



Papatoetoe West School

Together We Strive For Growth Through Learning

Newsletter 7

| Term 2

| 10 May 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

Auckland Writers festival

Tuesday 14th May

Samoan fono

Wednesday 15th May 3pm

Reading Together programme

Thursday 16th May

Pink shirt day

Friday 17th May

Samoan language week

Monday 27th May - Thursday 30th May

Teacher Only Day (school closed)

Friday 31st May

From our Deputy Principal

Kia ora e te whānau,

We have had a wonderful start to Term 2 with lots of exciting learning happening around the school.

We have now all well and truly launched into our Science inquiry: Magical transformations. It is awesome to see all our tamariki thinking like scientists, and we are looking forward to seeing them engage in all the exciting experiments and scientific thinking throughout the term. I encourage you to talk to your child about their Science learning this term.

Speaking of transformation, the top court area of our school is currently half way through its transformation. The turf will be an amazing addition to our school grounds, and alongside our new canopy will allow us to hold events, sport and PE, rain or shine. I want to acknowledge our school board for their work in making sure these improvements happen in our kura. This project will enrich PE and other outdoor experiences for our tamariki on a daily basis.

School attendance remains a central focus for us as a kura. Please take note of the key messages sent out earlier this week, especially around Te Whatu Ora's advice of when it is safe to send your child to school. It's important following COVID that we understand the most up-to-date health advice.

We have several events and hui/fono coming up this term and it would be great to see as many of you as possible at these events.

Ngā mihi nui

Emma McKeown

Tumuaki Tuarua/Deputy Principal

Pink Shirt Day
Friday 17 May 2024

FRIDAY 17 MAY 2024



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.

The West Way

**Respect for
self**

**Respect for
others**

**Respect for
environment**

Science in a Van

Our tamariki got to experience Science in a van this week! This was an awesome experience and was a great launch into our inquiry topic for his term: Magical Transformations. We will be looking at the properties of materials and physical and chemical changes!



Performance Group Opportunities

To support the engagement of these groups, students have practices in a break time each week and some class time sessions.

Please encourage your child if they are interested in participating in these groups, to make the most of these opportunities.

A timetable has been sent out sharing the groups and times that are for each year level.



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Our password is: hillcrest



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 **PAPATOETOE WEST SCHOOL**

SAMOAN FONO

LET'S TALANOA! COME ALONG TO DISCUSS HOW WE CAN BEST SUPPORT THE LEARNING AND CULTURE OF OUR SAMOAN STUDENTS. WE WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSING AND PLANNING FOR THE UPCOMING SAMOA LANGUAGE WEEK

**MAY 15
3PM**

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



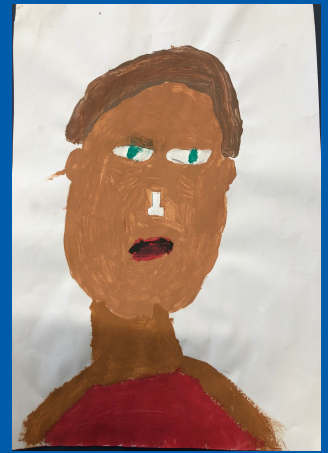
STAFFROOM



Gabriellah Room 21

YEAR 4

Our year 4 team have had an awesome term one with lots of learning and experiences. Here are some for the work that had been completed during term one

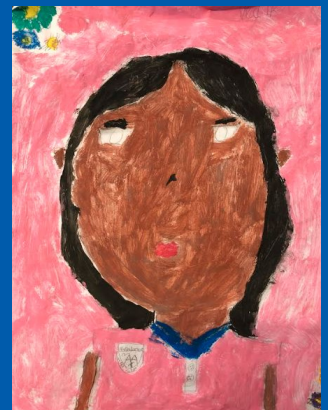


Joiah Room 21



Kendrick Room 21

Self portraits completed by children in their specialist art lessons taken by Miss West



Vedika Room 21

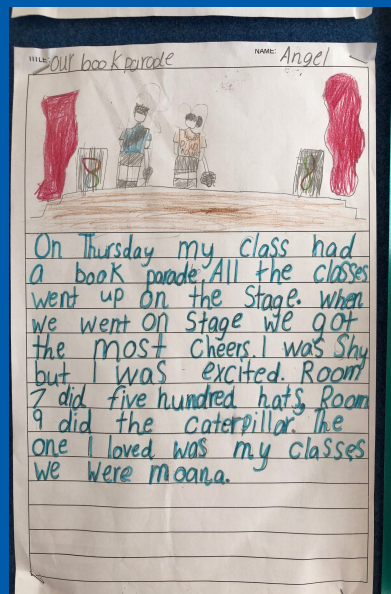


Papatoetoe Museum Visit

Yesterday we went to Papatoetoe Museum. There were two ladies named Christen and Bronwyn who showed us a lot of useful things and smart gadgets that I found really interesting and surprising.

