



Papatoetoe West School

Together We Strive For Growth Through Learning

School wide newsletter

| Term 1

| 14 March 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tironui Trust Band meeting-
Wednesday 19th March 3:15pm-4pm

Holi celebration - Friday 21st March

Board Meeting- Monday 24th March

Maths & Literacy open whānau morning-
Wednesday 26th March

Whānau hui- Monday 31st March 3pm

Book Week- 31st March- 4th April

Character parade- Thursday 3rd April

Photolife - Class and individual photos -
Friday 4th April

Photolife - Sibling photos -
Monday 7th April

From our Principal

Kia ora e te whānau,

At the end of last year, we completed a review of our Strategic and Annual Plan alongside our achievement data. The school board has since reviewed this information, and together, we have set key targets for the year ahead. While there is always more work to do, we are incredibly proud of what our students and staff achieved last year.

- **84%** of our tamariki made one or more years' progress in reading.
- **86%** made one or more years' progress in writing.
- **81%** made one or more years' progress in maths.

We acknowledge that many of our students are still working towards their expected year-level goals, but this data reflects the dedication of our students, staff, and whānau in helping them progress.

Later this term, we will be hosting a **whānau open morning**, where you'll have the opportunity to see how reading, writing, and maths are taught in the classroom, as well as learn ways to support your child's learning at home.

Thank you for your ongoing support—our partnership with you is invaluable. Together, we can help every child succeed.

Ngā mihi,

Mrs Sandy Tritt
Tumuaki / Principal



CELEBRATING AT SCHOOL

FRIDAY 21ST MARCH

DURING BREAK ONE

Students who want to participate must:

1. Arrive and leave school in their uniform.
2. Bring change of clothes (white works best to show off the colours!) that you don't mind getting wet or covered in colour.
3. Bring a wet/plastic bag to take home any wet/colourful clothes.

Important Notice: Before School Care

We regret to inform you that SKIDS Before School Care may not operate next term unless attendance numbers increase. If you were considering using this service, please get in touch with SKIDS as soon as possible to express your interest.

Thank you for your support



BOOK WEEK



31/3 - 4/4 2025

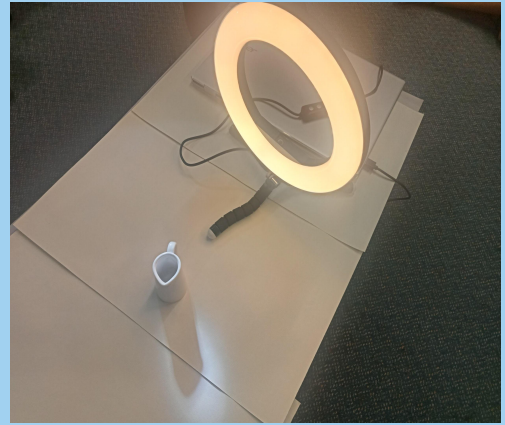
THURSDAY: BOOK PARADE AT 9:45AM IN THE HALL
CLASSES WILL PLAN AND MAKE A CLASS WIDE DRESS UP THEME AT SCHOOL
WHANAU ARE WELCOME TO COME ALONG!

LOTS OF FUN
READING
ACTIVITIES
THROUGHOUT
THE WEEK
ACROSS THE
SCHOOL!

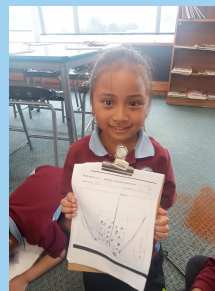


A WEEK TO
CELEBRATE
ALL THINGS
BOOKS AND
THE MAGIC OF
READING!

Art/Toitoti update



This term we are learning about still life art. Still life objects are things that are not living (Inanimate objects) such as books or pens. We are learning how to see light and shadows outside an object. We are enjoying learning how to draw the cylinder, circle, and cube from 1D to 3D. Our skills are strengthened through learning how to make a objects 3D by shading the tones of grey through sketching, blending, stippling and cross hatching.



Early Pick-Ups



In emergency cases only, if you must pick up your child in break times 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.

