



POMARE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term THREE - week 8 22 AUGUST 2025

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

Kia ora whānau,

Only two more weeks to go and it will be holidays – can you believe it? Where has the year gone? Spring is here, so hopefully it will get warmer now too.



Welcome to Ransher Singh and his whānau. Ransher has joined Pākuratahi since our last newsletter.

Board Elections:

Voting for our School Board closes on Wednesday, 10th September, at 4pm.

My apologies to Lufina Siaosi, who I missed off the list of candidates last week. We have a great group to select from – Lufina, Mel, Adam, Anita, Daphne and Sharn are all wonderful candidates who are keen to give back to our kura.

If you haven't voted yet, please do so, and drop your voting papers into the post box on the office counter.



Netball:



Our awesome netball team played their final game on Monday evening. They have worked so hard this term and their skills have grown immensely. An enormous thank you to Lufina Siaosi for coaching the team, and to Natasha Stevens for refereeing each of the girls' games. We couldn't have done it without you two amazing ladies. Prizegiving is this coming Monday at 4:30pm.

PB4L/PC4L:

At our kura we focus on 'catching kids when they are good' using the Positive Behaviour for Learning model – PB4L (we call Positive Culture for Learning – PC4L). Students' positive behaviours are celebrated through gold cards (given by staff), Te Toa o te Wiki (nominated by other students) and principal certificates. Each

gold card earns a 'gem', for the jar in the main office. When the jar is full, there is a whole school reward. Every tamaiti contributes towards this reward and so everyone gets to enjoy it.



We are very proud of our tamariki, as the number of problem behaviour incidents continues to decrease, and the PRIDE values are consistently being shown in the classroom and the playground. Well done team!



Attendance:

Despite the winter illnesses, attendance at our kura has continued improving this year. On Monday we had 89 out of 90 kids at school, which is a record, and is well worth celebrating!

We know attendance is important and we are glad to see our tamariki at school so much more regularly. This term 53% of our students have been at school for 90% or more of the time.

Each fortnight we present an attendance cup to the class with the highest attendance for the past two weeks. As of Thursday, Room 9 had the highest attendance for the fortnight, at 88.2%.

Upcoming Events:

The rest of the term is going to be busy as we have a few extra things planned for our akonga. This includes a trip to Taita Library for our year 1-4 students this coming Tuesday morning (9th September), as part of the library's re-opening, and a performance at the library on Wednesday afternoon (10th September) by our Huttfest team. Then on Wednesday 17th September the whole school will be walking to Walter Nash stadium for a Sports Day with Taita Central and St Michael's Schools. Pomare's Got Talent also continues during lunch breaks until the end of week 9.

The term is topped off with our whānau evening on Thursday 18th September. This will include performances by our most talented students, a chance to meet our new school Board and share your aspirations for our kura, and shared kai to end the evening. We look forward to seeing you there. A notice will come home early next week, with more details. Enjoy the last two weeks of term. It will be holidays before we know it.

Ka rongo i te ia o te aroha, he ngākau māhaki

To feel genuine intentions is to understand a charitable heart.

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

Tuesday 9 September @ 10am (TBC)

Year 1-4 students visit to Taita Library

Wednesday 10 September @ 2pm

Huttfest kapa haka team performance at Taita Library

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