



Pōmare SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term THREE - week 8

11 SEPTEMBER 2026

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

Kia ora whānau,

We are at the end of week 8, and only have two weeks till the end of Term 3. This has been an interesting week, with a trip to St Orans and our two staff only days. Thank you, whānau, for keeping your tamariki home for these two days, as it gave us an opportunity to develop our teaching skills and understanding.



Breakfast Club: I have not had anyone offer to help with breakfasts at this stage, If you are able to help us with breakfast club, just one day a week, we would really appreciate your support. Please talk to Sherilyn, Praneel or your child's classroom teacher to find out more, if you think you might be able to help.

Trip to St Orans:

Tuesday afternoon was a lot of fun for the whole school, with our trip to St Orans School.



On arrival, the senior girls welcomed us with a mihi whakatau and a performance by their poly group. They then split our tamariki into two groups for games on the field (including a tug-o-war for the seniors) and stories being read by their lovely librarians.



After the activities each child was given an iceblock while we waited for the buses to return.



We didn't leave empty hand either. The whole school had been involved in putting together care packages for our kids. Your tamariki should have brought home a pencil case filled with various hygiene products and a small gift.



We have made a lovely connection with a school that is very different from ours, and we hope it is not a one off event.

Production:

Classes have continued to work hard on preparing for our school production, but have been hampered by all the sickness that has been around this term. As a result, we have made the difficult decision to postpone our performance until week 4 of term 4. This will give kids time to learn their parts properly, and for us to get all the other bits and pieces sorted, for a quality show.

ERO:

This coming week we have a team from the Education Review Office, completing their last onsite visit to the school for this round. Our Board, our staff and our ākonga have been working hard to make our school a wonderful place to learn, I know they will be impressed. These visit do add extra stress for our teachers, as it makes us feel like we are under the microscope, so if you get a chance, please remind them how much you appreciate them. We are very blessed by the amazingly committed team we have at Pomare School.



Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori:

Te wiki starts on **Monday** 14th September, and we will be celebrating at school. Each day we will have a different whakatauki for classes to learn about, and then each afternoon our Ngā Manu groups will try activities base around te reo. Four teachers have planned an activity, and the roopu will rotate around these across the week. On Friday we will spend the afternoon together as a whole school, sharing and singing waiata. It's going to be a fun week of learning

Holidays Soon:

As the holidays are nearly upon us, we have had a number of local organisations reach out to us, to advertise their holiday activities. I have attached these at the bottom of this newsletter, so have a look through to see if there is anything you might like your tamariki to try.

These last two weeks will fly by, and it will be holidays before we know it. It is important that our tamariki are at school every day they can be, to ensure they are getting the most out of the time that is left in the term.

The winter bugs have left lots of kids with a nasty cough, but if that is the only symptom they have now, they can return to school. It seems the cough is a stubborn one, but is more a nuisance than a potential health concern. We will simply remind kids to cough into their elbows, and we will be fine.

Mā te māia, te whakahonore, me te manawanui ka tipu ai te ākonga.

Through courage, respect, and resilience, the learner will grow.

Ngā mihi nui,

Sherilyn Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fridays @ 9:15am

Whole school assembly – whānau are always welcome!

Friday 24th September

Last day of Term 3

Monday 12th October

First day of Term 4

Week starting 2nd November (date TBC)

School production week



Enjoying an iceblock at St Orans School



WALTER-NASH PARK - TAITA

WED 16 SEPTEMBER 2-5PM

BLOCK PARTY!

**Free bike fixups,
Bike games,
Kai, health checkups,
DJs, Dancing,
And Whānau fun!**

**Enrol to vote!
Have your say!**



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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.

[**Book Now**](#)

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!

[**Book Now**](#)



THE LEARNING CONNEXION
School of Creativity and Art

KIDS SPRING HOLIDAY ART PROGRAMME



WEEK 1: Mon 28th Sept to Fri 2nd Oct

WEEK 2: Mon 5th to Fri 9th Oct

**BOOK
DAY BY
DAY!**

TLC's Kids Art Holiday Programme is perfect for keeping kids happy and engaged, providing creative holiday fun!



