



Papatoetoe West School

Together We Strive For Growth Through Learning

School wide newsletter

Term 3

12 July 2025

Items your child needs to bring to school...

Stationery

It's important your child has their stationery so that they have what they need to participate in class. Please look at our website with what you need for each year level if you are new to the school.

Book bag (YO-3 only)

Students should bring their book bag each day



Drink bottle

Please ensure that your child has a **NAMED** drink bottle. In this weather it is important to keep hydrated.



PE Shirts (Y3-6 only) House Teams

You will notice the purchase of a T-shirt is on the stationery list, which can be purchased at school for \$19.50.

Zero-waste healthy snacks

Snacks that shouldn't be brought to school:

Snack or large packets of chips
Whole packets of biscuits
Fruit strings/sticks/roll-ups
Drinks other than water



We are working hard to reduce waste at our kura. If students bring a snack for their second break, we ask that it is **zero-waste**.

This means:



- Using **reusable containers** instead of throwaway packaging.
- Buying snacks in bulk and packing smaller amounts at home.

Some suggestions for zero-waste healthy snacks:

Fruit
Vegetables e.g. carrot sticks, broccoli, cucumber

Rice crackers

Mini muffins

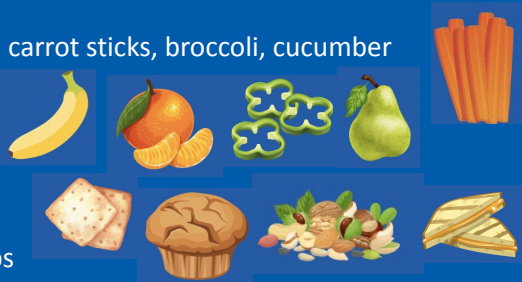
Popcorn

Small rice dish

A sandwich

Vegetable crisps

Trail mix, Nuts and seeds



Students need to bring home any rubbish left over from their lunches. This supports our goal to

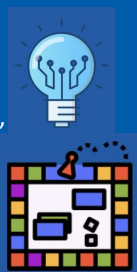
'Be Sustainable', which we know is important to our community. Thank you for helping us with this kaupapa.

Term 3 Inquiry: Technology in our place.

Our big question is: A Place We Stand – How can we improve an area of our school using technology?

Tamariki will begin with a mini-inquiry, designing board games to help make wet break times more fun, inclusive, and enjoyable. From there, they'll shift to solving real problems in our kura.

Students will explore areas of our school that could be improved using technology to strengthen our sense of connection and belonging. They'll brainstorm, survey others, and develop evolving design briefs to guide their ideas.



Following our WEST inquiry cycle (Wonder, Explore, Search Further, Take Action), they'll test, get feedback, and refine their designs.

This inquiry encourages creativity and real-world problem solving that directly impacts our school community. We're excited to see what our tamariki learn and discover. Watch this space!



Upcoming events

Mon 14 July - First day of Term 3

Tues 15 & Wed 16 July - Scholastic Book Fair Open during Parent Teacher meetings

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 18 July Whakatau 12:30 pm

Wed 23 July Cook Island parent meeting 3pm

Fri 25 July Performance Assembly 11:45 am
Performances by: Y6 band, Senior choir

Wed 10th Sept - 2025 School Board Elections
The School Board Election Date will be Wednesday 10/9/25. More information will be sent out via email

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



PIWAKAWAKA (yellow) house was the top house for Term 2. They have a free non-uniform day and a disco Week 1 Thursday 17th July.

PERSONAL BALLS

STUDENTS ARE ALLOWED TO BRING THEIR OWN TO NAMED BALLS PLAY WITH DURING BREAK TIME.

Students cannot bring other toys to school.



PAPATOETOE WEST SCHOOL



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

3PM

COOK ISLAND TREATS COFFEE AND TEA

rsvp: (or just come along)
tupui@pap-west.school.nz

GATE 2, STAFFROOM



sKIDS



After School Care now at a reduced price.

Affordable, quality care, right where you need it at Papatoetoe West Primary School!

OSCAR Subsidy also available. Call us on 0800 274 172 for more information.

Rise then Shine
7 am to 8:30 am,
just \$7!

Stay and Play
3 pm to 6 pm,
just \$17!



Secure your spot for Term 2 today! sKids.co.nz

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!!!