A friendly but firm reminder: Please do not park along the yellow lines on Station Road – it's endangering others. Also, do not turn into Gate 5, as reversing onto Station Road is causing serious safety concerns.

Let's all do our part to keep our tamariki and whānau safe. Drive safely, follow the rules, and be considerate of others!

International Week

This past week, our kura has been immersed in celebrating the diverse cultures that make up our school community. Alongside integrating international themes into the curriculum, students engaged in a range of cultural experiences, broadening their understanding and appreciation of traditions from around the world.

Throughout the week, students had the opportunity to participate in:

- Filipino Tinikling – a dance requiring rhythm!
- Fijian Meke Iri – a powerful cultural performance
- African mask decorating – fun in the wonderhub
- Chinese dumpling tasting – yummo!
- An international disco – a fun and energetic way to celebrate diversity through music and movement

A highlight of the week was our cultural dress-up day, where students proudly represented their nationality or heritage. From traditional attire to cultural symbols, it was wonderful to see such enthusiasm and respect for the cultures within our community.

In the classroom, students also put their fine motor skills to the test with chopstick challenges, gaining an appreciation for this traditional skill—though for some, it was certainly a learning experience!

Our end-of-week assembly brought these celebrations together, featuring a cultural parade, a heartwarming performance by our Y1-4 choir, and four inspiring student speeches sharing personal insights into their Asian and African cultural heritage.

To conclude the week, students had the chance to participate in Let's Siva, engaging with the energy and movement of Samoan dance.

Thank you to all the staff, students, and whānau who contributed to making this week such a success. The enthusiasm and participation shown throughout International Week truly reflect the values of our kura—celebrating diversity, fostering inclusivity, and deepening our connections to the many cultures that enrich our school community.



MATHS & LITERACY OPEN MORNING

WEDNESDAY 24TH

9:15AM - 10:45AM

**COME FIND OUT WHAT LEARNING LOOKS LIKE AT
OUR KURA- HAVE A LOOK AT STUDENTS AND
TEACHERS IN ACTION!**



Pestfree
SOUTH AUCKLAND



Moth plant Competition

2025 Registrations open now!

Categories for everyone!

- ECes
- Teams of 10
- Open - no limit of people collecting

Start collecting
pods from
3 March!
Competition
ends 9th May

**Help your community and te taiao and win
up to \$1,000 in prize money!**

Moth plant spreads quickly and kills our native plants. You can help control this pest plant by organising your community group, whānau, school, ECE or sports club to collect as many moth plant pods and seedlings as possible. The team who collects the most, wins!

A great way to build team spirit, help the environment and win some money!

Scan the QR code to enter

or email pfsa@otarawaterways.org.nz

or go to [Facebook.com/pestfreesouthauckland](https://facebook.com/pestfreesouthauckland)



Tackle the Moth Plant!



The Moth Plant is a serious environmental pest in our community, and we encourage our families to take action! If you'd like to get involved, check out the competition below.

