



Papatoetoe West School

Together We Strive For Growth Through Learning

School wide newsletter

| Term 1

| 14 February 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

Meet the teacher evening - Thursday 20th February 6pm

Assembly - Monday 24th February 11:45 am (changed date)

House Sports Day - Friday 28th February

School Board Meeting - Monday 24th February

International Week - Monday 10th March - Friday 14th March

From our Deputy Principal

Welcome back to Term 1! It has been wonderful to see students settling in and starting the year with enthusiasm. A particular highlight has been strong attendance rates for a large percentage of our tamariki. Regular attendance is essential for both learning and well-being, so we truly appreciate your support in ensuring your child is at school every day unless they are genuinely unwell.

Thank you also for continuing to provide healthy snacks and water-only drinks. Encouraging healthy habits aligns with our focus on student well-being, and your support makes a big difference.

Our Zero Waste initiative, which we introduced last year, is continuing to make a positive impact. It's great to see students embracing waste-free lunches and taking responsibility for looking after our environment. Your ongoing support at home and school helps keep this initiative going strong.

There's plenty ahead this term! To stay informed about upcoming events, please make sure you're connected via Seesaw and SkoolLoop. We're looking forward to working together this year and hope to see many of you at our Meet the Teacher evening.

Ngā mihi nui

Emma McKeown

Tumuaki Tuarua/Deputy Principal

MEET THE TEACHERS EVENING

THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY

Gates
open

5:45

Food
Games
Prizes

**6-
6:30**

Team talks

R9/11- Te Kakano
Y1/2 - Hall
Y3-Te Puawaitanga
Y4- Staffroom
R1-4 - Te Putiputi
R5-7 - Wonderhub

**6:30-
7**

Check out
your child's
class

**7-
7:15**

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.

HOUSE SPORTS DAY

FRIDAY 28 FEBRUARY
10AM-12:40PM
Y1-3 MEETING AT 9:30AM IN HALL
Y4-6 MEETING AT 9:30AM ON THE TOP COURT

STUDENTS COME TO SCHOOL DRESSED IN SPORTS GEAR (PREFERABLY OF THEIR HOUSE COLOUR)
OPTIONAL: YOU CAN DRESS IN YOUR CHILD'S HOUSE COLOUR TOO!

Early Pick-Ups

We kindly ask that early pick-ups from school be kept to a minimum. If you do need to collect your child early, please note that pick-ups are not permitted during break times (10:45–11:15 AM & 1:05–1:35 PM).

In emergency cases only, if you must pick up your child during these times, please call the office in advance so they can be ready and waiting for you.

Thank you for your cooperation in minimizing disruptions to learning.

Hats, shoes and socks!

A reminder that hats are compulsory for term 1.

We also have clear shoe and sock guidelines (black and black!)



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.