

# Papatoetoe West School

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## From the Leader of Learning's desk

Kia ora e te whānau,

On Monday 18th December (Week 11) the Y0-Y5 tamariki will meet their 2024 classroom teacher and fellow students. This is a nice way for students to have the opportunity to see who will be in their class and to have had some time together before school starts in 2024. Their teacher will prepare a range of introduction type activities for the their new class.

**ENROLMENTS 2024:** We are encouraging all parents who are enrolling a new child into Papatoetoe West School for 2024 to enrol as early as possible. This includes any tamariki who are enrolling half way through 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.

We look forward to our Year 6 graduation on Monday and wish to congratulate our remarkable Year 6 students! Their hard work, enthusiasm, and accomplishments during their time with us have been truly inspiring. As they move onto intermediate school, we want them to remember that the sky is the limit!

As we wrap up another fantastic school year, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our incredible students, dedicated staff, and supportive parents. Your collective efforts have made this year a success.

I am immensely proud of the achievements and growth we've witnessed. It's a testament to the hard work and commitment of everyone involved. These have been showcased in your child's school report which is going home today.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer break filled with joy and relaxation. Thank you for being an essential part of our Papatoetoe West family.

Meri Kirihimete and we look forward to welcoming our students back in the new year.

Ngā mihi nui,

Sandy Tritt  
Tumuaki/Principal

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday 18 December** - During school hours, Y0-5 students will meet their 2024 teacher.

**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**

**Tuesday 30th & Wednesday 31st January**- School office open for enrolments and other enquiries

**Wednesday 7 February** - First day of school



## Art/Music & Garden to Table Environmental teacher

With the increase in teacher classroom release time from next year we've come up with an exciting plan! We're looking forward to welcoming a specialist Art & Music teacher to our team at Papatoetoe West School next year.

Our Y1-6 students will get the opportunity to be taught by our 3 subject specialist experts and we are very excited about it!



# ADOPT A PARK

On Tuesday last week, The Beautification Trust celebrated schools that have adopted a park. We are very proud of these three students who stood up in front of 10 schools and confidently shared our mahi in Kohuora (our adopted park) during 2023.

This included planting trees, picking up rubbish, weeding and mulching, and pest monitoring. They also shared their learning from our inquiries related to rivers and waterways. Ka pai girls.



Serena (R20)  
Raelynn (R20)  
Sally-Ann (R22)



AUCKLAND COUNCIL LIBRARIES PRESENTS  
**RAUMATI READS**  
*Kiwiana*  
SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

**FREE**

Collect stickers and badges while stocks last

**Monday 11 December 2023 - Sunday 21 January 2024**

Keep your kids reading, go in the draw to win prizes, check your library for fun events | **5-12 years**

Find out more at [aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/schoolholidays](http://aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/schoolholidays)

## 'Boost attendance, Ignite success'

Student attendance impacts achievement, well-being and friendships at school. Next year you will see some initiatives that we are implementing in an attempt to boost our students' attendance. These include:

- Sending regular emails so that you know how much your child is attending school (sometimes people can be unaware how much these add up).
- Teach students about the importance of school attendance!

Together we can improve our attendance numbers in 2024...

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| Attending regularly (90+)  | 34% (248 students) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excellent mahi!!!</li> </ul>                  |                    |
| Irregularly absent (80-89%)  | 36% (261 students) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• So close to 90!</li> </ul>                    |                    |
| Moderately absent (70-79%)   | 15% (110 students) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We can do better</li> </ul>                   |                    |
| Chronically absent (0-69%)   | 15% (105 students) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• These students are of huge concern</li> </ul> |                    |

## 2024 dates



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| 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



# 2024 Student Leadership Teams

## Enviro Team

Cyprus B  
Aaliyah I  
Azayleah W  
Adriene T  
Jordyn N  
Lu'isa L  
Ariana M  
Areeha R  
Nadia R

## Health promoting Team

Emjay C  
Edrick K  
AriIgrace T  
Jerani M  
Kristian M  
Shravika J  
Vidushi P  
Hoko-Maycee M

## Travelwise Team

Jeevika S  
Soane P  
Nafe F  
Ishaan M  
Xander-Lee A  
Porsche L  
Kasalaine M  
Harnidh G

## Student Council

Acasia-Snow S  
Na'a L  
Cashmere A  
Fainga'a P  
Cyrus A  
Sumayyah K  
Kara F  
Sean A  
Jahdon C  
Adiela T\*  
Winter-Shiloh S\*  
Vanijeet S\*  
Karthik N\*  
Elenoa T\*  
Umair A\*

\* are also ambassadors

