



Papatoetoe West School

Together We Strive For Growth Through Learning

School wide newsletter

| Term 2

| 20 June 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thur 26 June - Science learning showcase-
Sharing of learning in classes from 2:30 pm

Fri 27 June - Performance assembly-
POSTPONED TO NEXT TERM

Fri 27 June - Last day of Term 2

Term 3

Mon 14 July - First day of Term 3

Mon 14 - Fri 18 July - Scholastic Book Fair

Tues 15 July 2:15 - 7pm - Parent teacher
meetings (school finishes at 1:45 pm)

Wed 16 July 2:15 - 6 pm - Parent teacher
meetings (school finishes at 1:45 pm)

Fri 25 July - Performance Assembly 11:45am
Performances by:

- Y6 band
- Senior choir performing
- School-wide singing of our volcano song
backed up by the Lava band.

SCIENCE



LEARNING SHOWCASE

THURSDAY 26TH JUNE

2:30PM



OUR TAMARIKI WOULD LOVE IT IF YOU COME AND
SEE WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN LEARNING. ALL
CLASSROOMS WILL BE OPEN FOR VISITORS!

From our Assistant Principal

Kia ora e te whānau,

What a joy it was to celebrate Samoan Language Week together! A heartfelt thank you to our Samoan community for your incredible support, presence, and contributions throughout the week - your involvement made it truly special for our tamariki.

We were proud to hold our very first Hautapu Ceremony to mark Matariki. This special celebration took place on Wednesday morning at 6am, and it was heartwarming to have our whānau join us as we honoured this significant time in the Māori calendar. Our Kapa Haka rūpū performed beautiful waiata that added to the mana of the occasion.

Throughout the week, our tamariki have also been learning more about Matariki through a range of wonderful hands-on activities thoughtfully planned by our teachers. It has been a meaningful and inspiring way to deepen our understanding of this important time together.

We're excited to share the incredible learning that's been happening across the school around volcanoes at our culminating event in Week 9. The curiosity, creativity, and knowledge our students have shown is something we can't wait to celebrate with you.

Looking ahead to Term 3, our parent-teacher meetings will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday of Week 1. Booking information will be sent out shortly. Please note lessons will finish at 1:45pm on both of those days. A letter will come home soon for you to indicate whether your child can be released/picked up early or remain at school until the usual 2:55pm finish. For safety reasons, no students can leave early without written permission.

We're also thrilled to be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair in Week 1! The Wonderhub will be open on the afternoon and evening of parent-teacher meetings for whānau to pop in, browse, and purchase. During the week, classes will visit the Wonderhub, and students will be able to create their own wishlists to bring home and share with you. It's a great opportunity to celebrate reading and build excitement around books!

Ngā mihi,
Kelley Farley

Social Worker (SWiS)

This a free service available to our children and their whānau here at Papatoetoe West School. Please feel free to contact our school SWiS (Sachi) through the Office, or by one of the following phone 027 702 7987 or email swis@pap-west.school.nz or sachim@atwc.org.nz

SWiS service help support whanau with housing, work and income entitlements, advocacy, food support and referrals to community services and organisations.

Sachi supports many of our families so please don't hesitate to reach out!



Mid year reporting

New Zealand introduced a refreshed English and Maths curriculum at the end of last year. Here at our school, this has been a major professional learning focus for 2025. Since Term 1, our teachers have been planning and teaching in line with the new curriculum, supported by ongoing professional development.

However, for now, assessments and reporting will continue to be based on the previous curriculum. The Ministry of Education has assured us that more detailed guidance around assessment and reporting for the refreshed curriculum will be provided later in the year.

As we approach end-of-year reporting, we will update you on whether we have received this guidance in time to align reporting with the new curriculum.

Parent Teacher Meetings will be held in the first week of next term, and at this meeting you will receive your child's mid-year report.

Information about how to book will come home in a paper notice early next week. Bookings will be made via our Skool Loop app.

EARLY PICK UP?

Picking up your child early interrupts valuable learning time and puts pressure on staff.

OUR POLICY

Frequent early pick-ups will be flagged and will result in a meeting with Senior Management, where a plan for improvement will be developed.

Full school days help me thrive!



At our kura, we are committed to maximising learning time and minimising disruptions for all tamariki. We kindly ask that early pickups are kept to a minimum, and only used when genuinely necessary.

If you do need to collect your child early- particularly during break times (interval or lunch)- please phone the office in advance. This helps us ensure your child is ready and waiting, rather than being called over the loudspeaker or searched for during busy times, which can be especially challenging when students are outdoors.

