



Papatoetoe West School

Together We Strive For Growth Through Learning

School wide newsletter

| Term 2

| 9 May 2025

Bike & Scooter Safety



We've had some recent concerns raised about unsafe bike riding on the footpaths outside school, particularly near the Station Road and Hillcrest Road crossings.

Please remind your child that bikes and scooters must be walked when near school gates, across crossings, and on footpaths where others are walking. This includes before and after school during busy pick-up and drop-off times.

Let's all work together to keep everyone safe around our kura.



2025 School Photos – Order Online Now

Your child's unique Key Code has been emailed to you by PhotoLife, allowing you to view and order their 2025 school photos online.

Please check your inbox—and your spam or junk folders—if you haven't seen the email yet.

 Free delivery is available for orders placed before midnight on Sunday, 25 May 2025.

PhotoLife

If you are unable to locate your child's Key Code, feel free to contact the school office. We have a master list and can assist with any queries.

From our Deputy Principal

Kia ora whānau,

We've had a fantastic start to Term 2, and it's been wonderful to see our tamariki diving into learning with such energy. Our new science inquiry, Living with Volcanoes – How did volcanoes shape New Zealand?, has sparked real excitement across the school.

Many classes have already enjoyed a visit from the Volcano Van, where they met experts and explored exciting science concepts up close. Some groups have also begun their trips to Maungakiekie (One Tree Hill), where students are seeing firsthand how volcanoes shaped the land around us. These learning experiences have been a real highlight and have brought our Earth systems inquiry to life.

We're looking forward to other year levels heading up Maungakiekie over the coming weeks as part of our school's inquiry cycle – Wonder, Explore, Search Further, and Take Action. It's been great to see students making connections and asking thoughtful questions. As part of our 'Be Innovative' goal, we're proud to offer learning that goes beyond the classroom. From science and sport to gardening and citizenship, these rich experiences help our tamariki grow into confident, curious learners.

To make the most of these opportunities, it's so important our ākonga are here every day, on time, and ready to learn. Thank you for continuing to support your child's learning journey.

Ngā mihi nui

Emma McKeown

Tumuaki Tuarua/Deputy Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

Week 3

Mon 12 May- Reading Together Parent Workshop #1 - 3 pm

Mon 12 May- Year 5/6 Maungakiekie Trip (Te Putiputi, R2,3,4)

Tues 13 May- NED Resiliency Ride show Y0-3 @9 am and Y4-6 @10 am

Wed 14 May- R9, 11, 31 & 35 Maungakiekie Trip

Wed 14 May - Y5/6 Writers Festival trip

Wed 14 May - Samoan Language week Fono 3pm

Thurs 15 May - Year 1 Maungakiekie Trip

Friday 16 May - Pink Shirt Day

Week 4

Mon 19 May - Year 5/6 Maungakiekie Trip (R5, 6 and Te Puāwaitanga)

Mon 19 May - Reading Together Workshop #2 - 3pm

Wed 21 May - R32, 33, 34, 36 Maungakiekie Trip

Thu 22 May- Y5/6 Sports Exchange vs Pap North

Week 5

Mon 26 May - Reading Together Workshop #3 - 3pm

Thursday 29 May - Y5/6 Sports Exchange vs Puhinui

Friday 30 May - Teacher Only Day - School Closed

Citizen Science Day on Friday 3 May to find out what is living in Kohuora Park (Bioblitz)



We learned how to measure the health of the stream.



We looked at ways we can monitor the type of pest predators that may be living in the Kohuora wetlands. We learned about ways to trap them so native species can survive



Pink Shirt Day
Friday 16 May 2025

FRIDAY 16 MAY 2025



JOIN THE MOVEMENT:
#PINKSHIRTDAYNZ



Speak UP
STAND TOGETHER
STOP BULLYING
KŌHĒRO MAI, KŌHĒRO ATU, MAURITU, MAURI ORA

Papatoetoe West School will be celebrating
Pink Shirt Day.

Students are encouraged to wear PINK.
This is a FREE non-uniform day, however, if students would like to donate to the Mental Health Foundation, these will be gratefully accepted.

Tautoko Our Support Staff – Green for Gratitude

Last Thursday, our staff wore green to show our appreciation for the incredible support staff who keep our kura running smoothly. Whether it's the quiet care they show for our tamariki or the way they help keep everything ticking behind the scenes, we simply couldn't do without them. They are taonga in our school community.

