

Pomare SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term TWO - week 6  7 June 2024

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

Kia ora whānau,

Lots of exciting things have been happening over the past two weeks. As a staff we spent time on Tuesday looking at some of our dreams and aspirations for Pomare School, then did some 'spring' cleaning. We were amazed how quickly we filled the skip bin we had ordered, as we have begun decluttering our kura.

Website and Skool Loop App

We are about to launch a new, vibrant website, and I am really excited about how modern and eye-catching it looks. The address will not change, it will simply look different when you click into it.

On the bottom of each webpage there is a QR code for accessing and downloading the new app that is linked to the website. Over time, we will use this app to send out notices to your phone, and for you to contact us, even if you don't have any data. It will hopefully ensure you are kept well informed, and decrease the number of paper notices we will need to send home.

If you want to get the app now, ready for when it goes live, go to 'Google Play' or 'App Store' and search 'Skool Loop'. Choose Pomare School once the app is installed.

Samoan Independence Day and Language Celebration

Today has been a busy day as we have celebrated Samoan Independence Day and Samoan language. The day was made extra special by the input of a group of students from Taita College who we welcomed with a mihi whakatau this morning.

After the mihi whakatau, the Samoan flag was raised and then students moved into small groups to try a variety of Samoan inspired activities. Bananas played a large part in a number of tasty activities and the Taita College students worked with groups to teach them a Samoan dance and song.



In the afternoon the school gathered again to lower the Samoan flag. What a great day and what an amazing amount of learning!

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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

Monday 10 June

1-7pm

Tuesday 11 June

1-5.30pm

Student Learning Conferences

Thursday 20 June

5:50-7:30pm

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

Monday 24 June

5pm

Board Meeting in the staffroom

Friday 8 July

Last day of Term 2

Monday 22 July

First day of Term 3

NZSO Concert

Last week our year 4 to 6 students had the privilege of attending a concert at the Michael Fowler Centre, put on by the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra. The NZSO went the extra mile for our students, as they provided buses into the city. The students who attended agreed that despite long waits for the bus both before and after the concert, it was worth going and they enjoyed the experience.

It is so good for our students to be exposed to different types of entertainment like this, that they might not experience otherwise.

Learning Conferences

Three way learning conferences are happening this Monday and Tuesday afternoon (10th and 11th June). I know many of you have booked conference times, or Cherie has done this for you. If you don't have a booking yet, go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code and use the event code **66uy5**. Follow the online prompts to book a time with your child's teacher.

These conferences are important as they are an opportunity for you, your child and their classroom teacher to together celebrate their successes and identify their next steps. It also shows our tamariki that we are working as a team to ensure they are successful.

Matariki

On Thursday 20th June we will welcome Matariki to our skies with a day of activities and an evening of celebration, fun and food. Students will share some of their learning and our kapa haka group will perform some of what they will be doing at HuttFest. There will be a chance for you to give us some feedback on a concept for a revised school logo and to share your aspirations for our tamariki and school.

We are very grateful to the Wellington Astronomical Society for agreeing to bring their telescopes along for the evening, so that children and adults alike can gaze at the moon and stars from a 'close-up' perspective. What a great experience that will be!

Of course, the night will not be complete without kai. Thanks to Whaea Herena and her team, along with kind donations from 'Do Some Good', 'Star Group' (formerly Kapura) and KPMG, each person will be provided with a hangi package to enjoy. It is going to be an amazing time of whakawhanaungatanga and hākari.

Please make sure you let us know if you can help with preparations and/or how many will be attending on the night, so we know how many to cater for. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Waiho i te toipoto, kua i te toiroa

Let us keep close together, not far apart.

Ngā mihi nui,
Sherilyn Hall