Term 2 attendance

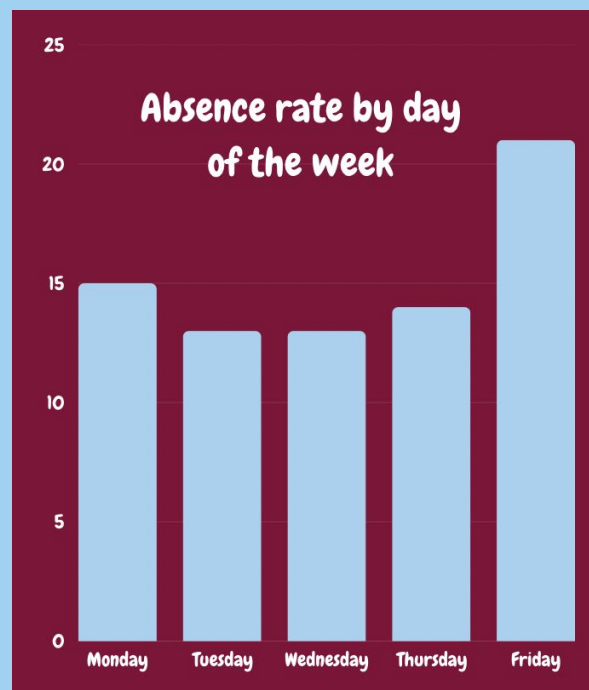
Rate of attendance	Number of Students attending	Percentage of students attending
Regular attendance (90+%) Excellent work	350	50%
Irregularly absent (80-90%) Goal: Get to 90+%	172	24%
Moderately absent (70-80%) Goal: Get to 80+%	84	12%
Chronically absent (Less than 70%) Huge concern	100	14%

Our daily attendance rate across the

term was **82%**

Every day we have **4%** of our tamariki unaccounted for (i.e. they are absent and we don't know why). This means they will be regarded as truant. It is most appreciated if we know of a child's absence in advance (the best way is to use the skool-loop app to inform us of absence).

We're observing a concerning trend of higher absenteeism on Fridays. This suggests families extending weekends which is a pattern we want to stop!



We appreciate the improved efforts everyone is making to get their children to school. However, we still have a long way to go.

Please keep this up - wind, rain or shine! We understand some life happens, and some things are outside of our control but we love our tamariki to be at school every day they can- this benefits them socially and academically!

We have seen great success with sending the fortnightly update of student absences so will continue this initiative throughout the year. A reminder, if we already have reasons for absences listed already you don't need to reply to us (it's still good for you to read the email though as a way of monitoring your own child's attendance at school).

Staffing update

We're excited to share that Naaila Shah will be opening a new Year 0/1 class - Rūma 25 - at the start of Term 3. It's been a joy to see our reception tamariki grow in confidence, and now see many move to a new class. We are looking forward to welcoming many new learners at the start of the term. We also welcome Priya Kadian who will be teaching in Rūma 14 for Term 3.



PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

At our kura, cultural groups are a valued part of school life—celebrating identity, building performance skills, and engaging tamariki in the arts through waiata and dance.

By now, students have had the opportunity to try out a group and should have made a commitment. The focus this term is on following through—attending practices regularly and showing dedication as they prepare for performances later in the year.

Most cultural group meets once a week during break time for practice and fortnightly during an afternoon block. Students need to be prepared to attend both the break time and class time practices.

We're mindful that students also need unstructured time to play and recharge, so we encourage tamariki to choose only the groups they can realistically commit to. Each extra group adds an extra practice to their week, and we want to help them maintain a healthy balance.

Please note, students who do not attend practices consistently may not be able to take part in upcoming performances, as it's important they feel confident and ready as part of the group.















A timetable of break time practices is included with this pānui so you can help your child remember when their group meets.

Ngā mihi nui for your continued support!











What's on at Break Time - Term 3

What's on today - Y5 & 6









	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1st break	Enviro team garden/39 		Tironui Band Practice (as per lesson timetable) 	Y5/6 Kapa Haka roopu Performing arts room  Ms Evans	Y5/6 Pasifika group in the hall  Mrs Latham
2nd break	Student Leaders -  Health Team Miss Loh and Mrs Tania		Y3-6 Choir  Mr Jan		Y5/6 Indian dance Performing arts room Whaea Elisha 
3rd block (odd week)		Y5/6 Kapa Haka roopu Hall  Ms Evans	Y5/6 Indian dance group Hall  Whaea Elisha		Y5/6 Choir Music room  Mr Jan
3rd block (even week)		Y5/6 Kapa Haka roopu Hall  Ms Evans	Y5/6 Pasifika group in the hall Mrs Latham 	Y3-6 Ukulele Mr Jan Music Room 	Y5/6 Kapa Haka roopu Hall  Ms Evans

