



Pōmare SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term FOUR - Week 2 17 OCTOBER 2025

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

Kia ora whānau,

Term 4 is well under way now, and it has been a busy start to Term 4.



This term we have welcomed Laikhyn Warren to Pākuratahi, and we welcomed back Aaria and Kiani Price and their whānau. It's lovely seeing our numbers continue to grow.

ERO:

This week two ladies from the Education Review Office visited the school to see what a great job we are all doing! Our students welcomed them with a Mihi Whakatau and they visited the classrooms to see our tamariki engaged in their learning. I was very proud of everyone for putting their best foot forward and making our guests feel so welcome.

Authors in Schools



This past Tuesday we were lucky enough to have two authors visit us. Mani Malaepulu worked in Mangaroa and Te Awa Kairangi, encouraging tamariki to write about things that make them happy. Inangaro Vakaafi worked with our students in Te Whanganui-a-Tara, shared her book and taught them a game from Niue, which they thoroughly enjoyed. In the afternoon Ina shared her writing process with the whole school. There was lots of great learning for everyone!



Building:

Thankfully all the asbestos has now been removed from the middle of the school, but it remains a construction zone, as new insulation, ceilings, lights and carpet need to be installed. Everyone is being incredibly flexible as we work around the extra walls and fences that have been constructed and that block of the admin area and the classrooms Kimi Ora had been using.



The three Kimi Ora classes are now happily settled into their new building.



Ngā Manu Groups:

Last term the Ngā Manu group points were only gained by students receiving gold cards, as the weather meant it was impossible to fit in a Ngā Manu Challenge at the end of the year. The group with the most points in Term 3 was ... RURU! Well done team!

Hats:

Summer is almost here, and so we need to be thinking about sun protection. We will be enforcing hat-wearing, when outside, from Tuesday 28th October (after Labour Weekend). Any child without a hat will have to stay under the shade when they are outside.



Tamariki who were at Te Kura o Pōmare in Term 1 will have been given hats to wear. Please check they have their hat (either at home or at school) ready to use from week 4. If your child is new to our school, we will provide them with a hat. Any children who have lost their hats will need to be provided with a new bucket hat from home. Thank you for helping us keep our tamariki safe from the damaging UV rays.

Strike Day:



You should have received an email from the Board, letting you know that school will be closed on Thursday 23rd October, as most of our staff members will be on strike. Although we know this will be an inconvenience for some, we appreciate your support. Part of what we are fighting for is *a teacher aide in every classroom, upholding Te Tiriti o Waitangi in education and fair pay rates that will attract and keep top quality teachers in our profession.*

This term is going to continue to be busy, and it will be Christmas before we know it. The sun has returned, and we are looking forward to summer!

Tama tū, tama ora, tama noho, tama mate.

He who stands, lives; he who sits, perishes.

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 (when the weather is fine)

Thursday 23 October

Strike Day – school will be CLOSED

Monday 27 October

Labour Day – school is closed

Thursday 30 October

Ki-o-Rahi Tournament – Years 5/6 @ Naenae Park

Wednesday 12 November

School photo day



This week's certificate recipients.