



# Papatoetoe West School

Together We Strive For Growth Through Learning

Newsletter 2

Term 1

1 March 2024

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### School assembly

Monday 4 March 11:40am

### Fono

Tuesday 12th March 3pm

### Literacy & Mathematics whānau morning

Wednesday 13 March 9am

### Whānau hui

Tuesday 19th March 6pm

### Paid Union Meeting

Thursday 21st March -  
students to be picked up by  
1pm if possible please!

## From the Leader of Learning's desk

Thank you for your support at our Meet the Teachers Evening last week. We had an incredible turn out and we are thankful for your support.

Communication between home and school is very important, which is why we are working hard to get all families on to our two main digital platforms, Seesaw and SkoolLoop. If you haven't already downloaded these apps, please make this a priority, as we do not want families missing out on important messages.

This year our overarching theme is **Transformation**. This was the learning theme that was chosen by many of you at our Whānau Learning Expo.

Our 'Big Question' that will be explored over the year is:  
How does transformation impact us and our world?

- Changing ourselves
- Changing others
- Changing environment
- Changing world

In Week 6, we are excited to launch our student inquiry topic by inviting community members to share their stories of coming to New Zealand.

At the end of the term, students will be sharing what they have learnt and how they have answered the 'big question'. We look forward to students sharing their learning with you and encourage you to talk about the topic with your child at home.

Ngā mihi nui

Sandy Tritt  
Tumuaki/Principal



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## MATHS AND LITERACY WHĀNAU MORNING

Wednesday 13th March

9am-10:45am

Meet in the hall

Come and see how we  
learn at Papatoetoe West  
school and how you can  
help support your kids.

# The West Way

**Respect for  
self**

**Respect for  
others**

**Respect for  
environment**

## The West Way Focus



Over the last few weeks, we have been discussing and creating our Classroom Matrix. The Purpose of the class matrix is together with our tamariki, set up expectations and positive outcomes to ensure there is respect for self, others and the environment. Discussions and the matrix may include routines, how to move around the room, group work and individual work. Teachers may include any other expectations they feel necessary to ensure a safe and positive learning environment.

The whole school focus has been, making good choices when socialising/playing. It is very important to build positive relationships, this is very important at the beginning of the year.

In a couple of weeks the focus will be uniforms, especially as we move from warmer to cooler weather.



## Interschool swimming competition

On Tuesday 27th February, 12 Y5/6s competed in our local interschool swimming competition! They swam well, placed in many different events. Here is what some of them had to say about the day:

*"My favourite race was back-style because I got second place!"*

-Sally-Ann

*"I was nervous at the beginning but then I started to enjoy the experience."*

- Philip

*"When we went to the pools I got soaking wet! It was hard swimming in the big pool! But fun!"*

- Aniyah

*"One time I wasn't looking and I accidentally fell in the water! It was funny."*

- Tia

*"I was so nervous but I gave it a go!"*

- Charlie

*"It was a great experience"*

- Addie



## 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.

## EARLY PICK UPS NOT AT BREAK TIME

We want our students to stay at school the whole day. If there is a day that you need to pick your child up early then please don't pick them up during a break time as it is difficult for us to man the office and find your child out in the playground (10:45-11:15 & 1:05-1:45pm).

# Meet our Student Council for 2024



Karthik



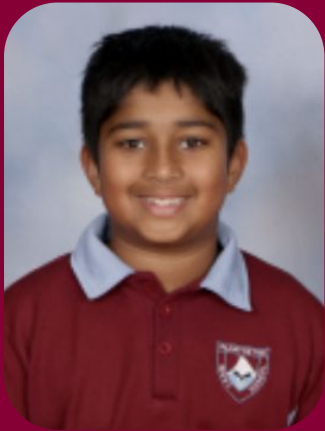
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# Meet our Student Council for 2024



Kara



Sean



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# Meet our Student Ambassadors for 2024



Karthik



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Winter-Shiloh

# Meet our Travel Wise Leaders for 2024



Jeevika



Soane



Nafe



Ishaan



Xander-Lee



Porsche



Harnidh



Kasalaine

# Meet our Enviro Leaders for 2024



Cyprus



Aaliyah



Azayleah



Adriene



Jordyn



Lu'isa



Nadia



Ariana



Areeha

# Meet our Health Promoting



Emjay



Edrick



Ariigrace



Hoko-Maycee



Jerani



Kristian



Shravika



Vidushi

## Student Leader Qualities

Here are some of the qualities our student leaders have proven to have! We look forward to seeing how your contribution across the school in 2024!

- Honest and Reliable
- Shows initiative
- Responsible
- Acts of Service
- Excellence
- Respect
- Determination