

# Papatoetoe West School

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## From the Leader of Learning's desk

Kia ora e te whānau,

It is hard to believe we stand on the threshold of the last fortnight of the year.

I am currently reading all of our tamariki's school reports. I want to take a moment to commend each and every one of our tamariki for their dedication, resilience, and hard work throughout the year. I also want to acknowledge whānau for supporting your children with their learning and, of course, the hard work of our teachers.

December offers us a unique opportunity to celebrate the achievements and milestones of our learners. We are particularly excited about our end-of-year celebrations of our Year 6 students.

With upcoming events in the next few weeks, we also need to begin preparations for 2024. I want to express my gratitude to the parents who came along this week to help us with our furniture working bee. Thank you for your help, it really did make a big job much more manageable.

Your child will meet their new class and teacher on Monday December the 18th. Please ensure that your children continue to come to school until our last day on Tuesday December the 19th. I would also ask that you are mindful of our school hours and that your children are at school on time and remain at school until 2:55 pm each day.

I look forward to celebrating the culmination of this school year. Wishing you a fulfilling and joyous month ahead.

Ngā mihi nui,

Sandy Tritt  
Tumuaki/Principal

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday 4 December 11:40am** - School assembly - our Kapa Haka are performing!

**Friday 15 December** - End of year prize givings

- Y0-3 - 9:30am
- Y4-6 - 12pm

**Friday 15 December** - Reports go home

**Monday 18 December** - Year 6 Graduation,  
5:30 pm doors open & student drop-off  
6pm ceremony begins

**Tuesday 19 December** - Last day of school, *finish at 12pm*

## LOST PROPERTY

We seem to be accumulating a lot of lost property, particularly hats, jerseys and swimming items on a daily basis. Parents, could you please check the lost property regularly. Please name items of clothing, and swimming attire so these can be returned to your child if their items appear in the lost property. Thank you!



# Senior Band



Thanks to Tironui Trust  
for another amazing  
year!



The band was extremely good as we were all in time and I felt the audience was engaged.  
Janmesha Room 5

Our performance was wonderful and mind blowing!  
Ofa Room 5

I felt a feeling of happiness when I played in front of the whole school.  
Winston Room 5

I was excited to perform before the entire school. I felt proud of myself.  
Dhruv Room 6

I was pretty nervous at the beginning, but as we performed we noticed that everyone was enjoying it and it boosted up our confidence. I thoroughly enjoyed the experience.  
Atchayaa Room 1

I think our performance was fantastic. It was a good opportunity to perform in front of the whole school.  
Kiana Room 1

There was a sense of thrill shooting through me. I felt supported by the audience, especially with my mother watching me.  
Shyam Room 1

I felt I was showcasing my talent before my school and persuade them to join the band.  
Karthik Room 4

It was truly an awesome experience for me because I was playing the clarinet for first time before a large audience!  
Room 5

It was a nerve wracking experience because I was playing the trombone for the time in front of an audience. I now know I am good to perform in future.  
Dyrell Room 6

It was an exciting moment for me, as it was the first time I was performing in front of the school!  
Azayleah Room 4

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**Mana Kidz School Health Service**  
0800 658326

**Asthma & Allergies**

Pollen allergies are common in our community, and trigger hay fever and also asthma. Here are some tips to help manage pollen allergy.

- Keep windows closed at night and early morning.
- Stay indoors when it is windy.
- Stay away from high pollen areas, such as parks, golf courses, farms, country roadsides etc, where grass/ weeds are not regularly mown.

## 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**

## Zero-waste snacks



From 2024, we will be making a more of a concerted effort to reduce the waste at our kura. To help us on this journey we will be removing the rubbish bins we have across our school. We won't have a need for them!



Our waste reduction includes the snack waste (including packaging) that students bring to school that go into our school rubbish bins. Currently, any waste from our free school lunches is taken off site by our lunch providers and from next year we will be getting our students to do the same with their snack waste.



Zero-waste snack programs favour the use of reusable food containers. We discourage the use of disposable packaging, and encourage such snacks to be bought in larger quantities. The packaging can be left at home for reuse or recycling, and smaller amounts placed in lunchboxes (waste-free snacks are not only a wise environmental choice, but they can be less expensive as well!)



This is an important piece of mahi that is a part of our wider strategic goal of 'Be sustainable'. We know from our recent community consultation this is an important initiative to you too so we appreciate your support with getting it started!

## The term isn't over yet...

Here are some WEST WAY reminders for the last couple of weeks of term:

**HATS! HATS! HATS!**



No matter your style, make sure you are wearing a hat EVERY TIME you go outside. Wearing a hat outside is a PB4L expectation at school EVERY DAY of Term 4 and Term 1 next year.



In these last few weeks of term, remember to be kind to yourself and others.

Get lots of sleep, be at school on time and enjoy the fun moments in your class.

Be patient and use kind words in playground. Lastly, if someone annoys you, remember to breathe, stay calm and react in a positive 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.**