We've also noticed an increase in early pick-ups close to the end of the day- sometimes with only 20-30 minutes remaining. On wet days in particular, this creates additional pressure for our office staff who are already supporting a busy school of 700 students. While we completely understand that whānau have work, appointments, and other responsibilities, we ask for your understanding that we simply cannot provide this level of individual service for everyone on a regular basis.

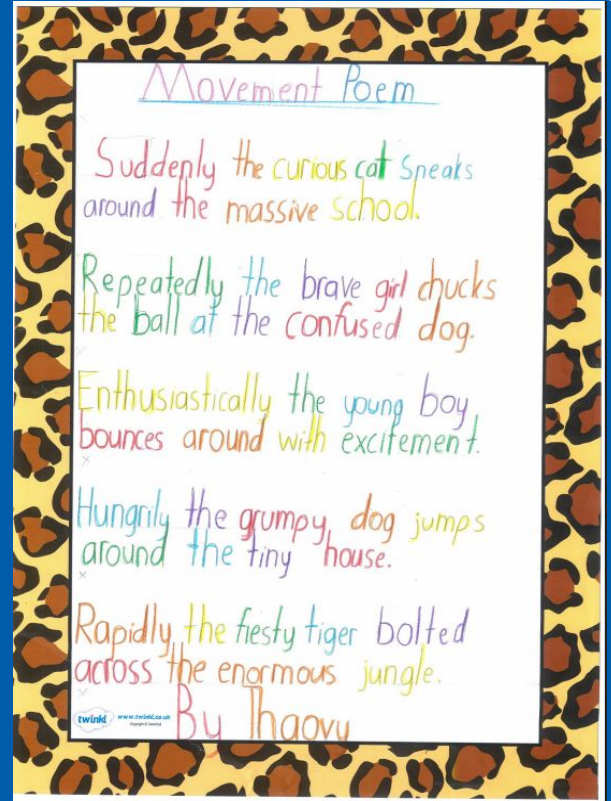
Please be mindful that frequent early pick-ups not only interrupt your child's learning but also create a ripple effect across the class and school systems. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us keep the focus on learning right through to the end of the day.

YEAR 5/6 WRITERS!!!

Waking up for Eid prayer

3 weeks ago it was the second eid of the year. The first Eid is for enjoyment, partying, and praying. The second is for killing lambs, Why do we kill them you may ask? We kill them for appreciation that we have lambs in our world.

On friday 3 weeks ago, my dad and I went to Onehunga mosque. We took a shower in the morning at 5 AM, We then ate and left for the mosque. We prayed with a lot of other people. We prayed for around 30 minutes until we left and ate a date on the way out because it was free for the muslims. By Ayn



Vomiting lava blasting out of this volcanic crater

Orange, redish lava flowing

Loud explosion sounds

Cloudy smoke filling the air into the rivers below

As never ending lava seeps

Nature's power forces going wild

Once all is gone ash covers the land

By Bernice Ruma Rima/5

My Heart Pounded

My heart pounded as I stood on the stage in front of everyone. My face was as red as a tomato, and I could feel salty sweat dripping down my forehead. Butterflies filled my stomach. I felt like running out of the hall, but my legs were stuck to the ground, almost like I was standing on a spider's web. Whispers from the crowd filled my ears, like the humming of bees. My palms were a bit shaky, but luckily, my mom was there, comforting me the whole way through. I could never have done it without her. By Theresa

The ocean waves were crashing onto the shore. It was a lovely hot, sunny morning, I had to do six shows mid-day. Rarely the SeaWorld staff let me out to the ocean before my shows but today I was lucky to hunt. They opened the gate that led to the ocean and I splashed under the water.

I was craving some delicious fish, I looked and turned around and to my surprise in front of my eyes there was some coral moving. I was curious, so I lifted the coral up with my two tiny wide bright fins. "WHOA!" I said overjoyed.

There were a handful of small blue fish waiting for me. I quickly tried to chomp them up with my wide white mouth as the fish tried to swaddle away. My trainer called me back.

"My trainer was lucky to train one of the smartest animals in the World" I thought to myself. She threw some Ice into my mouth as I gobbled it up. I swayed my tail left and right while swimming back to Seaworld. I performed my "amazing" shows, and my owner was talking about how I'm one of the most smartest animals in the world. I was doing so many tricks, and everyone was cheering me on. After my shows, I slept underwater for three minutes, but I was out of air so I came up for oxygen.

