



Pomare SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term THREE - week 6 22 AUGUST 2025

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

Kia ora whānau,

We have well and truly passed half way for the term, and lots has been happening around our kura. Board elections are well under way, as are the heats for Pomare's Got Talent. The end of term will be upon us before we know it.



A belated welcome to the tamariki and their whānau who have joined us this term – Kairo Cassidy and Ayat Al Kafet in Room 10, Acaexia Warren in Room 7 and Tutai Vaea in Room 8. That welcome is, of course, extended to their whānau. We're glad you chose to become part of our school community.

Board Elections:

You should have received your voting papers in your letter boxes by now. Please have a read of the blurbs from our candidates – Daphne Harrison, Sharn Sutherland, Mel Pihama, John Adam and Anita Martell – select up to 5 of those standing, and pop your votes into the election box on the reception desk at school. Voting closes on Wednesday, 10th September, at 4pm.



Structured Literacy Evening:



What a great turn-out we had last Thursday evening, for our kapa haka performance, Structured Literacy learning and sausage

sizzle. Our performers filled the hall with sound and mana, and there was a lovely buzz in the classrooms as teachers shared some of the literacy learning our tamariki have been enjoying.



Tongan Language Week:



This week has been Tongan Language Week, which began with a flag raising ceremony on Monday morning. Throughout the week tamariki have been earning vocabulary, songs and facts about Tonga in their classrooms. This culminated in activities in Ngā Manu groups on Thursday afternoon (including making panakeke and ota'i) followed by singing, sharing and flag lowering. What a great time we had!

School Lunches:

Our tamariki love their school lunches, and we are very happy with the quality of food that is provided by Pita Pit on a Monday, and Kāpura for the rest of the week.

As the government is trying to cut costs with school lunches, providers are having to re-tender to supply lunches from 2026.

We would like to keep getting lunches from Kāpura, and to assist with this, they have sent out a survey to get whānau feedback. Please use the QR code to complete the survey and help us keep the high quality lunches we have right now.



Four Weeks to Go:

There's lots more in store before the term ends, so keep an eye on the 'upcoming events' below, messages on Facebook or in Skool Loop, and notices in your kids' bags so you don't miss out on anything fun or important.

Winter is on the way out, so hopefully we will be able to enjoy some warmer, drier days as we move into spring.

Mā te ngākau aroha koe e ārahi.

Let a loving heart guide your decisions.

Ngā mihi nui,
Sherilyn Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fridays @ 9:15am

Whole school assembly – whānau are always welcome!

Fridays 10:45am-12:45pm *(Ask your child's teacher what time they're gardening)*

Class gardening sessions – we'd love some parents to help work with small groups

Monday 1 September 5:00pm

Board Meeting in the staffroom

Monday 15 – Friday 19 September

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori

Thursday 18 September 5:30-7:00pm

Pomare's Got Talent, Meet the New Board & Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori celebration

REMINDERS

Absences: If your child is going to be away from school or arriving late, please phone the office or let us know through the Skool Loop App. If we don't hear from you, you will receive a text and/or phone call. Absences that are not explained are marked as truant. Extended absences should be talked over with the principal, or a medical certificate provided if the child is sick for more than 3 days.

Winter Warmers: As the mornings are very cold in these winter months, and the weather can be very unkind at times, it is important children bring a jacket or other warm layer to put on when they go outside.