

Papatoetoe West School

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UPCOMING EVENTS

6-November- 11:40- Hindi Language week
Assembly

6-10 November- Celebrating Hindi language week

8-9 November- Y5/6 Goat Island visits

Friday 24 November - Teacher Only Day

**Monday, 27 November - School Board Meeting at
5:00pm in the Meeting Room**

From the Leader of Learning's desk

Kia Ora e te whānau,

It's always busy at our kura and the last couple of weeks have been no exception! We are looking forward to celebrating Hindi language week next week.

ENROLMENTS 2024: We are encouraging all parents who are enrolling a new child into school for 2024 to enrol as early as possible. This includes any tamariki who are enrolling halfway or later in 2024. The earlier we know about enrolments the more prepared we can be in how we allocate and allow for staffing in each year level. This is especially important for Year 1 and New Entrant enrolments. Please contact the office if you have any questions or would like more information.

The local school cluster has designated Friday 24th November (week 7) for our Ministry of Education Teacher Only Day. This means our school will be closed for instruction on this day. Please keep this day in mind and make necessary arrangements for your child. Please contact SKiDs if you would like to book them for care on the Teacher Only Day. Thank you for your support in helping our teachers have the time to continue with the work around the new curriculum.

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.



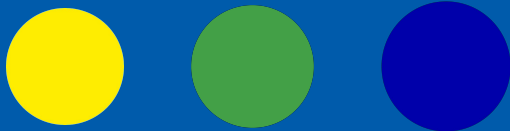
The West Way

**Respect for
self**

**Respect for
others**

**Respect for
environment**

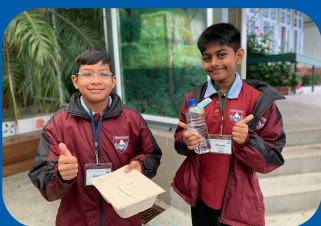
The West Way Focus



Our PB4L School-wide focus for weeks 2-4 has been:



We have explored healthy eating options, the importance of drinking water, eating the school lunch properly and disposing of your rubbish in the correct bin.



Inspirational Messages

from some of our
2023 Student Leaders

"As a student leader, I am proud of the great person I have become at PapWest"
-Naomi



"Never give up on your dreams, for 2024 our leaders will achieve greatness!!" - Pascal

"Kindness is free, so lets share it around!"
- Himanshu



"You don't have to be a leader, to impact others. You can change the world with kindness" - Emilia

"Pick up your rubbish!" - Ayush



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).

Bike and Scooter Safety

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

Student mahi

In Rūma Rima, we looked at a book called Reggie Red. It was all about having the right person in one's life who could be instrumental in boosting your self-esteem.

Here's Winston sharing a snippet on how to boost a loved one's self-esteem at a fragile moment of their life.

You are Fabulous

Why can't I look like her? My sister said looking at celebrities on her iPad. She's so organised, pretty and very attractive. I said to her that you don't need to be attractive or have makeup to be beautiful because you are special, unique, and amazing for that is who you are. I told my sister that it's not about how you look the outside it's about how you look on the inside. I know that you are fantastic, joyful, and also conveyed have a wonderful personality it's just like the saying. Beauty is like the roots of a tree, the parts that matter are the ones you can't see, so not a hair nor a toe needs be replaced, but every last part is completely embraced. I hope you learned that it's not the outside that matters, but it's the inside.

By Winston

The Twits



Our Year 3/4 students attended The Twits a few weeks ago.

From all reports, it was a great show and our students thoroughly enjoyed attending the performance. Many of our students had never attended such an event and without your generosity, it would likely have been impossible for them to attend.

The fact that the production was held in a community that is local to us, allowed our children to attend something very special in their own 'backyard'.

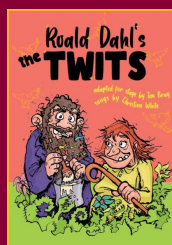
We are incredibly grateful to the funders that supported the Gift a Seat programme that allowed our students to attend this show for free. The performing Arts are an important part of our New Zealand Curriculum and an area we value highly as a school.

Below are some recounts from Rūma 19 (Year 3 students)

On Wednesday, we went to the Twits Show. The show was also based on Roald Dahl. The show was at Mangere Town Center. The show was like a real life version of it because it was so detailed. We saw a monkey called Muggle Wump that was in a cage and threatened by Mr and Mrs Twit. She had to dance upside down and do everything upside down.

When Mr and Mrs Twit left the house, Muggle Wump had a friend from Africa named Roley Poley Bird. The Roley Poley bird was casually flying looking for Muggle Wump. When Muggle Wump saw her friend she yelled "friend". Roley Poley bird then saw Muggle Wump. Roley Poley bird then got the key, Muggle Wump said to get. Once the Roley Poley bird got the key she unlocked the cage and let Muggle Wump out. That was the end. Even the monkey and birds waved at us.

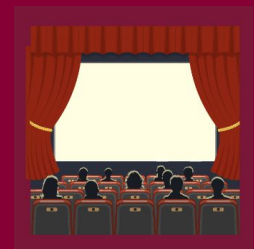
By Zena



Last Wednesday, my class and I went to watch the Twits. Over there, we sat on some cool seats that opened and shut. As soon as the play started a man pretended that he was from the Gas Company. But guys, you haven't seen much yet! I mean, how could you not like mother Wump. In the whole story, my favourite part was when the monkey farted on Mr Twit to get a banana.

Oh, I almost forgot my other favourite part was when Mother Wump made Mr Twit do acrobatics just to get a banana. Anyway, back to the Twits, the Twits are horrible people who like to eat bird pie and kill other creatures like birds with hug-tight sticky glue. Oh but guys, they're even more horrible than you think. I mean, what kind of wife would play pranks on their husband? What kind of husband would play pranks on his wife? I thought the play was spectacular.

By Trisha



Seedling sale

In garden to Table we weed, plant and we even do healthy cooking. Garden to Table is an experience for young ones to eat healthier.

It is good to grow your own vegetables because the price at stores is a mind-blowing price and also you can have fresh vegetables and fruit.

Papatoetoe West school is hosting a Seedling sale selling plants, seeds and succulents we have propagated. They are each \$1 and some big ones are \$2. The sale will be at the front office gate, feel free to stop by and buy some vegetables or fruits.

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Ruma Rima

Monday and Friday
Opens at 2:55pm
Closes at 3:15pm



We are selling:

- strawberry plants
- pea seedlings
- sunflower plants and seed packets
- spinach plants and seed packets
- coriander plants and seed packets

And much more!

GARDEN
TO TABLE
SEEDLING SALE

SUPPORTED BY:



2024 dates



1	Wednesday 7th February - Friday 12 April
2	Monday 29 April - Friday 5 July
3	Monday 22 July - Friday 27 September
4	Monday 14 October - Friday 20 December

Confirmed school closures during term time



Good Friday- Friday 29 March 2024
Easter Monday- Monday 1 April 2024
Easter Tuesday- Tuesday 2 April 2024
Teacher Only Day- Friday 31st May 2024
Kings Birthday- Monday 3rd June 2024
Matariki- Friday 28th June 2024
Teacher Only Day- Friday 23rd August 2024
Labour Day- Monday 28 October 2024