BOOK NOW AT WWW.TLC.AC.NZ

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WEEK 1: Mon 28th Sept to Fri 2nd Oct

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TIMES: 9am to 3pm

COST: \$65.00 per day

BOOK ANY DAY OVER AT WWW.TLC.AC.NZ

AGE: 5 to 13 year olds

MONDAY



PICASSO STYLE PORTRAITS

Paint like Picasso! Tamariki will break faces into bold shapes, colours & angles, creating their own striking cubist-inspired portrait to take home, just like Picasso.

TUESDAY



BOOK NOOK DIORAMAS

Build a hidden world inside your bookcase! Tamariki will design & create a tiny room, garden or fantasy scene inside a box, designed to fit right in their bookcase!

WEDNESDAY



EMBROIDERY SAMPLER

Learn embroidery basics while stitching your own fabric sampler! Tamariki will practice classic techniques & explore embroidery's history, taking home a decorative piece.

THURSDAY



COLLAGE PICTURE FRAMES

Turn a plain frame into a centrepiece! Tamariki will build a layered, textured 3D collage using beads, ribbons & crafty materials, framing a favourite photo or image.

FRIDAY



COLLAGRAPH TOTE BAGS

Turn everyday textures into a stylish tote bag! Tamariki will create collagraph print designs using string, ink, bubble wrap & more, taking home their one-of-a-kind bag.

WEEK ONE

SPRING WREATHS

Welcome spring with a handmade wreath! Tamariki will design & build their own seasonal piece using craft paper, fabric & other natural materials.



CLAY FAIRY COTTAGES

Tamariki will sculpt fantastical fairy cottages from air-dry clay, exploring 3D building & storytelling to craft tiny homes for our magical Tiny Village display!



PAPER THEATRES

Design & build a tabletop theatre! Using cardboard, paper & fabric, tamariki will create a miniature stage & scene, bringing their own original story to life.



SOCK PUPPETS

Turn ordinary socks into quirky characters! Using fabric, buttons, wool & more, tamariki will design a puppet bursting with personality, their new friend to take home.



TRAINS, PLANES & AUTOMOBILES!

Turn trash into transport! Tamariki will design & build their own miniature vehicle sculpture from recycled materials. Part imagination, and part awesome invention!

WEEK TWO

THE CIRCUS HUB

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Tired of hearing "I'm bored" in the school holidays?

Send them to the circus!

Our School Holiday Programme for ages 5+ is packed with circus skills, games, creativity, movement, and fun. Children can try aerials, acrobatics, juggling, balancing, and more, all while building confidence, making friends, and discovering what they're capable of.

No circus experience required — just energy, curiosity, and a willingness to have a go.



HOW TO BOOK

- Contact us on **info@circus.org.nz**
- Book online at **www.circus.org.nz**

Bookings are essential - please book a spot before 5pm the previous day

- ✓ Learn exciting circus skills like aerials, tumbling, juggling & more...
- ✓ Build confidence and coordination
- ✓ Make new friends and have a blast!
- ✓ Expert instruction from experienced circus trainers
- ✓ A fun, inclusive environment for all skill levels

What parents need to know

Next available dates

- 29 Sep - 1 Oct
- 6 - 8 Oct

What to wear

- Comfortable stretchy clothes
- No zips, buttons, buckles or loose/hanging jewellery

Times

- running time - 9am-3pm
- drop off from - 8:30am
- pick up by - 3:30pm

What to bring

- packed lunch
- a snack
- water bottle (plastic or metal with sealable top)
- sun hat and sunblock
- warm layer (for a Wellington summer!)

Cost

- daily cost \$76 per child

Where to find us:

- Te Whaea complex
- 11 Hutchison Road
- Newtown, Wellington 6021

Drive past the Te Whaea main entrance on Hutchison Rd or from the lower entrance which is off Hall Street.



Does your child like to sing, dance, act and perform?

Would you like your child to build more
confidence and make more friends?



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