

Papatoetoe West School

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From the Leader of Learning's desk

Kia Ora e te whānau,

Yet again the past couple of weeks have been busy ones. We'll be keeping the momentum up right to the end of the term, maximizing every possible learning opportunity!

With many in our community celebrating Diwali this week, we really enjoyed celebrating the colour and richness of the Hindi language and Indian culture last week.

A friendly reminder that the local school cluster has designated next Friday 24th November a 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.

Teachers are busy at the moment with writing student's end of year reports. These will be going home on Friday 15th December. If your child won't be at school for the last week, the report can be picked up at the start of next year.

Ngā mihi nui,

Sandy Tritt
Tumuaki/Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 20 November 11:40am - School assembly

Friday 24 November - Teacher Only Day (School Closed)

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

Monday, 4 December 11:40am - School assembly



EARLY PICK UPS



We have seen an increase of caregivers picking up their children early and this is causing great disruption to our classes and the learning within.

Please don't pick up your children early from school unless it is absolutely necessary. If you turn up during break time you may be asked to wait till break has finished.

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.



Hindi Language Week, '23



Hindi Language week this year was amazing! We had so many awesome activities for the kids to participate in like Rangoli patterns, henna, bollywood dancing, a photo booth as well as many performances. Thank you to all parents, teachers and students who made this week so special.



Interschool Athletics Day

Omana Park

Fun? Tick!

Sweat? Tick!

Spirit? Tick!

We had a great day on Tuesday 14th November, down at Omana Park, challenging the other Papatoetoe Primary schools. We competed in the sprints, relays, high jump, long jump and shotput. We are proud of the whole team and the sportsmanship they showed on the day!

Here are some of our stand out results:

Overall: 6th Place

Boys 8yr old relay: 2nd place

Boys 11yr old relay: 3rd place

Shotput 9yr old: Misilei 2nd place

Long Jump 10yr old: Ariana 2nd place



We are on the
LOOK OUT!

Come volunteer as a COACH!
Our kids would love whanau support. If you have the skills to coach any of our teams. come in and see Mrs Latham.

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



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

Maisie -Te Kākano

Arona- Te Kākano

Sadie- Ruma tekau mā tahi



Year 1

Azhar- Ruma Rua tekau mā ono

Arav- Ruma Rua tekau mā whitu

Nived- Ruma Ruma teko mā wā

Stanley- Ruma Rua tekau mā ono

Harmani- Ruma Toru tekau



Year 2

Ruwaid- Ruma Toru tekau mā tahi

Aizah- Ruma Toru tekau mā rua

Addison- Ruma Toru tekau mā toru

Harlem- Ruma Toru tekau mā rima

Year 3

Riya- Ruma Tekau mā ono

Zion- Ruma Tekau mā whitu

Mikayeel- Ruma Tekau mā waru

Zahraa- Ruma Tekau mā iwa



Year 4

Thaovy-Ruma Tekau mā whā

Almeer- Ruma Tekau mā rima

Anayah- Ruma Ruma tekau

Skyla- Ruma Rua tekau mā tahi

Furqaan- Ruma Rua tekau mā rua

**WELL
DONE!**

Year 5/ 6

Kara- Te Puti Puti

Lavenia- Te Puti Puti

Lincoln- Ruma Toru

Riyaadh- Ruma Whā

Carly-Rose- Ruma Rima

Heraldo-Ruma Ono

Benson- Te Puāwaitanga

Eli- Te Puāwaitanga



**WELL DONE ON
SHOWING THE
WEST WAY**



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.

Goat Island

Last week, two groups of Year 5 and 6 students and a group of enthusiastic parent helpers, went snorkelling in the Goat Island marine reserve north of Auckland. We were blessed with superb weather conditions. For most of our students, this was their first time snorkelling at a beach.

Because it was at a marine reserve, we were fortunate to see lots of fish and other sea creatures. We saw snapper, eagle rays, crayfish, red moki and blue cod. This was a special experience those students lucky enough to go, will never forget.



Freddie's Food Scraps Quest: A rukenga kai story

On Tuesday we had a show about the new green compost bins. The actors were Melissa and Georgie. The story was about a sandwich named Sandy. She got up early and was getting ready to go to the factory. Her owner accidentally put her into the wrong bin! Her trip to the evil land of Phil was disgusting. She was dropped into all of the rubbish in the landfill. Her friend, Freddie the fairy was on her way to rescue her. Sandy then came across Phil, the monster of the rubbish dump. After Sandy fought Phil they found out Phil was a vegetable. He was a pea! Freddie rescued Phil and Sandy. They all went back to the factory. We know that food scraps go in the green compost bin, paper into recycling and only some things that can't be reused or recycled go to the Land of Fill.

- By Serena, Rm 20

It was a fantastic show with different characters. Phil was funny - Samuel

It was interesting because it shows what happens when rubbish goes in the wrong bin - Charlie

It was was funny and made me laugh. The granny bin was funny - Gardenia

I liked it when Caddy kept biting on the reusable bags - Arusha

