



Papatoetoe West School

Together We Strive For Growth Through Learning

School wide newsletter

| Term 1

| 28 February 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

Week 5: Assembly -

Monday 3rd March- 11:45am
(Student leaders announced)

Week 6: International Week

Monday 10th March- Friday 14th March

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Thursday 13th March 11:45am

Maths & Literacy open whānau

morning- Wednesday 26th March

Book Week- 31st March- 4th April

From our Assistant Principal

Kia ora Whānau,

What an exciting start to the term we've had!

Our House Sports Day was a fantastic event, full of energy, teamwork, and fun. It was wonderful to see our tamariki enjoying the activities with their classmates, showing great enthusiasm and school spirit. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the day so special!

Last week, we also launched our new inquiry focus: "A Place Where We Stand". This will be an exciting journey for our students as they explore connections to our local area, culture, and identity. We look forward to sharing their learning about this with you over the term.

A big thank you to all the families who joined us for our Meet the Teacher Evening last Thursday. It was fantastic to see so many of you taking part in the games, meeting the staff and visiting your tamariki's classrooms. Building strong partnerships between home and school is so important, and we truly appreciate all of your support.

Ngā mihi nui,

Rebecca Baker

Assistant Principal / Kaiāwhina Tumuaki





INTERNATIONAL WEEK

We are celebrating our own **International Week** at PWS in Week 6. We are celebrating all cultures, with special emphasis is placed on our **Asian and African cultures**, highlighting their rich traditions through dance, music, food, and research activities.

The week will conclude with a **whole-school assembly**, where some students will share an aspect of their culture.

We invite **ALL tamariki** to dress up in their cultural attire on the Friday.

We welcome you to come along and celebrate with us.



Break time Activities:

🎵 **Dance & Music** – Learn dance styles from different cultures!

🥟 **Dumpling Day** – Try delicious vegetarian dumplings

In-Class Foci:

📖 Our classes are exploring culture and language as part of our local curriculum, for example by incorporating these themes into reading and writing activities.



Lost Property



Lost property is located in the basket outside the school office at the front of the school.

Named items will be returned to classrooms, while unnamed items will be cleared out at the end of the week.

Please remind your child to take care of their uniform and personal belongings, showing respect for themselves and the school environment.

All items should be clearly named to ensure they can be returned.



Y4-6 Papatoetoe Swimming comp

The Year 4-6 Swimming Team competed at Papatoetoe Pools on the 25th of Feb and did amazing! It was a sunny day filled with exciting races and plenty of school spirit. Congratulations to all our swimmers for their outstanding efforts!

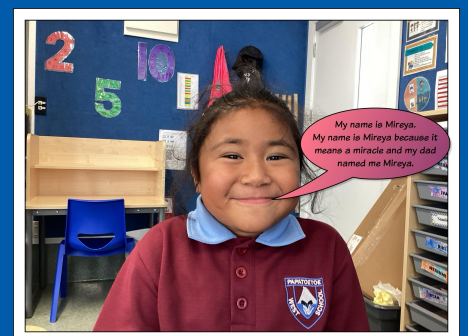


Year 3

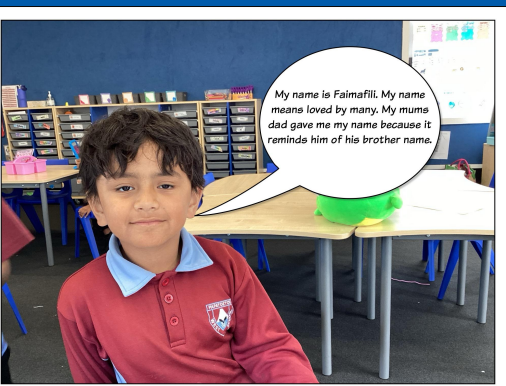
The Year 3 team has had a great start to the year! Our tamariki have been having fun learning new reading and maths games, swimming and learning about their new classmates.



I am the middle child. I have 1 older brother. I have 2 younger siblings. I like to play soccer and my favourite position is left winger. You have to kick the ball into the opponent's goal.



I am the oldest child. I have two younger brothers. I like doing my bike everyday after school. I like going anywhere. I just go on my bike and ride away to my friends house.



House Sports

Energy, Excitement & Effort - House Sports Success!



**An incredible
day of fun,
fitness, and
friendly
competition!**

Every student displayed fantastic sportsmanship and teamwork. A huge thank you to all the parents who came along to cheer or help, your support made the day even more special!

What students have to say -

Breeze: My favourite was the parachute!

Barry: my favourite activity was the frisbee throw because it was fun to throw!

Omega: I like the games! The goal is to balance not drop the animal plushie! I like the animals on our heads!

Believe: my favourite was soccer because I like to kick! Today was super fun!

Isaac: I really like how everyone is playing nicely in the games!

Serenity: It is so fun and it's so great to play with my friends

House Pride in Action!!

From the Field to the Turf - A Thrilling Day of Sports!

Enviro learning

A Garden of Growth and Peace We are thrilled to share that a brand-new garden is being created by our clever Mr. Farani! Together, we have planned a **Peaceful Pathway**, filled with plants that engage all our senses. This special space will provide a calm and beautiful environment for learning and exploring.

Welcome to Our Year 1 Classes! A warm welcome to our Year 1 classes as they join our exciting learning program. This term, they will be exploring **weather, te reo, waiata, and rainbows**, making connections between nature, language, and culture.

Year 3 Poem and Insect Discovery Our Year 3 classes read a poem using **Te Reo Māori names for insects** in our Māra and then went outside to discover the insects in our very own space. This hands-on experience helped students connect with nature and appreciate the biodiversity around them.



Getting Our Hands Dirty! A big thank you to everyone who has been involved in **weeding, mulching and tidying** our māra. The hard work from Rooms 6, 17, 3 and 19 is paying off, and our outdoor space is looking fantastic!

We are all enjoying having a thriving and nurturing place to learn and grow!

What's Growing in the Garden? Our garden is bursting with life! This season, we are growing red and yellow **tomatoes, zucchini, apples, corn and beans**, along with **sunflowers and marigolds**. We are also learning about **seeds and seed harvesting**, teaching students the importance of sustainability and the cycle of plant life.



A Cool Treat in GTT! As a special treat for all our Garden to Table students, we enjoyed **fruit ice blocks** using frozen banana and berries, mango and pineapple in **Week 3**—a delicious and refreshing way to celebrate our gardening efforts! Room 19 are showing us how much they love theirs!