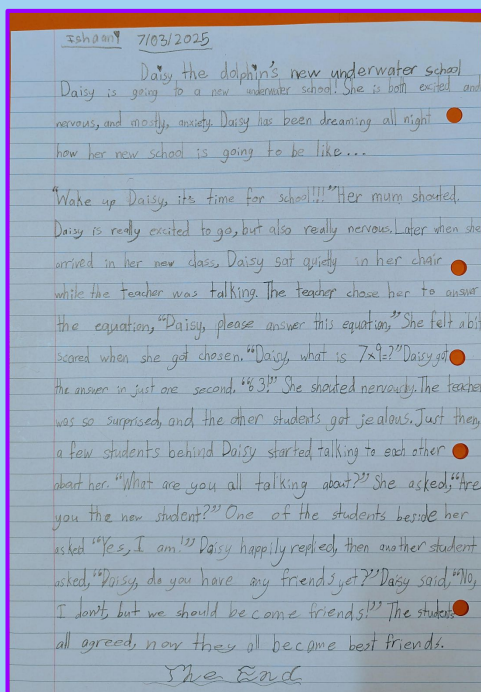
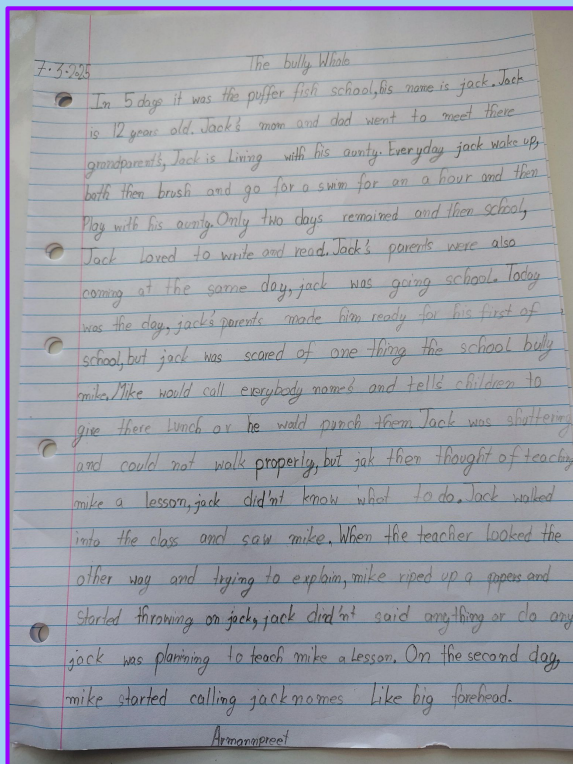
To support you, we can dispose of the plants—simply contact Fiona Lamont at fional@pap-west.school.nz.

We'd also love to celebrate your efforts, so if you take photos while removing this invasive plant, please send them through to us! Together, we can make a difference.

Y5/6 update

RUMA TORU wrote stories about sea creatures to celebrate Sea week.

Amazing authors at work!! Bully whale to Daisy the Dolphin we have them all!!

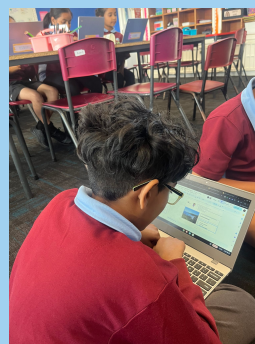


RUMA WHA has been busy. Here is our first magazine for the year. Move over Women's Day, we've got new writers in town.



RUMA RUA has been working hard on their Inquiry workbooks, learning about local place names.

I have been enjoying working in a team with my friends and learning about the Papatoetoe place names. - Rajnay



I have loved working with my classmates and being creative in naming different places. - Mustafa

The West Way



Congratulations to the following children who were awarded a values award at Assembly last week:

Year 0

Maheera - Te Kākano
Hayden - Te Kākano



Year 1

Ivyanna - Rūma Rua Tekau mā ono
Loa'Lekah - Rūma Rua Tekau mā whitu
Tuwaenganui - Rūma Rua Tekau mā iwa
Helen - Rūma Toru Tekau

Year 2

Sanaya - Rūma toru tekau mā tahi
Lashika - Rūma toru tekau mā rua
Ishaan - Rūma toru tekau mā toru
Sabella - Rūma toru tekau mā whā
Ellina - Rūma toru tekau mā rima
Isabel - Rūma toru tekau mā ono



Year 3

Ryan - Rūma Tekau mā whā
Basil - Rūma Rua Tekau
Anaca - Rūma Rua Tekau mā tah
Hayley - Rūma Rua Tekau mā rua
Mrs Tania - Rūma Rua Tekau mā toru



Year 4

Shanaya - Rūma Tekau mā rima
Kaiala - Rūma Tekau mā ono
Aizah - Rūma Tekau mā whitu
Shevonne - Rūma Tekau mā waru
Riyadh - Rūma Tekau mā iwa



Year 5/6

Furqaan - Te Putiputi
Harley-Quin - Te Putiputi
Vanishka - Rūma rua
Apolosi - Rūma toru
Treyson - Rūma whā
Gurekam - Rūma rima
Dontay - Rūma ono
Nayna - Te Puāwaitangi
Raelynn - Te Puāwaitangi



This term we have focused on reinforcing our core values. Here are examples of how we show our values. **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.

House Points

This is how the house points are looking so far. Who will be the first house winner for 2025?

