



Papatoetoe West School

Together We Strive For Growth Through Learning

Newsletter 8

| Term 2

| 24 May 2024

TODAY'S LOCKDOWN PRACTICE

Today on 24 May, we practised our emergency procedures under the guidance of Harrison Tew®, who specialise in emergency management planning for schools and educational facilities.

The procedures we follow allow us to respond safely and quickly to a range of situations.

We are pleased to inform you that our practise today went very well with our students responding safely and calmly.

During the year we will continue to practise our emergency procedure exercises to ensure all staff and students remain familiar with them.

Should you become aware of a lockdown or an evacuation at the school, can I please ask that you do not attend the school or phone, as we will not be able to respond. Your presence or contact may make it more difficult for us or the emergency services to manage a situation.

Any information pertaining to an emergency occurring at the school will be updated on our website as regularly as possible.

We believe that it is important that we conduct regular practices for lockdowns and evacuations so that we can all be well prepared and familiar with our procedures should an emergency occur.

We thank you for your support.

From our Principal

Kia ora e te whānau,

It is hard to believe that we are almost at the halfway mark for this term!

Each year, as part of our review, we ask for feedback about our strategic goals and planning for the following year and then map out how we will work towards these goals.

One of our actions under our 'Be Innovative' goal is to provide a variety of learning experiences in and outside of the classroom.

We know that when children engage with learning and the world around them in different ways, it can have a positive impact on all areas of their development.

Physical education, Science, learning about nature, planting and gardening, participating in sport, learning how to be good citizens - all these experiences can help our children grow into well-rounded adults. We are all very proud of the way that the curriculum is delivered in our kura.

This newsletter showcases some of the exciting experiences our tamariki have been engaged in. As always, we appreciate your ongoing support in ensuring that your child is here on time, at school every day, and prepared for learning so they can make the most of these experiences.

Ngā mihi nui

Sandy Tritt
Tumuaki/Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

Samoan language week

Monday 27th May - Thursday 30th May
(Assembly Monday 11:45am)

Teacher Only Day (school closed)

Friday 31st May

Kings Birthday (school closed)

Monday 3rd June

Māori hui

Wednesday 5th June 3pm

Reading Together

Thursday 13th June



The West Way

Respect for self

Respect for others

Respect for environment

The West Way



Our PB4L lessons emphasize our core values of respect for self, others, and the environment. Each week, we will spotlight specific behaviours that foster a positive and supportive school atmosphere.

Through engaging discussions and activities, we aim to instill these values in our students, promoting a culture of respect and responsibility. We encourage parents and caregivers to reinforce these principles at home, creating a consistent and collaborative approach to our students' development.

Year 1s

- Knowing the play areas
- How to be a good friend
- How to use words when you dislike a situation

Year 2s:

- Kindness/anti-bullying
- Behaviour expectation on the field
- Respect for self- facing challenges and problem solving- issues round sports

Year 3s: :

- Physical contact- using safe hands
- How to be a good friend- sharing & listening
- Respect for self- responsibility for personal belongings

Year 4s:

- Solving problems in a positive way
- Use of equipment

Year 5/6s:

- Moving round the school respectfully
- Treating others with respect- dealing with different communication styles- relievers/SPEC teachers

Waste warriors & House points

We have introduced Waste Warriors to make house points extra exciting.. Each week a house is chosen to be Papatoetoe West's Waste Warriors for the week. Their mission; to ensure that our beautiful school remains clean and rubbish free. This highlights our value of Respecting the Environment. They can earn up to 50 bonus points and all they have to do is work together to pick up rubbish, and ensure it goes into the right bin. We also look out for students who use lunch boxes and other reusable packaging. This makes less waste!

Is your child a super Waste Warrior?

Bonus house points over the last couple

- Tui - 30 points
- Piwakawaka - 35 points





PAPATOETOE WEST SCHOOL

 **SAMOAN** 

LANGUAGE WEEK

 **27TH- 30TH MAY**

WE WILL BE CELEBRATING THE WEEK WITH 

BREKTIME ACTIVITIES - FIRST BREAK EVERYDAY
CLASSROOM LANGUAGE LEARNING
ASSEMBLY - MONDAY 11:45AM



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).

