



Papatoetoe West School

Together We Strive For Growth Through Learning

School wide newsletter

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You are invited to our

WHAKATAU

To welcome new members to our
school community

Monday 5th May

12:30pm

Toi Toi Kohuora/School Hall



SAMOAN FONO

LET'S TALANOAI COME ALONG TO PLAN FOR THE UPCOMING SAMOAN LANGUAGE WEEK. IF YOU HAVE ANY OTHER IDEAS TO SUPPORT THE LEARNING AND CULTURE OF OUR SAMOAN STUDENTS, WE'D LOVE TO HEAR THEM!

SE'I O TATOU TALANOAI SAU E FESOASOANI E FUAFUA MO LE VAIASO O LE GAGANA SĀMOA. AFAI E IAI SOU MANATU E FESOASOANI I LE A'OA'OA MA LE AGANU'U O TAMAITI SĀMOA, MATOU TE FIAFIA E FA'ALOGO I AI!

**MAY 14
3PM**

SWEET TREATS PROVIDED
ALONG WITH COFFEE AND TEA
rsvp: (or just come along)
debbiek@pap-west.school.nz

STAFFROOM

From our Principal

Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

As we wrap up Term 1, it's a great time to reflect on a positive and productive start to the year.

Our ākonga have been working hard toward their learning goals, engaging in meaningful and connected learning. A big focus for our kaiako has been unpacking and beginning to implement the refreshed English curriculum, with an emphasis on oral language, reading, and writing through the new Understand, Know, Do framework.

It's also been a vibrant term for cultural expression—our kapa haka, Pasifika, Indian and music groups have been a source of pride and connection, strengthening identity and belonging across the kura.

Our students continue to lead in environmental action, from gardening to waste reduction, showing strong kaitiakitanga. Sport has also been a highlight, with great participation, teamwork, and school spirit on display in both competitive and informal settings.

Next term, we are looking forward to all our tamariki visiting Maungakiekie has part of the Term's Science inquiry about volcanoes! More information will come about these trips early next term.

A huge thank you to our staff, whānau, and tamariki for your support and energy this term. We look forward to building on this momentum in Term 2.

Have a safe and restful break, and enjoy some special time with whānau.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Mrs Sandy Tritt
Tumuaki / Principal

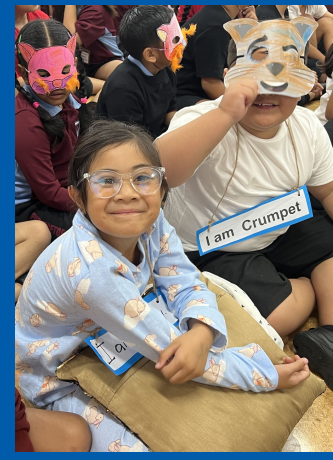
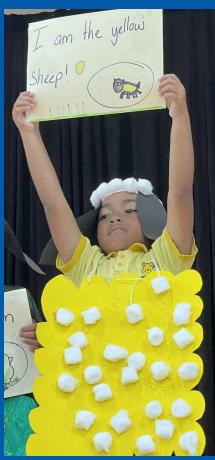
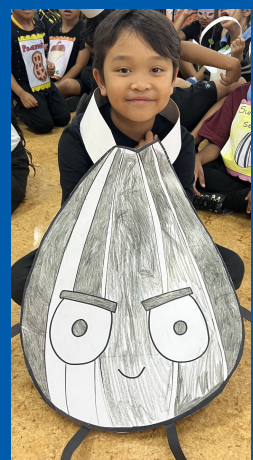
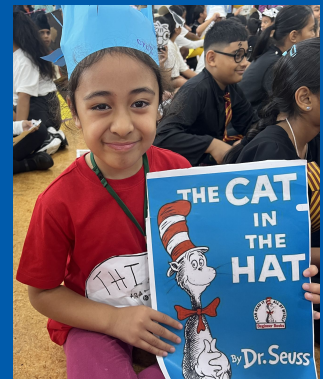
BOOK WEEK

Book Week 2025 was a joyful celebration of the magic and wonder found in the world of books! Throughout the week, classrooms were alive with exciting literacy-focused activities, imaginative costume design, and shared reading experiences. Students took part in *Stop, Drop and Read* moments, read aloud to other classes across their team, and explored creativity through book-themed art and quizzes in the Wonderhub.

The highlight was our Character Parade, where tamariki brought their favourite book characters to life in a vibrant and entertaining showcase on stage. With magical MCs, stories shared, and costumes galore — from *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* to *The 500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins* — it truly was a celebration to remember.

All classes worked incredibly hard to create their costumes, putting in huge effort to design and personalise their outfits to reflect the characters they love. The creativity and teamwork on display was inspiring, and it was wonderful to see it all come to life on the day. From our youngest learners to our senior students — and even the staff! — the stage was full of colour, laughter, and storytelling magic.

Books have the power to take us anywhere — and this week, our students reminded us just how magical those journeys can be.



