



Pōmare SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term THREE - week 6

28 AUGUST 2026

Talofoa, Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Malo e lelei, བུ་སྐྱོད་ Suostei, Bula Vinaka!

Kia ora whānau,

Can you believe we are at the end of week 6 and almost into spring already? The saying that the days are long but the seasons are short is certainly holding true this year. We have been packing so much learning into each day, and our tamariki are working so hard, that the term has simply flown by. It will be holidays again before we know it...



A great big Pomare welcome goes out to Sierra Williams and her whānau. It's great to have you as part of our school community.



Breakfast Club: We are still looking for volunteers to help us with breakfast club, in the hall from 8.15-8.45am, on a Tuesday, Thursday or Friday morning. Please talk to Sherilyn, Praneel or your child's classroom teacher if you are able to help out with this important part of the school day.

Netball:

Over these two winter terms, a group of year 5 and 6 girls have been competing in the inter-schools netball competition at Walter Nash, under the watchful coaching eye of Natasha Stevens. Our girls have come so far with their netball skills, in a short space of time and we are very proud of their achievement. Tash tells me they are top of their grade.



This coming Monday (31st August) is the team's final game. The girls are allowed to dress up in tutus (school colours please) or silly hairdos for this round, and there will be a sausage sizzle and photo booth for them to enjoy after the game. They will get certificates for their participation at an upcoming assembly.

Building:



From Monday 7th September, we will be a building site again. After some delay, the upgrade of rooms 1-3 is about to begin. This will also include the development of a meeting room next to the staff room and a small office space next to that.

As a result, the east end of the school, down the hall from the staffroom, will be blocked off for most of the rest of the year. However, this is exciting, as it means the senior students will be able to move into refurbished classrooms for the beginning of the 2027 school year.

With only four more weeks left of term 3, our kaiako and tamariki are working hard to get as much learning in as possible. Production practises will still be happening and we are continuing to sort where, when and how we are going to make this happen, so our kids can have their moment to shine. We will keep you posted as plans firm up.

Ma te whakarongo, ka mohio. Ma te mohio, ka marama.

Ma te marama, ka matau. Ma te matau, ka ora.

*Through listening comes knowledge. Through knowledge comes understanding.
Through understanding comes wisdom. Through wisdom comes wellbeing.*

Ngā mihi nui,

Sherilyn Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fridays @ 9:15am

Whole school assembly – whānau are always welcome!

Monday 7 September @ 5:00pm

Board meeting in the staffroom

Thursday 10 – Friday 11 September

Teacher only days – no school for our tamariki

Week starting 21st September (date TBC)

School production week



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Wellington Zoo – School Holiday Programmes

During the upcoming school holidays, we have five different themed days to choose from:



Charismatic Carnivores: Monday 28th September & Tuesday 29th September

Delve into the lives of some magnificent creatures as we explore their adaptations and behaviours, and how we care for them at the Zoo.



Animal Ambulance: Wednesday 30th September & Thursday 1st October

Learn how to help care for local wildlife, then test your skills in our special holiday programme Zoo triage clinic.



Zookeeper Apprentice: Friday 2nd October & Monday 5th October

Join our Zookeepers for the day and go behind the scenes in the greatest job in the world!



Snow Leopard Celebration: Tuesday 6th October & Wednesday 7th October

Discover the Snow Leopard's mountainous habitat. See these elusive cats and learn all about their wild homes.



Zoo Detectives: Thursday 8th October & Friday 9th October

Rumour has it there is some treasure hidden at the Zoo! Join a team of intrepid explorers to track it down.

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Te Nukua Animal Rangers

Children aged 5-12 can be booked into as many days as you like. Spaces are filling up, so be sure to lock in your spot for another fantastic adventure!

After the huge success of our pilot programme Te Nukua Animals Rangers, we just had to bring it back for these school holidays!

If your children are aged 12-15 and dream of working as a Zookeeper or conservationist when they're older, look no further! Your rangatahi will spend an amazing day behind the scenes with an expert Zoo Educator, learning about what it takes to work at the Zoo.

Please note that this will be a replica of the programme we ran in July, in case there is anyone who would love to come back and do it all again!

Details:

Date: Tuesday 6th October, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Age range: Ages 12–15

Price: \$129 per person (including a free Te Nukua Wellington Zoo cap)

Availability: There are only 10 spaces available for this exclusive programme so book in quick!

This programme is perfect for kids who have 'aged out' of our standard school holiday programme and are looking for something a bit different. Head to our website to learn more and book your rangatahi in now!

Remember, spaces are extremely limited – only 10 spots are available!

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