



Pōmare SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term FOUR - Week 4 31 OCTOBER 2025

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

Kia ora whānau,

We are quickly heading towards the middle of the term and before we know it Christmas will be upon us.



A big Pōmare welcome to Aziel Aveailia and his whānau. Aziel has joined Pākuratahi as he starts his school journey.

Sickness

Over the past couple of weeks, our school has been under attack from Influenza A. We have had as many as a third of our students away sick on some days. There is also an outbreak of measles in the motu. So far we have avoided this virus, and we hope to keep it that way.

If your child is unwell, please do keep them at home until they are themselves again, especially if they have a fever, are coughing excessively or develop a rash. The symptoms of measles are: fever, cough, runny nose, sore eyes, and a blotchy rash. Let's work together to keep our kura germ free.

Hats

At the beginning of the year, each student was given a bucket hat, donated by KPMG. These hats now need to be worn, and a lot of our tamariki have not brought them back to school. Please have a good look around at home, to see if you can find your child's hat from Term 1.



If you can't find your child's school hat, please provide them with a bucket hat to wear in the playground. (A cap is not suitable as it does not cover the ears, so does not meet the requirements of our sun-smart policy). Although I do have spare hats, these are for new students to our kura. We don't have an unlimited supply to hand out when hats are lost.

Strike Day:



Thank you for your support, keeping your tamariki at home on Thursday last week. Although the weather stopped us from gathering together in the city, a strong message was sent to the government that schools and teachers need better support!

Things to Celebrate:



Our tamariki show a strong commitment to being at school and living our school values. Although attendance has been down, due to the nasty bugs around us, we have continued to celebrate those who are at school regularly and who demonstrate our values in their classroom and the playground. Congratulations to



Mangaroa for winning the attendance cup again, to our latest principal certificate recipients and our Te Toa o te Wiki (student of the week, nominated by a peer) – Alexa Majia!



Change, Change and More Change:

You may have heard that our curriculum has changed, once again. Although some changes make sense and will be beneficial to our tamariki, we, as school leaders, are concerned with the amount of extra work these changes are causing for our teachers. You will soon be receiving reports, written to align with the 'new' Maths and English curricula, that are now the 'old/draft' curriculum.

If you notice your child's teacher is looking a bit stressed or overwhelmed, please do make a point of letting them know how much you appreciate them. They are working hard to do their best for each tamaiti in their class, while navigating a constantly changing landscape.

My Adventure



Over Labour Weekend I travelled to Rotorua to compete in my first ever mountain biking race – The Whaka 50 - completing 55km in under 5 hours. I shared my photos in assembly to show our tamariki you're never too old to try something new. And have fun!



Other News

You may have noticed that Whaea Herena has been away for a number of weeks. Unfortunately she will not be back at school for the rest of this term. Thankfully Jono Garbutt was available to take over and he will be teaching in Room 7 for the rest of 2025.

Mr Singh is going to be away for the next week and a half as well. He is off to watch his son representing Fiji in the Under 17s Football World Cup. Pretty exciting!

There are only six weeks to go, and the 2025 school year will be done. Let's all make the most of the time we have left together!

Mauri tū, mauri ora.

An active soul is a healthy soul.

Ngā mihi nui,
Sherilyn Hall

Fun on the basket swing



UPCOMING EVENTS

Fridays @ 9:15am

Whole school assembly – whānau are always welcome!

Fridays 10:45am-12:45pm

Class gardening sessions (when the weather is fine)

Wednesday 12 November

School photo day

Friday 14 November @ 1:30pm

School athletics and fun run

Wednesday 3 December @ 10am

Helpers' 'thank-you' morning tea

Thursday 11 December @ 11am

Prizegiving assembly

Friday 12 December

Last day of school – school finishes @ 12pm



This week's certificate recipients



Hard mahi in the māra!