



# Pōmare SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term THREE - week 10 19 SEPTEMBER 2025

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

Kia ora whānau,

Here we are at the end of Term 3, and the holidays are upon us. Staff and tamariki alike are tired and ready for a well-earned break.



This week we welcomed Zofia Nazareno, who has just arrived from the Philippines and has joined Room 7. It's great to have Zofia and her family as part of our Pōmare whānau.

## Whānau evening:

A huge thank you to everyone who made it to our whānau evening on Thursday. It was great to have so many of you there to support our five amazing Pomare's Got Talent finalists. What incredible talent we have in our kura. Congratulations to TeAtarangi Toatoa, Luella Siaosi-Taito, Erin Martin & Sienna Rihari, Acaexia Warren, and Meziah Tamaki. You made us all very proud!



It was also great to meet our new School Board: Our parent reps - Daphne Harrison, Sharn Sutherland, Mel Pihama, Lufina Siaosi, John Adam; and our staff rep - Herena Meteka. I look forward to working with this new team for the next three years, as we continue to grow our kura and help our tamariki to thrive.

Thanks for all the great feedback you offered us, around the school's name and our ongoing strategic direction. Over the coming weeks we will analyse and synthesise your ideas and insights and they will help us as we develop our Board's next strategic plan.



## Te Wiki o te reo Māori:



This week we have had an extra focus on te reo Māori, as we celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Te Wiki o te reo Māori. Our week-long focus culminated in a series of activities in the middle block on Friday, working in Ngā Manu groups: A song about the whetu waka from Hawaiki, bingo with te reo Māori numbers up to rua tekau (20), a traditional action game, and step-by-step drawing of a taniwha.

The day was wrapped up with a whole school sharing time in the hall and lowering of the New Zealand flag. What a great day it was!

### The Office Has Moved:



Over the holidays, Stage 3 of the asbestos removal will begin in the middle of the school – the admin area, the ESOL room, the mobility toilet and the classrooms that have been occupied by the three Kimi Ora classes.



It is going to be a long process, which means that the office had to be moved. So, for the bulk of term 4, you will find Cherie and me in our temporary office in the 'Resource Room', just around the corner from Room 7. The door that leads from the classes out to the hall will be our temporary main entrance.

From Tuesday afternoon (23/9) the gates into the school will be locked, while the asbestos is removed over the holidays. Once school starts, removal will only be happening at night, and there will be walls separating the usable parts of the school from the construction site, to ensure everyone is kept safe.



By week 2 of the term, all the asbestos should be gone and the rebuild will begin. It will be 'messy' and inconvenient for a good part of the term, but the outcome will be worth it.

Enjoy this next two weeks with your kids and we will see everyone back, safe and sound on Monday 6 October.

**E noho e, kia raungāwari.**

*Wait and be flexible.*

Ngā mihi nui,  
*Sherilyn Hall*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Fridays @ 9:15am**

Whole school assembly – whānau are always welcome!

### **Fridays 10:45am-12:45pm**

Class gardening sessions – we'd love some parents to help work with small groups  
(Ask your child's teacher what time they are gardening)

### **Monday 6 October**

First Day of Term 4

### **Tuesday 14 October**

Two NZ authors visiting the school to inspire our tamariki

### **Monday 27 October**

Labour Day – school is closed