



# Papatoetoe West School

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Let's get school ready!

Items your child needs to bring to school...

### Stationery

This year our stationery lists came home with your child's report last year. If you need another copy they can be found on our school website - scroll through to find the correct year level or order the packs through Qizzle



### Hats

Our school policy is that in term 1 and 4 the students **MUST** wear a hat when they are outside the classroom. Please ensure your child has a **named** hat at school each day. If your child can leave a hat at school each day, that would be appreciated.



### Drink bottle

Please ensure that your child has a **NAMED** drink bottle. In this weather it is important to keep hydrated.

### Swimming togs

All our students participate in swimming in Term 1. Our Year 0-3s use our school pool and our Y4-6s students participate in community swimming at Papatoetoe Centennial pools once a week.

The classroom teacher will let you what days their class is swimming so you know when your tamariki need their togs.



### Book bag (Y0-3 only)

Students should bring their book bag each day.

### PE Shirts (Y3-6 only) House Teams

You will notice the purchase of a T-shirt is on the stationery list, which can be purchased at school for \$19.50. If your child still fits their one from last year, they don't require a new one!

## Zero-waste healthy snacks

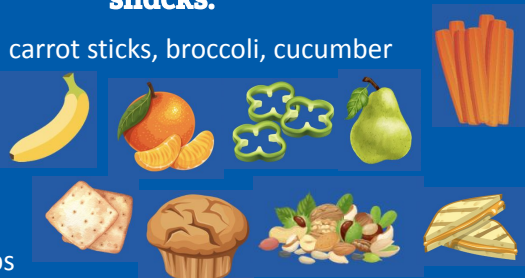
### Snacks that shouldn't be brought to school

Snack or large packets of chips  
Whole packets of biscuits  
Fruit strings/sticks/roll-ups  
Drinks other than water



### Some suggestions for zero-waste healthy snacks:

Fruit  
Vegetables e.g. carrot sticks, broccoli, cucumber  
Rice crackers  
Mini muffins  
Popcorn  
Small rice dish  
A sandwich  
Vegetable crisps  
Trail mix, Nuts and seeds



Only a couple of things- it's a snack!

We are working hard to reduce waste at our kura. If students bring a snack for their second break, we ask that it is **zero-waste**.

This means:

- Using **reusable containers** instead of throwaway packaging.
- Buying snacks in bulk and packing smaller amounts at home.

Students need to bring home any rubbish left over from their lunches. This supports our goal to

'**Be Sustainable**', which we know is important to our community. Thank you for helping us with this kaupapa.



# Stay Connected with us

**Skool-loop** is our main app we use for communication (all notices/newsletters through the app are also automatically loaded on our website).



**We use Seesaw** - for a more direct contact with your child's teacher. You can access this via app or website.



## Facebook

Follow us on facebook! We'll be using this platform to share some of our tamariki's learning experiences as well as some key reminders.



## Your Contact Information

If you have moved or changed phone numbers over the holiday, please contact your child's teacher or the school office so that we can update your information. It is **imperative** that this is up to date so that we can be in touch if there are any concerns, celebrations or emergencies.

# Planned absences

## The Importance of Attendance

Regular attendance is vital for your child's learning and well-being. Being at school every day ensures they don't miss out on key learning opportunities and helps build strong routines.

A gentle reminder:

- If you need to plan an absence, please notify us in advance.
- Please email or see the Principal or Deputy principal ([sandyt@pap-west.school.nz](mailto:sandyt@pap-west.school.nz) or [emmam@pap-west.school.nz](mailto:emmam@pap-west.school.nz)).
- Requests for absences longer than one week, especially for holidays, are unlikely to be approved. In line with Ministry of Education guidelines, extended absences may result in your child being removed from our roll.

Let's work together to make attendance a priority and set our students up for success.

# Traffic at the School

Work is been completed over the next few weeks to make our Drop Off Zone a safer space for our students.

The drop off zone will be closed from 1:45 pm each day. You will not be able to park in this area to pick up your children,.

A reminder that we have plenty of off street parking on Hillcrest road as well as at the Panthers carpark.



# Drop off/pick ups Safety reminder

School gates open at **8:15 am**. Please do not drop children off earlier as there is no supervision. Students must also be picked up by **3:10 pm**.

We kindly ask families to limit early pick-ups during the day to avoid disrupting learning. Tracy Follas, one of our wonderful Learning Assistants, will be supporting with these matters.

Thank you for your cooperation as we start the year strong!





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## SCHOOL UNIFORM 2025

Dear Whānau,

The Papatoetoe West School Board is pleased to announce that, in addition to our current supplier, Angel Fashions, we are now offering uniform options through our new supplier, NZ Uniforms. This initiative is part of our ongoing efforts to provide high-quality, durable uniform choices for our students.