Upcoming events

WEEK ONE

Mon 28 April- First day of Term 2

Friday 2 May - Kohuora Bioblitz

WEEK TWO

Mon 5 May- Term 2 Whakatau 12:30 pm

Wed 7 May- Year 4 Maungakiekie Trip

Thurs 8 May- Year 3 Maungakiekie Trip

Thurs 8 May - Y5/6 Sports Exchange vs Kingsford

Fri 9 May - Lockdown training

WEEK THREE

Mon 12 May- Reading Together Parent Workshop #1 - 3 pm

Mon 12 May- Year 5/6 Maungakiekie Trip (Te Putiputi, R2,3,4)

Wed 14 May- Year 5/6 Maungakiekie Trip (R5, 6 and Te Puāwaitanga)

Wed 14 May - Writers Festival

Wed 14 May - Samoan Language week Fono 3pm

Thurs 15 May - Year 1 Maungakiekie Trip

Friday 16 May - Pink Shirt Day

WEEK FOUR

Mon 19 May - R9, 11, 31 & 35 Maungakiekie Trip

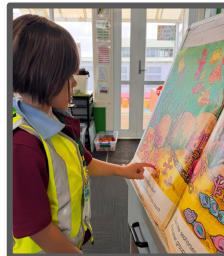
Mon 19 May - Reading Together Workshop #2 - 3pm

Wed 21 May - R32, 33, 34, 36 Maungakiekie Trip

Thu 22 May- Y5/6 Sports Exchange vs Pap North

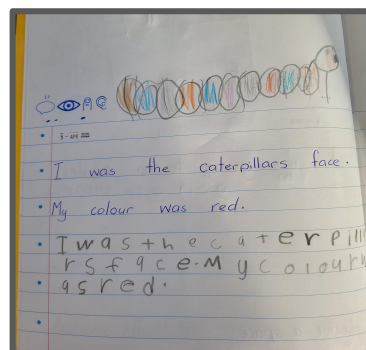
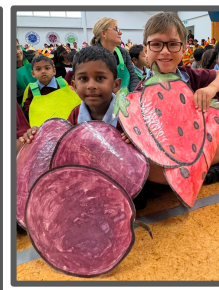
Rm 9 & 11 update

Maths is all around us, and we're making it fun! Whether it's counting everyday objects or lining up numbers in the right order, the children are learning how to count and order numbers without even realising it!



Inspired by *The Hungry Caterpillar*, the children had a blast writing about the foods they like to eat and revisiting the costumes they wore.

It was amazing to see their creativity shine as they painted the props. We were so proud to see them confidently walk up on stage and really get into character. Such a fun and imaginative day, full of learning and laughter!



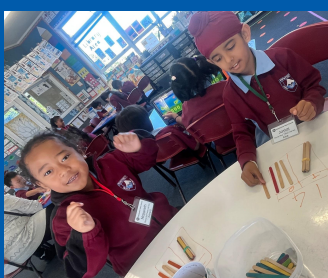
Mahina's story about the character parade

Year 1 update

Rūma 29 have learnt lots in maths this term!

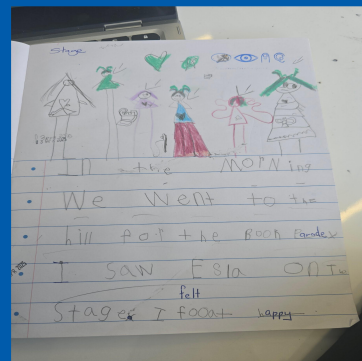
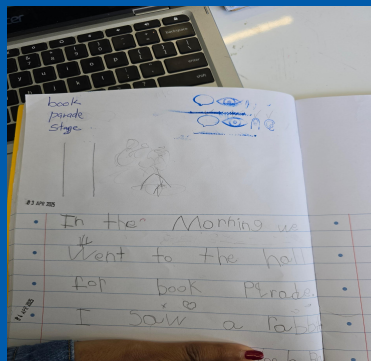
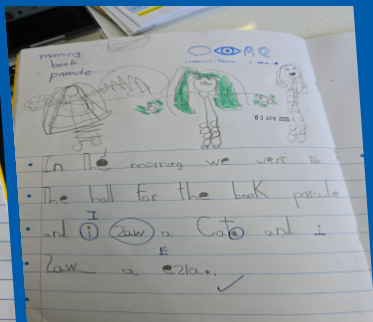
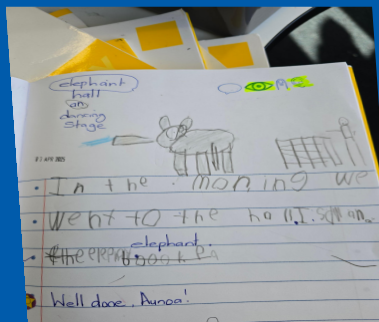
We have been learning about tens and ones, addition, counting in 2's and so much more!

We have enjoyed using a variety of materials, games and resources to reinforce this learning and are doing amazing things!

