Papatoetoe West School

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, 22 September- Last day of term 3 Monday, 9 October - First day of term 4 Thursday, 12 October - Athletics Day at Mt Smart for Years 4 - 6, at Kohuora park for Year 0-3 Monday, 16 October - Assembly Monday, 30 October - School Board Meeting at 5:00pm in the Meeting Room



OCTOBER 16TH - 20TH

For information about helping out with our celebration activities, please email natalief@pap-west.school.nz

From the Leader of Learning's desk

Kia ora e te whānau,

We are wrapping up what has been an incredibly busy term.

Below are just a few highlights of the term (and this is on top of all the learning happening day-to-day in classes):

- Cook Island, Tongan & Te reo language weeks
- Kapa Haka Festival
- Mountain to sea Y5/6 students
- Motat trips & Motat experience at school
- School-wide fun run & cross country
- Speech competitions
- Project Wy
- Mathex
- Gymnastics
- Garden to Table

As already shared, one important upcoming initiative to be aware of is that we will be introducing the use of skool-loop next term to grant permission for EOTC trips. So if you haven't downloaded skool-loop yet we encourage you to do so. We are trying to move most of our communications to this platform with the aim of streamlining all school/parent engagement.

A very big thank you to our teachers and students who have given their all to ensure term 3 2023 has been such a stand out success and we wish you all a happy term break and look forward to your safe return for term 4. A friendly reminder that students will need their hats back on next term. We look forward to welcoming everyone back.

Ngā mihi nui,

Sandy Tritt Tumuaki/Principal

SOCIAL WORKERS IN SCHOOLS (SWIS)

This a free service available to our children and their whānau here at Papatoetoe West School. Please feel free to contact our school SWiS (Ann) through the Office, or by one of the following: annj@atwc.org.nz or 027 7027 987. Ann supports many of our families so please don't hesitate to reach out.





Mountains to sea - EMR

EMR (Experiencing Marine Reserves) is a national programme of experiential learning about marine conservation.Around 100 students from Year 5 & 6 have been chosen to engage in experiences, promoting kaitiakitanga from investigating marine biodiversity and the local marine environment, before venturing to Auckland's marine protected area, Goat Island. We were also incredibly lucky to have our EMR leaders, Sophie, Anastasia, Becky & Callum leading this experience for our tamariki!



We went kayaking on a nice sunny day, at the Puhinui Estuary. It was kind of windy on the way. As we got to the beach for kayaking, the water was wavy. We went on a super flash speeder kayak with some designs on it. But Maka went too fast and then Maka's boat tipped over. So Maka got on the boat while I cracked up laughing because we saw Maka tip over. After a while Zhang and Kushaldeep fell off the kayak too. Mr Waller caught a photo of them, and here it is.

By Shivansh, Maka and Nikolao



Hi guys my name is Jagraj and I went to the EMR trip yesterday with my class. We did kayaking and it was amazing! It was hard though, we kept on crashing into the mangroves and my friend even FLIPPED OVER! Hilarious right?

Jagraj Vegal Year 6

Hi my name is Faith and yesterday, we got to meet the EMR leaders down at the Puhinui Estuary. We had a great time we got to go kayaking and play fun games. Overall, my favourite part was with our leader Anastasia. We did this giant rubbish collection along the beach and in the bushes. Our goal was to pick up rubbish and microplastics. In the end, we had a random collection of oven racks, socks, shoes and even a toothbrush. People really need to stop littering!!

Faith Start Year 6







GYMNASTICS INTERSCHOOL COMPETITION



On Tuesday 12th September, the Papatoetoe West Gymnastics team headed to Gym City Papatoetoe to compete. They faced off against 6 other schools and came away with some awesome results.





Congratulations to **all** of our athletes and a big thank you for your mahi & commitment.

Ist Place Year ³/₄ Boys Vault: Bailey Showler 3rd Place Year ³/₄ Boys Vault: Paulo Futi 2nd Place Year 6 Girls Floor: Janmesha Brahmbhatt 3rd Place Year 6 Girls Beam: Janmesha Brahmbhatt 3rd Place Year ³/₄ Girls: OVERALL: Ayva Tia Lata 3rd Place Year 5 Girls: OVERALL: Jordyn Ngapera



The school gates open at 8:15am. If you are unable to pick up your children between 2.55pm and 3.10pm, please contact SKIDS to arrange after school care (phone 0270107144)



WELL DONE ATHLETES ON SHOWING THE WEST WAY



A huge thank you to our awesome coaches Miss Hartley, Whaea Debbie, Mrs Adams and Miss Lamont for your commitment to our tamariki. We are looking for coaches for our 2024 season. Contact us if this could this be you?

Bike and Scooter Safety

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Just a reminder that if your child rides a bike or scooter to school they are required to wear a safety helmet.

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori



Every year since 1975 New Zealand has marked Māori Language Week. Te Wiki o te Reo Māori happened from 11-17 Hepetema (September) 2023 this year. The theme of Kia Kaha Te Reo Māori – making the language stronger - continued this year, picking up from where it left off in 2022. Below are just a few of the highlights from the week:

- Our Kapa Haka performed three times across the week (check out our facebook page for a snipped of their performance if you haven't seen it already).
- Many of our Year 3 students shared their pepeha from memory in front of assembly! Pepeha is a way of introducing yourself in Māori. A pepeha describes your identity and heritage by telling a story of the places and people you are connected to.
- Our whole school was involved in a Te Wiki o te Reo Māori rotation where they got immersed in the language as well as other aspect of the Māori culture.

Ka pai tō mahi to all our tamariki for their involvement across the week!



The West Way

Respect for self

Respect for others

Respect for environment

CONGRATULATIONS to the following children who were awarded a values award at Assembly this Week:

Year 0

Arona-Te Kākano Greeva- Te Kākano



Year 1

Hori-Anna- Ruma Rua tekau mā ono Lariah- Ruma Rua tekau mā whitu Nived- Ruma Ruma teko mā waru Jay- Ruma Rua tekau mā ono Nayson- Ruma Toru tekau



Year 2

Rowcy- Ruma Toru tekau mā ta... Hezekiah- Ruma Toru tekau mā rua Romina- Ruma Toru tekau mā toru Arshpreet- Ruma Toru tekau mā rima

Year 3

Jerome- Ruma Tekau mā ono Serenity- Ruma Tekau mā whitu Mahira- Ruma Tekau mā waru Bhavith- Ruma Tekau mā iwa



Year 4

Shashank -Ruma Tekau mā whā Sohali- Ruma Tekau mā rima Andriva- Ruma Ruma tekau Shayan- Ruma Rua tekau mā tahi Paulo- Ruma Rua tekau mā rua

Year 5/6

Avannaka- Te Puti Puti Jashandeep- Ruma Toru



Nafe- Te Puti Puti Tristan- Ruma Whā Issa- Ruma Rima Amelia-Ruma Ono Hawa- Te Puāwaitanga Pjay- Te Puāwaitanga



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