This gesture was part of a national campaign to acknowledge the vital role of support staff and kaiārahi i te reo, leading up to Support Staff Day on 16 May. As part of this, NZEI Te Riu Roa is gathering 20,000 signatures for an open letter that will be delivered to Parliament, calling for fair recognition and pay for these essential roles.

Want to show your support too?

👉 [Sign the open letter here!](#)



Let's stand together this May Day and show our support staff just how much they're valued.

Y5/6 Sports Exchange vs Kingsford

RUGBY REPORT

Our rugby teams made a fantastic start, securing a brilliant win against the visiting Kingsford primary school! From the whistle's first blow, our team showed incredible teamwork. We saw some amazing passes, with the ball zipping across the field like a lightning bolt. Our players kept their heads high and encouraged each other. What a fantastic example of playing hard and fair! Well done, Papatoetoe West school rugby team.



RESULTS:
Papatoetoe West 55

vs
Kingsford 10

Junior / Intermediates

RESULTS:
Papatoetoe West 20
vs
Kingsford 15

Seniors



Soccer Report:

Our Papatoetoe West Soccer teams showed fantastic enthusiasm and they continue to make great progress, even after a close match this week. Despite their best efforts, both teams faced narrow losses, but their determination never wavered. They played with real energy, showing great teamwork and a clear love for the game. The players supported each other throughout, demonstrating excellent sportsmanship. Go teams!

RESULTS:
BOYS SOCCER A
Papatoetoe West 1
vs
Kingsford 3

RESULTS:
GIRLS SOCCER A
Papatoetoe West 2
vs
Kingsford 3



SAMOAN FONG



LET'S TALANOAI COME ALONG TO PLAN FOR THE UPCOMING SAMOAN LANGUAGE WEEK. IF YOU HAVE ANY OTHER IDEAS TO SUPPORT THE LEARNING AND CULTURE OF OUR SAMOAN STUDENTS, WE'D LOVE TO HEAR THEM!

SE'I O TATOU TALANOAI SAU E FESOASOANI E FUAFUA MO LE VAIASO O LE GAGANA SAMOA. AFAI E IAI SOU MANATU E FESOASOANI I LE A'O'A'OINA MA LE AGANU'U O TAMAITI SAMOA, MATOU TE FIAFIA E FA'ALOGO I AI!

MAY 14
3PM

SWEET TREATS PROVIDED
ALONG WITH COFFEE AND TEA
rsvp: (or just come along)
debbiek@pap-west.school.nz

