

Pomare SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term TWO - week 4  24 May 2024

Taloʻfa, Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Malo e lelei, ʻŌi ʻŌi Suostei, Bula Vinaka!

Kia ora whānau,

Another two weeks have sped past and we are nearly half way through the term already. The days are shorter and colder, and the winter bugs seem to have really taken hold.

Thankfully things are back to normal now, so children can come to school unless they have tested positive for Covid or are sick enough to stay in bed.

If your child is mildly unwell, and you are unsure whether to send them or not, Taita Pharmacy has a 'minor ailments service' and can help you with advice and medications for some minor conditions for children under 14 years.

Breakfast Club

Our tamariki are blessed to have breakfast provided at school each morning. Breakfast club runs from 8.15-8.50am each day. The expectation is that students will have some cereal first, and then can enjoy the toast and spaghetti or baked beans that are also provided.

Arriving and Leaving

Some children have been arriving at school very early and others are being picked up late.

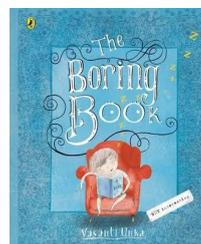
It is important that tamariki arrive at school no earlier than 8.15am (for breakfast club) as even though the front door is unlocked, classrooms are not open until 8.30am and teachers are busy preparing for the day. If your child is not coming for breakfast, they should be arriving between 8.30 and 8.55am.

School ends for our tamariki at 2.45pm. Please make sure you are at school to pick them up promptly as well, as staff are not able to supervise them after school.

If your child comes late, please remind them to head to the office first and sign in on the VisTab. If they don't, we will be texting or calling you to check where they are.

Visiting Author

Last week we were visited by Vasanti Unka, a children's book author and illustrator. Students gathered in the hall and Vasanti told them about her journey to becoming an author, and shared a couple of her books. Our Tamariki particularly



reminders

Policy Reviews

Each term go to:

<https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/>

Username: pomare

Password: pride

Click the review button and have your say about our policies.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 30 May

Year 4-6 students
NZSO Firebird
Concert – Michael
Fowler Centre,
Wellington.

Monday 3 June

King's Birthday
holiday.

Tuesday 4 June

Staff only day. Please
keep your tamariki at
home.

Monday 10 June

1-7pm

Tuesday 11 June

1-5.30pm

Student Learning
Conferences

Thursday 20 June

Matariki Celebration,
Hangi & visiting
telescopes to look at
the moon – details to
follow.

Monday 24 June

5pm

Board Meeting in the
staffroom

enjoyed her first children's book titled '*The Boring Book*', which was certainly not boring.

The purpose of Vasanti's visit was to encourage students to see the value in reading and writing, even if, like Vasanti, they think they are not good at these skills at the moment.

Softball Coaching and Cross Country

It is great to see many of our students engaged in physical activities throughout the day. Over the past two weeks a coach from Hutt Valley Softball has run two sessions with each class, teaching them the basic skills of softball and giving them a chance to have a go in a game situation. I was so proud of how enthusiastic our Tamariki were and how much manawanui (perseverance) they showed as they kept trying even when it was tricky.

On Thursday a group of our students competed at the North/Central Cross-Country competition. As always, they demonstrated our PRIDE values and were a shining example of what it means to be a '*Proud Pomare Kid*'. They kept

running even when they were tired and made us all very proud!

Well done team!



King's Birthday weekend is coming up soon. School will be closed on Monday 3rd June (the public holiday) and Tuesday 4th June for our teacher only day. We will see the kids back on Wednesday 5th June, ready for learning.

Following King's Birthday we will hit the ground running, with Learning Conferences and our Matariki celebration following close behind. Notices will be coming home next week, with details of both these events. We look forward to seeing you there.

If you have any ideas, concerns, simply want to chat or would like to help out around the school, please do not hesitate to email me or phone Cherie at the office and we can set up a time to meet. It truly does take a village to raise a child, so the more we work together, the more successful our Tamariki will be.

Tohaina ō painga ki te ao
Share you gifts with the world.

Ngā mihi nui,
Sherilyn Hall