



Papatoetoe West School

Together We Strive For Growth Through Learning

School wide newsletter

| Term 2

| 28 June 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon 14 July - First day of Term 3

Tues 15 & Wed 16 July - Scholastic Book Fair

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

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

Fri 18 July Whakatau 12:30pm

Wed 23 July Cook Island parent meeting 3pm

Fri 25 July Performance Assembly 11:45 am

Wed 10th Sept - 2025 School Board Elections

The School Board Election Date will be Wednesday 10th September 2025.

More information will be sent out via email.

SCHOOL DATES 2025

Please see below for remaining school dates and note that our second Ministry Teacher Only Day has been set by the Board as Friday 12th September.

TERM 3	
Number of weeks	10
Term dates	Monday 14 July to Friday 19 September
School closed	Teacher Only Day- Friday 12th September
School holidays	Saturday 20 September to Sunday 5 October
TERM 4	
Number of weeks	11
Term dates	Monday 6 October to Tuesday 16 December
School closed	Public holiday- Labour Day- Monday 27 October

From our Principal

As we wrap up Term 2, I want to acknowledge the incredible learning, creativity, and connection we've seen across the school. From classroom achievements to Matariki celebrations and sporting events, our tamariki continue to make us proud.

Thank you to our hardworking staff, supportive whānau, and wonderful students for another great term.

Our teachers have been working hard on assessments and report writing, ready to share your child's progress with you. We're looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at parent meetings early next term.

Wishing everyone a safe and restful break, we look forward to seeing you back for an exciting Term 3.

Ngā mihi,

Mrs Sandy Tritt
Tumuaki / Principal

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

 Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th July
 2:15PM- 7PM 2:15PM-6PM
 At School

You'll get your **child's report** and have a chance to talk about their learning, progress, and next steps. Booking details were sent home in a paper notice this week and are also attached again at the end of this one.

BOOK NOW!!!!



Music update

This term, our tamariki have continued to be immersed in joyful and engaging music lessons that nurture both their creativity and confidence. Through playful singing games, students have explored pitch, melody, and musical expression in fun, interactive ways that promote both individual participation and group harmony.



They've also been learning to recognise and create rhythm using a range of simple percussion instruments, developing their timing, coordination, and ability to follow patterns. These hands-on experiences not only build musical skills but also enhance students' focus, memory, and collaboration.

Beyond classroom time, our Block 3 and break time programmes have continued to thrive. Tamariki have enjoyed the chance to be part of our vibrant Performing Choir. Our ukulele Club has also been strumming along with enthusiasm, giving students a chance to develop instrumental skills in a relaxed and supportive setting.



Looking ahead to early next term, we are excited to showcase the fruits of this learning journey in a special performance assembly. Our senior choir, a small student band, and our fabulous Year 6 Tironui Trust musicians will all take the stage, alongside some whole-school singing connected to our Term 2 science inquiry. Ka mau te wehi – it's going to be a great showcase of their mahi from Term 2!





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COOK ISLANDS PARENT MEETING

KIA ORĀNA! COME ALONG TO SHARE AND DISCUSS HOW WE CAN BEST SUPPORT THE LEARNING AND CULTURE OF OUR COOK ISLAND STUDENTS. WE WILL ALSO BE TALKING ABOUT AND PLANNING FOR THE UPCOMING LANGUAGE WEEK

JULY 23 COOK ISLAND TREATS COFFEE AND TEA
3PM rsvp: (or just come along)
tupui@pap-west.school.nz

GATE 2, STAFFROOM



PB4L update



Here at Papatoetoe West, we show respect by using kind words, making positive choices, managing ourselves, and working together as a team. These values are at the heart of everything we do, helping to create a safe, inclusive, and caring school environment for all.

Through our PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) lessons, our tamariki have been learning helpful strategies to solve problems, build strong friendships, and show our school values in all areas of learning and play—inside the classroom, out in the playground, and everywhere in between.

These are just some of the ways we earn tokens—by demonstrating positive behaviour, showing respect to others, and helping make our school a place where everyone feels safe and supported.

Congratulations to this term's winning house!



PIWAKAWAKA

Your positive behaviour, teamwork, and school spirit have earned you the top spot.

Your prize will be awarded in the first week of Term 3. Ka rawe - we're so proud of your efforts!

Year 0/1

Room 26 Explores Volcanoes!

Students in Room 26 have been learning all about volcanoes through their inquiry topic. As part of their learning, they created stunning volcano paintings using bold colours and textures. Alongside their artwork, students have been sharing interesting facts—did you know some volcanoes are active, dormant, or extinct? One fun fact they discovered: Auckland is built on a volcanic field made up of over **53 volcanoes**—including Mount Eden and Rangitoto Island!



Rūma 27's Explorers at Kohuora Park

Room 27 had a wonderful opportunity to learn more about our adopted Kohuora Park, guided by environmentalist Frazer. The students took part in a fun scavenger hunt and used binoculars to spot native birds and plants around the park. They also learned how to keep Kohuora Park clean and care for the environment. Outdoor learning is always fun and motivating!



Rūma 28 New learning experiences

We have been making new friends while we learn. We have loved celebrating the cultural weeks and seeing performances in the hall. In our class we make learning fun!



Rūma 29 - Learning with Rakau Sticks for Matariki

As part of our Matariki learning, our class explored *tītī tōrea* — a traditional Māori stick game. We used wooden sticks (*tītī*) to learn patterns, actions, and rhythm while singing the waiata *E Papa Waiari*. These games were once used by Māori to help improve coordination and teamwork. The tamariki loved the challenge of keeping in time and working together!



Rūma 30 - Volcano Models of Tamaki Makaurau

Based on Jaime's model that she designed herself at home, Rūma Toru Tekau made mini volcanoes to demonstrate how the volcanoes have changed our landscape in Tamaki Makaurau. We are so glad that 52 of Auckland's volcanoes are extinct and Rangitoto is dormant. Thanks Jaime for the inspiration.



TE KAKANO (Rūma 9 & 11)

Tamariki in both classes have had an awesome term of learning about volcanoes around the Auckland area. The trip to Maungakiekie was filled with wonder, chatter and laughter. Little legs were tired by the time they worked up and down the maunga. Exploring the different rocks that were brought into school by the Auckland Museum, Volcano in a Van prompted questions and lively discussions. Touching the rocks made the learning real for them.



Parent / Teacher Meetings

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Please tick all the appropriate boxes

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Students moving to Rūma 25 will still have meetings with Whaea Debbie or Whaea Nikki, along with Miss Shah. Please book your meeting with Whaea Debbie (Rūma 9) or Whaea Nikki (Rūma 11).

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