycled and large materials such as cones, sticks, ropes, boxes, stones, buckets, tubes, etc, and allows



students to use

their imagination and creativity to design their own play, with no rules. The kids are very excited about the potential of this type of play, and enjoyed having a go at lunchtime today. A huge level of creativity and collaboration was in action and they didn't want to stop when the bell rang.

Hero App:

There is a lot going on this term, so please do keep an eye on messages coming through the Hero app or notices coming home, to make sure you don't miss out on anything. If you don't have the Hero App yet, see you child's classroom teacher, and they can help you get connected.

Ka whāngaia, ka tipu, ka puāwai.

That which is nurtured will grow then blossom.

Ngā mihi nui,

Sherilyn Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fridays @ 9:15am

Whole school assembly – whānau are always welcome!

Monday 3 August @ 5:00pm

Board meeting in the staffroom

Thursday 10 – Friday 11 September

Teacher only days – no school for our tamariki

Week starting 14th September (date TBC)

School production week



This week's principal certificate recipients