PINK SHIRT DAY '24

Pink Shirt Day

Last Friday we celebrated diversity and individuality by wearing Pink for the day. Pink Shirt Day recognises the acceptance of everyone and works toward eliminating bullying by promoting kindness and inclusion.

**Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu,
Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora**

Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!

Kindness Patrol

Our Student Council members patrolled the playground during 1st break looking for students being kind to each other and spreading the message of kindness around the school. One kind student was drawn from all the names in the box to win the prize.

Congratulations to Soraya from Rūma Toru!



Pink Disco

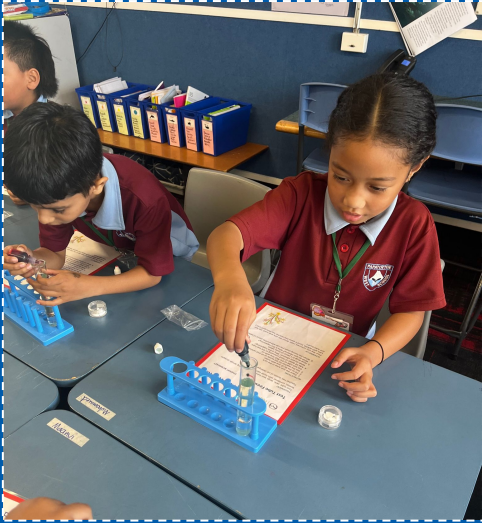
During first break, students were invited to a disco to celebrate Pink Shirt Day! There was a lot of music, dancing, laughing and fun! It was exciting to see everyone enjoying themselves and sharing the experience with their friends.



Year 3

We have been having a blast in Year 3 learning all about science!

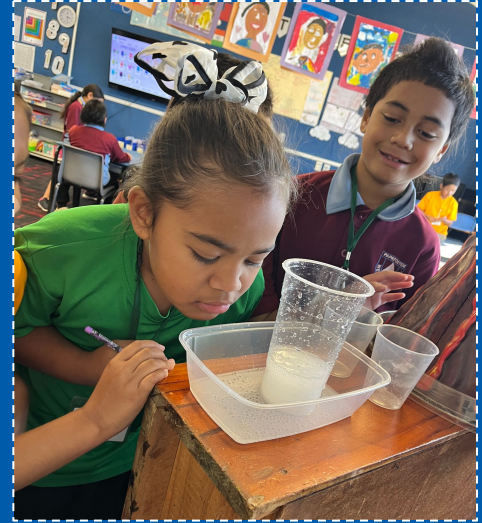
We have done so many fun and exciting experiments as we learn about the world around us!



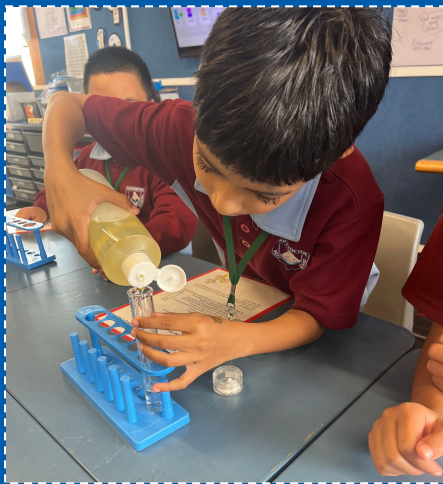
Kaiala Room 16



Hezekiah Room 16



Laylor and Lushions Room 16



Ruwaid Room 16

What is an Atom?

Well atoms are little things that make everything on Planet Earth. You can make atoms with protons, neutrons and electrons. A atom is small but you can't see it because it is really really small. So you have to use a special telescope to see.

Laekyn - Room 16

Did you know that atoms make up everything in the universe! Atoms are made from protons, neutrons and electrons.



