



Papatoetoe West School

Together We Strive For Growth Through Learning

Newsletter 1

Term 1

16 February 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

School assembly

Monday 19 February 11:40am

Meet the teachers evening

Wednesday 21 February

School assembly

Monday 4 March 11:40am

Fono

Tuesday 12th March

Literacy & Mathematics

whānau morning

Wednesday 13 March

From the Leader of Learning's desk

Welcome back to Term 1, 2024! We have started the term off on a high note, with student attendance consistently exceeding 80% each day. Emphasising attendance remains a key priority for us this year, as we strive to improve our rates. It is important that students attend school regularly as this has a huge impact on student learning and well being. Regular attendance means your child is at school every day unless they are really unwell.

A big thank you for your efforts in providing your children with a nutritious snack and water only. Educating our students about maintaining a healthy lifestyle aligns with our health-promoting school goals, and we appreciate your ongoing support with this.

Excitingly, our Zero Waste initiative has seen a promising start. Thank you for the effort you have made to support us with this initiative.

Looking ahead, we have a series of events lined up for this term. To stay updated on all upcoming activities, please make sure you have joined Seesaw and SkoolLoop. We are looking forward to working with you this year and hope to meet as many of you as possible at our upcoming Meet the Teachers evening.

Ngā mihi nui

Sandy

Meet the Teachers Evening

Wednesday
21 February

Food
Games
Prizes

6-
6:30

Team talks

6:30-
7

Check out
your child's
class

7-
7:15

House Sports Day

It was a fantastic inaugural House Sports Day at school today!

Huge shoutout to all the parents for coming out to support and cheer on our students. Your presence made the day even more special! And to the teachers for organising such fun activities at each station.

Our tamariki gave it their all; they embraced the spirit of competition with a lot of enthusiasm. Whether students were part of the winning house, they all had a blast participating.

Here are some snaps of the fun! Video footage is coming out on facebook next week- so if you don't follow us already on facebook do it now!



GREAT SPORTSMANSHIP
AMAZING TEAMWORK
TERRIFIC DAY

School attendance is extremely important! You will be receiving a summary email of your child's attendance to date this term. If there are unexplained absences please email office@pap-west.school.nz to explain the reason for absence. Apologies if you receive this email twice in the first instance.

Does anyone have any spare swimming togs/towels or Indian outfits for our dance group you no longer need but they're in good condition? Please give any donations into the office!



The West Way

**Respect for
self**

**Respect for
others**

**Respect for
environment**

Snacks!!!

- Is it a good size? Students are generally bringing in WAY too much!
- Is it healthy? We are seeing TOO many whole packets of biscuits
- Is it zero (or limited) waste? Don't use single-use packaging please!

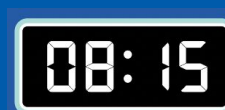


Here are examples of snacks brought in by our tamariki. Remember they get a WHOLE school lunch and a piece of fruit at school as well.

Early drop offs!

Students are still getting dropped off before 8:15 am in the morning. It is a legal requirement that young children under the age of 14 must be provided with reasonable provision of care.

Given incidents in our local community it is not reasonable to leave your child outside our school gate unsupervised before the gate opens. Please contact SKIDs (phone 0270107144) or arrange alternative care if you need supervision of your child(ren) before 8:15am.



Inquiry: Changing places, changing us

This term we are exploring migration stories. If you, a family member or a friend have migrated to Aotearoa we would love to hear your stories. We are looking at how lives have been transformed and how Aotearoa has has changed. Please contact emmam@pap-west.school.nz or talk to your child's teacher!

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.

Auckland Transport no longer provides a school bus service (The 003 (Seventh Day Adventist Primary to Mangere Bridge) route has been removed due to the services being underutilised.