As we introduce these new options, we'd like to take this opportunity to remind families about our footwear and sock expectations, which will be more consistently applied starting from the start of this year. Your support in helping students transition to wearing the appropriate footwear in line with these guidelines is greatly appreciated.

We understand that this may require some families to make small adjustments, and we thank you for your cooperation in ensuring that students meet these footwear expectations. Through our partnership with KidsCan, with adequate notice, we are able to provide appropriate school shoes for any families that would like support with this. This can be arranged through our school office.

We will be more actively supporting students to follow these guidelines. Thank you for your ongoing support in maintaining smart, safe, and consistent uniform standards for all students.

Ngā mihi nui,

Papatoetoe West School Board

A copy of the school uniform policy can be found on SchoolDocs <https://papwest.schooldocs.co.nz/>

A copy of our school uniform rules can be found with our enrolment information, and at the school office.

### Footwear Guidelines:

- **Main Shoe Type:** Students are required to wear plain black lace-up shoes or Velcro fastened shoes. These shoes should be sturdy, comfortable, and suitable for everyday school activities.
- **Sandals:** Students may wear plain black sandals with a secure back strap, such as Roman sandals or school sandals, which provide comfort and support while maintaining a neat appearance.

### Sock Guidelines:

- Plain black or navy blue, with no logos or patterns visible.



### Footwear Not Allowed:

- Casual footwear like clogs
- Heelys
- Open-toed shoes
- Ballet flats
- Jandals
- Sandals without a back strap



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## UNIFORM INFORMATION

### WHERE & WHEN CAN YOU BUY YOUR UNIFORM?

**NZ Uniforms:** Unit 5, 20 Lambie Drive, Manukau.

**Store Hours:** Monday-Friday 9am-5pm, Saturday 9am-4pm.

**Phone:** 09 950 6747 | **Email:** [manukau@nzuniforms.com](mailto:manukau@nzuniforms.com)

**Shop Online:** [pap-west.nzuniforms.com](http://pap-west.nzuniforms.com)

### HOW CAN YOU PAY?

### WINZ/OT/Charities/Trusts/Whānau & Family QUOTES

**WINZ CUR Number:** 001604113

You can also get a Quote online. Just add your items to the shopping cart and choose the Quote option at the checkout. Visit our website for more information on getting a Quote.

### OTHER PAYMENT OPTIONS

**Uniform Club:** Save for your student's uniform by adding regular payments to your Uniform Club account during the year. Visit our website to find out more about Uniform Club and to join.

We also accept **Afterpay** (in-store only), and **Zip** (in-store & online). Visit our website to find out more about Zip and to join.

We also accept cash, eftpos and credit cards.

### NAME LABELLING

We can attach your name to your uniform items for only \$4 per label while you wait. Guaranteed to last.

### NZ UNIFORMS ALSO STOCKS

School shoes, school bags, belts, socks, hair accessories, shoe polish, boxers and more.

**Visit our website for more details-**

**[www.nzuniforms.com](http://www.nzuniforms.com)**



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## 2025 dates

### TERM 1

<b>Number of weeks</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Term start &amp; end dates</b>	<b>Term starts: Monday 3 February to Friday 11 April (98 half days)</b>
<b>Public holidays</b>	<b>Waitangi Day- Thursday 6 February</b>
<b>School holidays</b>	<b>Saturday 12 April- Sunday 27 April (includes):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good Friday - 18 April</li> <li>• Easter Monday 21 April</li> <li>• Anzac Day - Friday 25 April</li> </ul>

### TERM 2

<b>Number of weeks</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Term start &amp; end dates</b>	<b>Term starts: Monday 28 April to Friday 27 June (86 half-days)</b>
<b>Public holidays/ School not open for instruction</b>	<b>Teacher only day- Friday 30th May</b> <b>King's Birthday- Monday 2 June</b> <b>Matariki- Friday 20 June</b>
<b>School holidays</b>	<b>Saturday 28 June- Sunday 13 July</b>

### TERM 3

<b>Number of weeks</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Term start &amp; end dates</b>	<b>Term starts: Monday 14 July to Friday 19 September (100 half-days)</b>
<b>Public holidays</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>School holidays</b>	<b>Saturday 20 September to Sunday 5 October</b>

### TERM 4

<b>Number of weeks</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Term start &amp; end dates</b>	<b>Monday 6 October to Tuesday 16 December (102 half days)</b>
<b>Public holidays</b>	<b>Labour Day- Monday 28 October</b>

- 386 half days in 2025
- Ministry of Education to allow for 1 additional teacher only day in 2025 (DATE TBC)