STAFFROOM



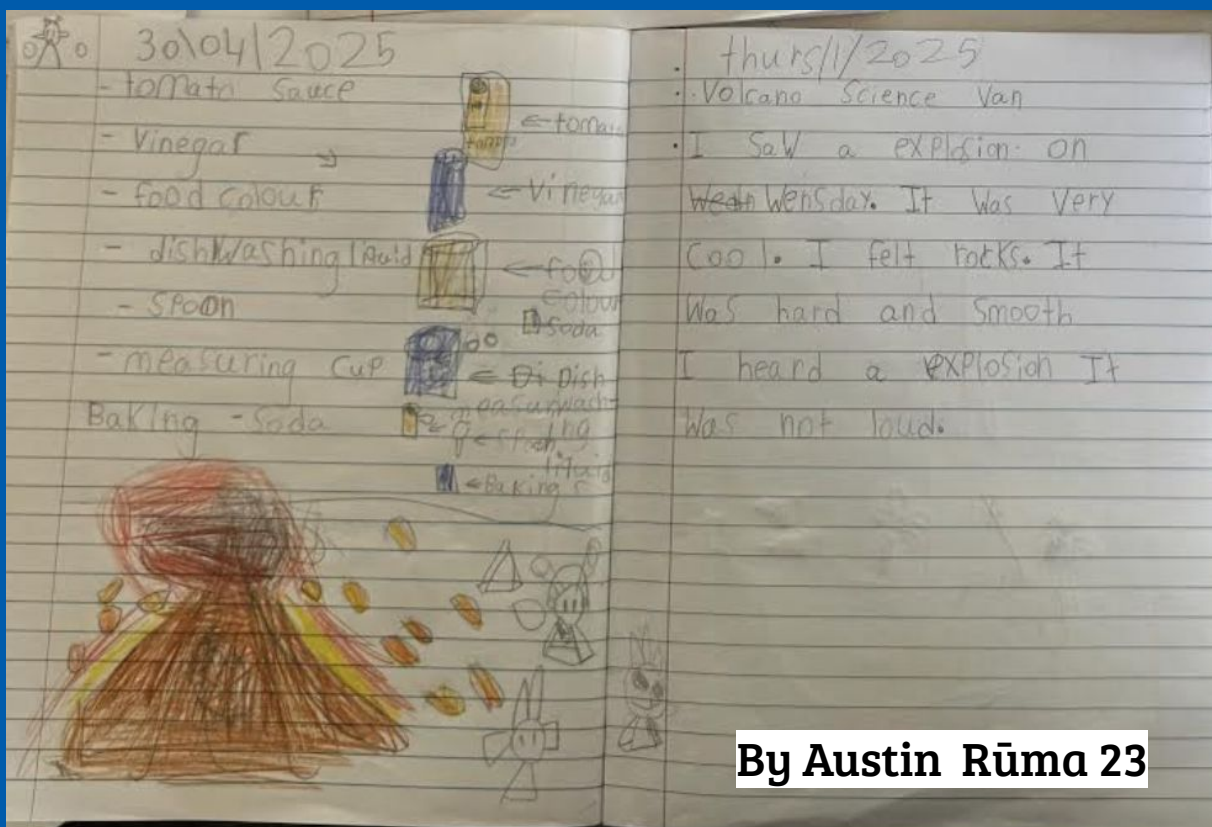
Kedgley Intermediate enrolments

For whānau of Year 6 students enrolling at Kedgley Intermediate next year —your tamariki will be bringing an enrolment form home next week.

Please note: these forms are not returned to us- they are to be returned directly to Kedgley along with all the required documents.

Year 3 learning update

The Year 3 team has started off the term with some exciting science learning at the Auckland Museums Volcano Van. They taught our tamariki about the earth's layers and how volcanoes are formed. Students loved holding different volcanic rocks and comparing them.



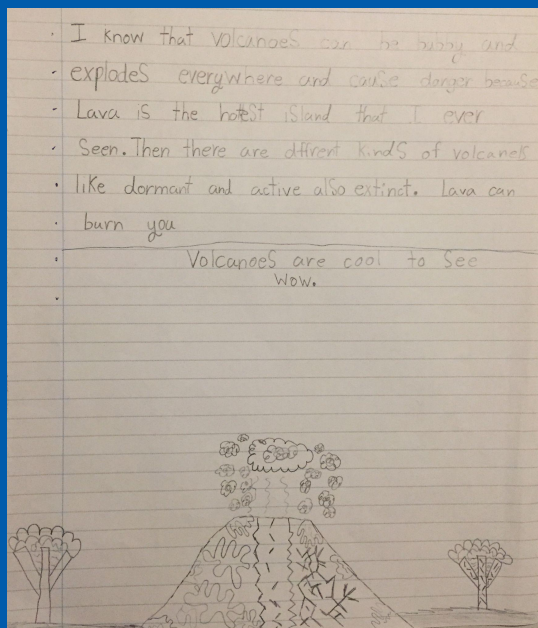
Year 3 learning update



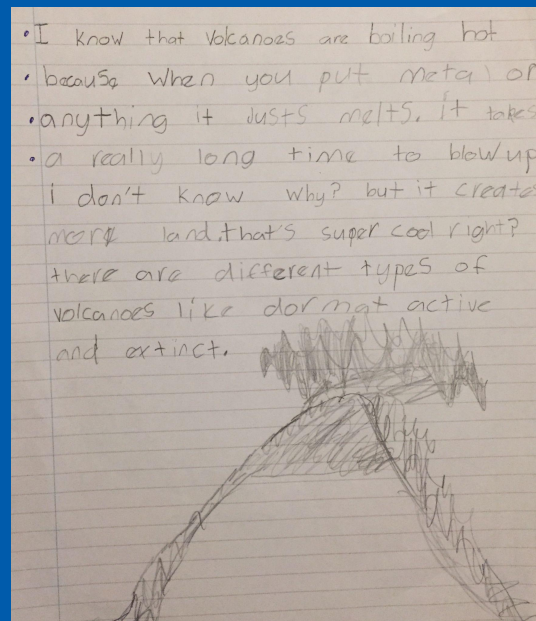
Students have enjoyed their first PE lessons of the term. This term we are focusing on large ball skills.



The Year 3's have been busy finishing their Mainfreight art competition on What I like to read.



By Charlotte Rūma 20



By Kevin Rūma 20