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What's on today - Y3 & 4

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1st break					
2nd break		Y3-4 Indian group  Mrs Devi	Y3-6 Choir Music Room  Mr Jan	Y3-4 Kapa Haka Te Kakano  Whaea Debbie	
3rd block (odd week)			Y3-4 Kapa Haka Hall  Whaea Debbie		
3rd block (even week)		Y3-4 Pasifika group Performing Arts room  Mrs Ezekiel and Ben	Y3-4 Indian group  R36 Mrs Devi	Y3-4 Pasifika group Performing Arts room  Mrs Ezekiel and Ben	Y3-4 Choir Music Room  Mr Jan

What's on today - Y1&2

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1st break		Choir Y1-2 Music Room - Mr Jan 		Y1-2 Pasifika group Hall  Whaea Jess & Mrs Venu	
2nd break	Y1-2 Indian group Hall  Mrs Kaur				Y1-2 Kapa Haka Hall  Mrs Riggs, Miss West, Mrs Dalziel & Mrs Hickton
3rd block (odd week)			Choir Y1-2 Music Room - Mr Jan 		Y1-2 Pasifika group Hall  Whaea Jess & Mrs Venu
3rd block (even week)			Y1-2 Kapa Haka Music room  Mrs Riggs, Miss West, Mrs Dalziel & Mrs Hickton		Y1-2 Indian dance group Performing arts room 

Stay Connected with us

Skool-loop is our main app we use for communication (all notices/newsletters through the app are also automatically loaded on our website).



We use Seesaw - for a more direct contact with your child's teacher. You can access this via SKool Loop or Seesaw app or website.



Facebook

Follow us on facebook! We'll be using this platform to share some of our tamariki's learning experiences.



Your Contact Information

If you have moved or changed phone numbers over the holiday, please contact your child's teacher or the school office so that we can update your information. It is **imperative** that this is up to date so that we can be in touch if there are any concerns, celebrations or emergencies.

Planned absences

The Importance of Attendance

Regular attendance is vital for your child's learning and well-being. Being at school every day ensures they don't miss out on key learning opportunities and helps build strong routines.

A gentle reminder:

- If you need to plan an absence, please notify us in advance.
- Please email or see the Principal or Deputy principal (sandyt@pap-west.school.nz or emmam@pap-west.school.nz).
- Requests for absences longer than one week, especially for holidays, are unlikely to be approved. In line with Ministry of Education guidelines, extended absences may result in your child being removed from our roll.

Let's work together to make attendance a priority and set our students up for success.

Traffic at the School Gate

Our Drop Off Zone a safer space for our students now.

The drop off zone will be closed from 1:45 pm each day. You will not be able to park in this area to pick up your children.

When dropping off your child in the morning please make sure you move all the way up- this really helps with traffic and keeping students safe also!

A reminder that we have plenty of off street parking on Hillcrest road as well as at the Panthers carpark.



Drop off/pick ups Safety reminder

School gates open at **8:15 am**. Please do not drop children off earlier as there is no supervision. Students must also be picked up by **3:10 pm**.

We kindly ask families to limit early pick-ups during the day to avoid disrupting learning- this includes for siblings of Aorere students who finish on a Wednesday & Friday! Tracy Follas, one of our wonderful Learning Assistants, will continue to support with these matters.

Thank you for your cooperation!



Parent / Teacher Meetings

Our Parent/ Teacher meetings will be held in week 1 next term. All students not in Te Kakano/R11 brought home this letter on Wednesday. Bookings are made through our Skool Loop App



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Wednesday 25th June 2025

Dear Parents/Caregivers and Whānau,

We are having our Parent / Teacher meetings in **Week 1, Term 3**:

- **Tuesday 15th July** 2.15 - 7.00 pm
- **Wednesday 16th July** 2.15 - 6.00 pm

PLEASE NOTE THAT LESSONS WILL FINISH AT 1:45 pm ON BOTH DAYS.

Bookings for Parent / Teacher meetings are made via the Skool Loop app. Click on the **bookings** button and follow the prompts to complete the booking. You can book for more than one child at a time.

If your child is in Rūma 2, Rūma 6, Te Puāwaitanga with Mr Iese or Rūma 14, these were completed last term, so you will be unable to make a booking this term.

If you wish for your child to go home at 1:45 pm, you need to complete the form below and send it back to school with your child.

The remaining children will be supervised in the Rūma 5&6 and The Wonder Hub until 2.55 pm when they will be released as usual.

YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE RELEASED EARLY UNLESS WE HAVE SIGNED PERMISSION.

Please tick all the appropriate boxes

I **would** like my child _____ in Room _____ to be **released** at **1:45 pm** to go home as usual on:

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NAME OF PARENT/CAREGIVER: _____ SIGNATURE _____

CONTACT NUMBER: _____

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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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