That was my tiring day and did you guess what animal I am? Arusha Rm 6

4 WAYS TO STAY HEALTHY DURING WINTER



Call 0800 658326 ManaKidz for more tips.
*If you're unwell please call the HEALTHLINE 0800 611 116

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STAY WARM

Make sure you are wearing clothes to keep you warm such as:

- Sweater/Jacket
- Long pants
- Socks/Closed shoes



STAY HYDRATED

Although it may be cold, it is important to stay hydrated.

Drink at least 3 cups of Water a day!



KEEP YOUR HANDS CLEAN

- Wash before and after meals
- Wash after using the bathroom
- Keep your nails short and clean



COUGHING & SNEEZING TIPS

- Use a tissue
- Into your upper arm or elbow
- Use the front of your t-shirt over your mouth and nose

(It is advised that you stay home if you have these symptoms)



Check with your Healthcare provider if you are eligible for a FREE Flu Vaccination!



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Mānawatia a MATARIKI

This year marked a very special moment in our kura's journey with Matariki - we held our very first Hautapu Ceremony at dawn.

Starting at 6am on Wednesday 18th June, our school whānau gathered together in the dark of morning to welcome the Māori New Year in a truly meaningful way. Our Hautapu Ceremony followed tikanga guided by Te Wānanga o Aotearoa's Te Iwa o Matariki framework, with karakia led by students and kaiako, heartfelt acknowledgements of our loved ones who have passed, and wishes made for the year ahead. As steam rose from our shared hautapu (sacred food offering), so too did the hopes and memories of our community - a powerful and emotional moment that brought us closer together.

After the ceremony, everyone was welcomed into the hall for warm soup, bread, and fried bread, lovingly prepared by staff and helpers. Wishing and remembrance stars were pinned to our display boards, reflecting the dreams and aroha of our community.

Throughout the week, tamariki across the school took part in rich learning experiences connected to Matariki. These included:

- Exploring the stories and significance of the nine stars.
- Learning traditional Māori games like whai (string games), ruru (knucklebones) and tītī tōrea (stick games), which promote agility, coordination, and connection.
- Learning waiata connected to the stars of Matariki, helping tamariki deepen their understanding of the meanings behind each star while celebrating through music and reo.

Our Matariki week finished on a high with a stunning kapa haka performance by both our junior and senior roopu and the sharing of waiata honouring the season.

Ngā mihi nui to all our kaiako, whānau, and student leaders who helped bring this celebration to life. We are proud to honour Matariki in a way that strengthens our identity as a bicultural, inclusive and future-focused kura.

Intermediate School enrolments

Your Y6 child should have brought home a Kedgley or Papatoetoe Intermediate enrolment form. These aren't returned to us but are returned to the intermediate school.

We have spare Kedgley enrolment forms in the office if you require one.

Safety – Please Park Considerately

We've received complaints from community members about parents parking in private car parks at the Burger King and Gull during pick-up and drop-off times. There have also been ongoing concerns about cars parked on yellow lines.

Please remember that these are private car parks, and parking there causes disruption for customers and deliveries.

We ask that you support a safe and respectful environment by:

- Parking only in legal spaces, including further down Hillcrest Road
- Using the Panthers carpark, which provides safe parking for school whānau
- Avoiding yellow lines, footpaths, and private business car parks

Auckland Transport and Community Police do make unannounced visits and may issue fines for unsafe or illegal parking.

Thank you for helping us keep our tamariki safe and our relationships with local businesses strong.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY BAKING CHALLENGE

HAVE YOU GOT WHAT IT BAKES?

- ✓ Learn to bake 3 delicious recipes these school holidays.
- ✓ FREE fun from the comfort of your own home.
- ✓ \$350 worth of prizes to give away!
- ✓ Suitable for all ages and skill levels.

Mon 7th to Wed 9th July

REGISTER NOW:

www.bakewithme.co.nz/schoolholidaybaking



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Do you have a sore throat?

If you do, please visit your Mana Kidz Nurse at school or visit your GP
This is how we can treat it...



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FOR MOST PEOPLE

Antibiotics are not necessary, as sore throats are often caused by viruses and get better on their own.



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SUPPORTIVE CARE (FOR ALL SORE THROATS)

- Rest, fluids, and throat soothing remedies (lozenges or warm salt water gargles)
- Pain relief like paracetamol



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WHEN TO TREAT WITH ANTIBIOTICS

Antibiotics are recommended for people at high risk of rheumatic fever who test +ve for Group A Strep.



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TYPICAL ANTIBIOTIC TREATMENT

- Bicillin or Amoxicillin is usually prescribed. Standard 10 day course or injection to fully clear the bacteria and prevent complications even if symptoms improve earlier!

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