Aavani, Mohammed, Zaviar, Lushions and Sione Room 16

Sosina - Room 16

Year 3 Out and About

Here are photos of our students from Rūma Tekau mā Waru (R18) and Rūma Tekau mā Iwa (Rm19) during their gymnastics session's at the Allan Brewster Leisure Centre and swimming lessons at Papatoetoe Centennial Pools.

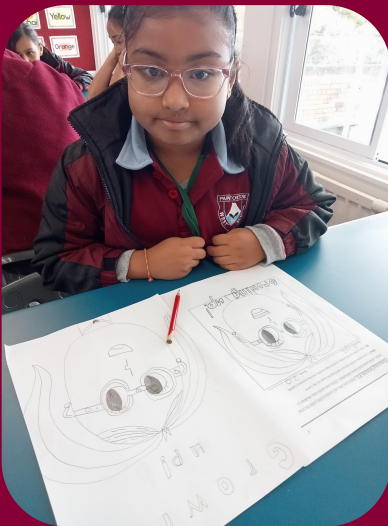


Our students receive expert training from Ray and his awesome colleagues for Mat, Beam and Box activities. All our students are enthusiastic from the time we leave the school to the time we return.



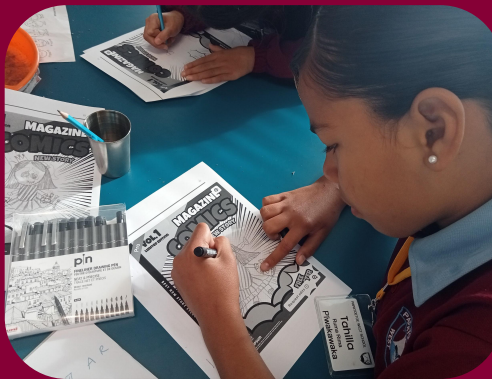
TERM 2 TOI (ART)

Comics are an art form that combines images and text to tell a story. Panels, which are independent frames that each represent a single image, are often used to present a story in a sequential manner. We have been reading a range of comics, researching David Riley's Heroes series and learning how to develop an idea for a comic book.



Riya, Rūma 20

I like colouring in my comic characters

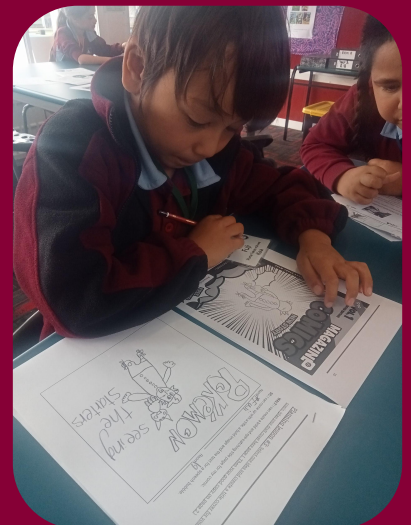


I am enjoying creating my comic

Fuji, Rūma 20

I am enjoying drawing and colouring my comic characters

Tahila Ruma 4



School attendance is extremely important! You receive a summary email of your child's attendance to date fortnightly. If there are unexplained absences please email office@pap-west.school.nz to explain the reason for absence. In our final newsletter this term we will share our school's attendance data.

FOR OUR YEAR 6 PARENTS:

Enrolments at Kedgley Intermediate are open to all IN ZONE and OUT OF ZONE FAMILIES





MANA KIDZ NURSE-LEAD CLINIC
PAPATOETOE WEST SCHOOL

SPECIAL FOR YOU

KEEP WINTER FIT

Who are we?
A free nurse-led health service based in the school.

What do we do?
Health assessments & if needed, free medicine.

When are we at school?
Weekly on WEDNESDAY 9-11am.

Will the Nurse contact me?
Yes, when your child is referred by the school to the clinic.

How can I contact the Nurse?
Free call on 0800 658326

What is the Nurse's name?
Falanisesi or Veronica

Check us Out!

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