



# Papatoetoe West School

Together We Strive For Growth Through Learning

Newsletter 3

| Term 1

| 15 March 2024

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Whānau hui**

Tuesday 19th March 6pm

### **Paid Union Meeting**

Thursday 21st March - 1pm

### **Assembly**

Monday 25th March 11:40am

### **Book week parade**

Thursday 28th March

### **Easter weekend: School closed**

Friday 28th March

Monday 1st April

Tuesday 2nd April

### **Photolife: Class & portrait photos**

Monday 8th April

### **Photolife: Sibling photos**

Thursday 11th April

## From our Deputy Principal

It's hard to believe it's been more than a year now since I've had the privilege of being part of our school community. Time really flies when you're surrounded by such wonderful people! Being able to work in the same community where I live has been such a rewarding experience. There's something truly special about being able to contribute to the place you call home.

A little bit about me: Before joining this amazing kura, I was Deputy Principal at Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School. I've been lucky enough to hold various portfolios, at the centre of each experience has shaped my passion for creating inclusive, positive learning environments. My role at Papatoetoe West includes overseeing school-wide curriculum and assessment, teachers' professional growth cycles, enviroschools, and the middle school.

Outside of school, you'll find me looking after my three young children, and playing a board game or two (it's a great way to unwind and recharge after a busy day).

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Open Literacy and Maths Morning earlier this week. It was great to be able to share with you how students learn at Papatoetoe West and how you can support your kids at home. We appreciated all your questions, and engagement in the morning - it was fantastic seeing everyone come together to support our students' learning journeys.

Let's continue to work together, learn together, and grow together. Together we strive for growth through learning.

Ngā mihi nui

Emma McKeown

Tumuaki Tuarua/Deputy Principal

# BOOK WEEK



25TH MARCH-28TH MARCH 2024

THURSDAY: BOOK PARADE 10AM IN THE HALL  
(CLASSES WILL PLAN AND MAKE A CLASS WIDE DRESS UP THEME AT SCHOOL)  
WHANAŪ ARE ENCOURAGED 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!

# The West Way

**Respect for  
self**

**Respect for  
others**

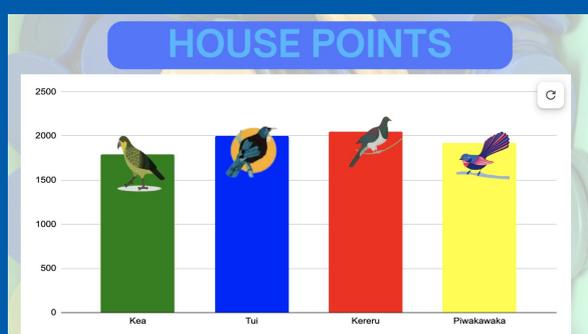
**Respect for  
environment**

## The West Way



Tokens, tokens, tokens! Teachers have been busy rewarding our tamariki with tokens this term. They have been outstanding in showing respect for self, others and the environment. Tokens are just one wonderful way to reward students for their positive behaviour.

Aligning with our tokens are our houses. This term we have been making sure we celebrate our houses. We currently have a live house point system, showing who is leading so far this term. It's so close. Any house could come out on top!



## Sea Week

Last week we celebrated Sea Week. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm of students interested in learning more about shells, sea creatures and how to look after our oceans. Many students entered competitions to share their knowledge and creativity about the sea. Our creative writing competitions closed today and winners will be announced next week!



## 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).