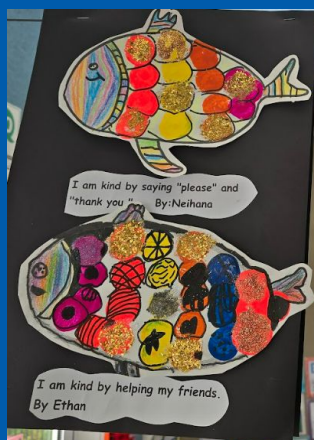
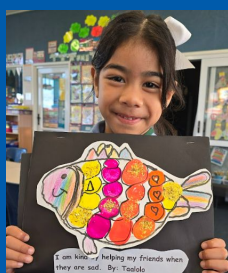
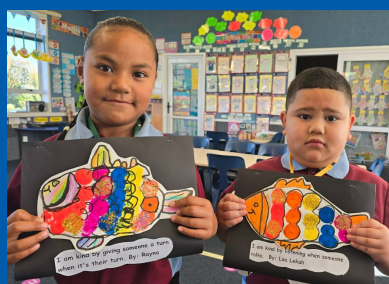


Celebrating our Young Writers!!!

Rūma 26 students have impressed us with their wonderful writing about the Book Parade! With creativity and enthusiasm, they described the exciting morning, colourful costumes, and their favourite characters on stage. From spotting Elsa to cheerful cats and rabbits, their words truly captured the magic of the day. We are so proud of their effort, illustrations, and growing confidence as writers.



After reading *The Rainbow Fish*, Ruma 27 tamariki talked about the important message: sharing is caring. Students painted their own colorful Rainbow Fish and shared ways they can be kind, thoughtful, and caring—just like the Rainbow Fish



Where's Isabelle



I am hiding in the fairy rainbow land. It has fairies and rainbows.

Where's Kate



wally. I am hiding on a unicorn can you find me?

Year 5/6 update

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE WEEK

International Language Week is like a special party where everyone gets to share their language and learn a little bit about how other kids talk. It's a time to celebrate all the cool and different ways people communicate around the world.



Children from Te Puawaitanga enjoying writing about their International Language Week experience

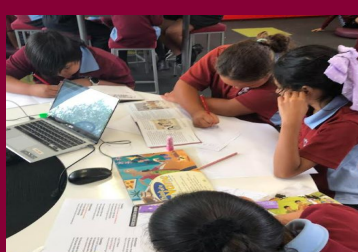
INQUIRY LEARNING

Our children have been researching places in Aotearoa and learning the significance of Māori place names. The children are becoming super knowers! They are understanding the history, the stories, and why their place is so special. It helps them feel more connected to this awesome land and the people who call it home.



READING & MATHS

Learning to read and do maths might seem tricky sometimes, but they are like secret keys that open so many doors. The more you practice, the stronger your superpowers become, making you a super learner and a super problem-solver!



The West Way



Congratulations to the following children who were awarded a values award at this week's assembly:

Year 0

Masiu - Te Kākano

Marshall- Ruma tekau mā tahi



Year 1

Khadija- Rūma Rua Tekau mā ono

Joanne - Rūma Rua Tekau mā whitu

Rishaan- Rūma Rua Tekau mā iwa

Niklaus - Rūma Toru Tekau



Year 2

Believe - Rūma toru tekau mā tahi

Caroline - Rūma toru tekau mā rua

Mary - Rūma toru tekau mā toru

Isla- Rūma toru tekau mā wha

Chaylinn- Rūma toru tekau mā rima

Prableen- Rūma toru tekau mā ono

Year 3

Oketi- Rūma Tekau mā whā

Avisha- Rūma Rua Tekau

Shalini - Rūma Rua Tekau mā tahi

Harmani- Rūma Rua Tekau mā rua

Dominic-Juanito- Rūma Rua Tekau mā toru



Year 4

Anaya - Rūma Tekau mā rima

Laekyn- Rūma Tekau mā ono

Shiloh - Rūma Tekau mā whitu

Jordynne Joe - Rūma Tekau mā waru

Luciana - Rūma Tekau mā iwa

Year 5/ 6

Seenu - Te Putiputi

Maka - Te Putiputi

Mustafa- Rūma rua

Angel - Rūma toru

Zena - Rūma wha

Shammaira- Rūma rima

Iowane - Rūma ono

Elisha Te Puāwaitangi

Thaovy - Te Puāwaitangi



Respect for Self is shown through taking care of our appearance and personal belongings, with a focus on taking pride in our uniform.

Respect for Others is demonstrated by looking after shared equipment and ensuring it's kept in good condition.

Respect for the Environment is expressed by being mindful of our resources, avoiding waste, and taking care of the things around us.

Term One Winning House



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2025 dates

TERM 1

Number of weeks	10
Term start & end dates	Term starts: Monday 3 February to Friday 11 April (98 half days)
Public holidays	Waitangi Day - Thursday 6 February
School holidays	Saturday 12 April - Sunday 27 April (includes): • Good Friday - 18 April • Easter Monday 21 April • Anzac Day - Friday 25 April

TERM 2

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

TERM 3

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

TERM 4

Number of weeks	11
Term start & end dates	Monday 6 October to Tuesday 16 December (102 half days)
Public holidays	Labour Day- Monday 27 October

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