

Papatoetoe West School

Together We Strive For Growth Through Learning

Newsletter 8

Term 2

7 June 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

Reading Together Programme (Final Session)

Thursday 13th June 3:30pm

Cook Islands parent meeting

Wednesday 19th June 3pm

Matariki Assembly (Kapa Haka roopu performing) Monday 24th June 11:45am

Matariki (school closed) Friday 28th June

Assembly (choirs & orchestra performing)
Monday 1st July 11:45am

Parent Teacher meetings (school finishes at 1:45pm on these days)

Tuesday 2nd July 2:15-7pm Wednesday 3rd July 2:15-6pm

Last day of term

Friday 5th July



From our Assistant Principal

Kia ora e te whānau

Wow! It is hard to believe that we are at the end of week 6 and have 4 more weeks left before the next holidays. We have packed so much learning into the last 6 weeks, both in and out of the classroom.

We have had our phenomenal new turf completed and had a successful ceremony on Tuesday, where our Kaumatua blessed the space and our wonderful junior and senior Kapa Haka roopu performed as part of the celebration. Our tamariki are very excited to be able to use this space now.

For those I haven't met, *Hello!* I have been at Papatoetoe West School for some time now. It is always a pleasure to see siblings coming through the gates of students I have taught over the years. Most recently, before becoming Assistant Principal, I was the Team Leader for the Year 5 & 6 for seven years, as well as the year 4 team and year 3 team previous to that. I love working with our tamariki and community, so feel blessed to be able to step into the role of Assistant Principal at Papatoetoe West School.

Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with my daughter (who also attended Papatoetoe West School) and my husband as well as extended family. Our puppy also takes up a lot of our time. As well as family, I also enjoy crafting, in particularly card making.

Last week we had a fabulous week celebrating the beautiful culture and language of Samoa. We had wonderful performances from our own Pasifika groups as well as a visiting group from Kedgley Intermediate.

This week we had our last senior sports exchange with Papatoetoe North before the tournament in week 8! We are very proud of the effort all our tamariki have put into their training sessions and their games!

Ngā mihi nui

Mrs Kelley Farley Tumuaki Kaiāwhina /Assistant Principal

The West Way

Respect for self

Respect for others

Respect for environment

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

Year 0

Moe - Te Kākano Kirt - Te Kākano



Year 1

Kiyaan - Rūma rua tekau mā whitu Jadrien - Rūma rua tekau mā waru Anayataveer - Rūma rua tekau mā iwa Charmaine - Rūma toru tekau

Year 2

Avisha - Rūma toru tekau mā tahi Azalia - Rūma toru tekau mā rua Haman - Rūma toru tekau mā toru Kevin - Rūma toru tekau mā wha Robert - Rūma toru tekau mā rima



Year 3

Laekyn -Rūma tekau mā ono Jonah - Rūma tekau mā whitu Aarohi - Rūma tekau mā waru Luciana - Rūma tekau mā iwa



Year 4

Jacob - Rūma tekau mā wha Riya - Rūma rua tekau Saane - Rūma rua tekau mā tahi Steven - Rūma rua tekau mā rua

Year 5/6

Nadia - Te Putiputi Kobe - Te Putiputi Vidushi - Rūma rua Ishaan - Rūma toru



Nam - Rūma wha Benson - Rūma rima Madiha - Te Puāwaitangi Ariigrace - Te Puāwaitangi





WELL DONE ON SHOWING THE WEST WAY



The school gates open at 8:15am. If you are unable to pick up your children between 2.55pm and 3.10pm, please contact SKIDS to arrange after school care (phone 0270107144)

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.

TURF INSTALLATION 2024

The last 7 weeks of turf installation have truly paid off. Just look at the transformation—amazing workmanship by Team Turf! This week, we had a beautiful blessing ceremony conducted by Matua Jeff, and supported by our kapa haka roopu. Thank you to the members of community who also came and supported.

The new turf is impressive, featuring 4 versatile courts: 2 designed for both netball and basketball, 1 for netball and kiorahi, and another for tapuwae and futsal. In addition, there is a soccer field across all 4 courts, providing ample space for soccer games. We've also included 2 hopscotch areas and 3 four square courts to ensure a variety of activities for our tamariki.

This new facility will be an incredible asset for our tamariki, offering them a diverse range of sports and activities. They have already started to enjoy it this week, and we look forward to seeing them make the most of this fantastic new space under our canopy.























Enviro learning & Garden to Table



In our Enviro Class with Mrs Pritchard the Year 3 students are learning about Insects and Minibeasts. Room 16 made nature pictures of insects using items we found outside in the garden. Some parts of the insect that were shown were: three body parts; head, thorax and abdomen, 6 legs, a pair of antennae and some had wings. It was great to use materials that we were able to put in the compost when we were finished.



Room 16 had a great afternoon in the sunshine and observing our Autumn garden.



Now that winter has arrived, we have jumped from Samoan Language Week into a week of recipes that nourish our bodies. Classes have been making warm Lemon, Honey and Ginger syrup, crunchy Kale chips and Sweet Kawakawa Shortbread.All of the ingredients from our garden this week give us vitamins and nutrients to help us stay well.













Year 5&6 Update - Science and Motatl

SCIENCE

Our Year 5 and 6 students have been loving their science learning over the duration of the term. It has been hands on, fun and interactive.

Students have been learning all about states of matter, as well as changes, some reversible and irreversible.

It has been awesome to see everyone get involved and make the most of the change of learning for the term! Well done senior students!











MOTAT TRIP







A group of 60 Year 5 and 6 students were incredibly lucky to experience a STEM trip to MOTAT.

They had explored the museum with curiosity and learned about transportation and technology from the past.

The students also attended an educational session that got them engaged in developing ideas and prototypes for a flooding scenario.

Thank you Project WY and MOTAT for this amazing opportunity for our tamariki!

SAMOAN LANGUAGE WEEK

Talofa Lava

Thank you to everyone who came and joined in our daily activities. A special thank you to the parents who supported our children in sharing their knowledge of the Samoan culture.