The thing that made me most surprised was the huge Papatoetoe map. It showed my school in the 1980's. It was very different. By the way my school is Papatoetoe West School. On the map my school looked pretty small compared to now. The field was also a lot smaller compared to today. I guess it probably needed a while to grow its luscious green grass. The two ladies and my teacher even said that some of our grandparents, aunts and uncles might have gone to my school. Then I was also surprised at the butterchurn and how they made butter with it. Nowadays our butter is made from machines in the factory. The butterchurn was very rough and hard, inside the butterchurn people would put some cream and just a teensy bit of salt. They turned the handle on the side of the butterchurn until they got a creamy texture. After that they turned it even more and eventually the creamy texture would start hardening turning it into butter.

By Trisha



On Thursday my class had a book parade. All the classes went up on the stage. When we went on stage we got the most cheers. I was shy but I was excited. Room 7 did five hundred hats. Room 9 did the caterpillar. The one I loved was my class. We were moana.



Papatoetoe Museum Visit

When we went to the Papatoetoe Museum yesterday I saw a butter churn. They put cream from the top of milk, and salt from the sea in the butter churn. To get salt from the sea they put a special pot called a billy in the sea and filled it up with water. Then took it out and left it in the sun for a long time. Then they took the lid off and there was only the salt left. They put the milk and the salt in the butter churn and turned handle round and round. After a while they took the lid off. There they found the cream was turning into butter. They put the lid back on the butter churn and kept on turning it round and round. When it got harder to turn they took the lid off and there was some lovely butter. Nowadays we buy butter from the shops already made and wrapped in butter paper.

By Louisa

Above we have some recounts of our visit to the Papatoetoe Museum and also a piece of writing about our book parade

In term one our inquiry focus was on Migration. Changing places changing us. The year 4 children spent time learning about themselves and their families. They also produced some incredible work related to this inquiry. Here are few of the children's work.

Our Migration Story

My family is from... North India

In India

my family is known for Farming

My Mum travelled to Aotearoa in... 2012

Our family settled here in Aotearoa. Flat Bush/Auckland

Some of our stories include When my mum first came she struggled with the English language, she learnt to drive from her really good friend.

Now we live in 20 patetee/Auckland

and we're known for seeking cleaning/gardening and health care

My family's dreams and goals are... Being a healthcare assistant in Australia. Bringing parents to Australia.

They travelled here by Boeing 747 Aircplane

All the way from New Delhi India







Our Migration Story

My family is from... Mordabad

In India

my family is known for being good neighbours

My Mother and Father travelled to Aotearoa in... 2016

Our family settled here in Aotearoa. Auckland

Some of our stories include My mother came here to study and she got her visa and now we are all NZ residents.

Now we live in Papatoetoe

and we're known for our hard work and honesty

My family's dreams and goals are... live together and help each other.

They travelled here by acrpplane

All the way from India

Mordabad






Our Migration Story

My family is from... India

In _____

my family is known for caring and helping each other

My family travelled to Aotearoa in... Nov-2022

Our family settled here in Aotearoa. my mom and dad started work in NZ. My family came to NZ with her family

Some of our stories include my mom and dad started work in NZ. My family came to NZ with her family

Now we live in papatoetoe

and we're known for loving food caring

My family's dreams and goals are... best schooling and education for children, explore the country, go to visit to home country.

They travelled here by _____

All the way from India








TAONGA

Pet= dog

mum blue

DAD Kia

Food= KFC

Sports= Netball

AKORANGA

TEORVE





TAONGA

going to the McDonalds

WHANAU

AKORANGA

CHRISTIAN





More Inquiry posters work from the year 4 team

