Papatoetoe West School

Together We Strive For Growth Through Learning

School wide newsletter | Term 4 | 6 November 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

Week 5 Term 4

Raising Safe & Confident Kiwis Workshop
Monday 9 November - 3 pm

Preschool Meeting
Wednesday 11 November - 2 pm

Junior Athletics
Friday 13 November 9:15 am-10:45 am

Last Day for $5 Duffy Book order
Friday 13 November

Week 6 Term 4

Year 6 EOTC Experience
Monday 16 November - 8:15 am - 3.30 pm

Inter School Athletics - Jellicoe Park
Thursday 19 November

Week 7 Term 4

Saving Day - Inter School Athletics
Thursday 24 November

Week 8 Term 4

School Board Meeting
Tuesday 30 November 5pm

Inter School Touch Rugby
Tuesday 1 December

Strategic plan consultation

At PWS, taking care of our tamariki and planning for our school's future go together. We are making a plan for the future, and we want to make sure it focuses on what is important to our community.

Click here to provide your input. If you complete the survey you go in the draw to win a $50 Pak n Save voucher, a food hamper or paradise ice skating passes. Last day to enter 9/12/26.

From our Assistant Principal

Kia ora e te whānau,

It has been a vibrant and action-packed fortnight across our school as we celebrated the rich diversity and creative talents of our tamariki.

In Week 3, we immersed ourselves in Fijian Language Week, honouring the rich culture, language, and traditions of our Fijian community. We continued our cultural celebrations in Week 4 with Indian Language Week, giving our learners wonderful opportunities to share their heritage and deepen their understanding of our diverse school community.

Alongside these cultural celebrations, our young performers represented our school with immense pride at the Performing Arts Festival held at Kedgley Intermediate. Their energy and dedication on stage was fantastic to see. Adding to our musical highlights, a group of our talented school band students travelled into Auckland city to attend the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestral Explorers Educational Concert. Experiencing live orchestral music was an inspiring opportunity that sparked huge excitement for their ongoing musical learning.

Thank you to our dedicated staff and supportive whānau for making these enriched learning experiences possible for our tamariki.

Nga Mihi

Rebecca Baker

Social worker in School (SWiS)
Papatoetoe West School



My name is Katrina Hema and I am your school social worker.

I work alongside students and their family to find solutions for the challenges that impact education and well-being.

SWiS is a confidential voluntary service that requires parental consent before working with your child.

Who can refer to SWiS? Parents, teachers, other school staff, and community agencies

What do I do?

- Help with navigating WINZ, housing, or benefit. Connecting parents to services in the community.
- Offer support for parenting and family relationships.
- Offer a safe space in school for children to navigate their emotions and changes happening in their lives.
- Food support
- Advocacy support.

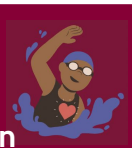
If you are interested in learning more about SWiS or need support for you or your child please call or email me

0277027987 or Katrinah@atwc.org.nz

Kedgley Intermediate Testing

For students attending testing at Kedgley Intermediate on the 18th November from 9:30am-11:30am, please let us know via skool loop so we can record their morning as an approved school activity (it counts as them attending school)! Students are expected back at school for the afternoon.

Swimming in Term 4



All our students participate in swimming in Term 4. Our Y5/6s have one water-safety session next week (Week 5). Our Year 0-4s have a weekly swimming session starting from Week 6.
The classroom teacher will let you what days their class is swimming so you know when your tamariki need their togs and towel.

Performing Arts Festival

On Thursday, 29th October, our talented tamariki represented Papatoetoe West School at the annual Papatoetoe Performing Arts Cluster Festival, held at Kedgley Intermediate.

Our students delivered an outstanding performance centered around a creative "Movie Night" theme, taking the audience on an incredible journey through a series of iconic musical acts. The show opened with a powerful *Star Wars* medley performed by our Marching Band, followed by a heartwarming rendition of *Circle of Life* by our junior students. The stage was then filled with energy as our Glee Club showcased *Do-Re-Mi* (*Do a Deer*), followed by a high-energy dance to *Footloose*, and a vibrant item to *We Go Together* from *Grease*.

The dedication and enthusiasm displayed by all 85 participating students were truly exceptional. Seeing their confidence and big smiles on stage made every moment of preparation worthwhile.

We extend our sincere thanks to our teachers and tutors - Mrs Latham, Mr Jan, Mrs Inciong, Mrs Devi, Mrs Kaur, Mrs Kumar, - for the many extra hours, hard work, and care they put into preparing our performers. We also thank our whānau for their ongoing support throughout the rehearsal process.

To view the video recap of our performance, please visit our official school Facebook page or youtube channel.



RAISING SAFE & CONFIDENT KIWIS



nest consulting

Monday 9th November
3-5 PM
STAFFROOM
ALL WELCOME

An interactive, practical workshop that gives you the knowledge, confidence and simple tools to help keep children safe, build healthy relationships and support their wellbeing

What will be explored

- Body Safety & Consent: How to talk with young children about body safety, boundaries, and consent in age-appropriate ways.
- Understanding Risks: Understanding sexual harm and how to reduce risks in everyday life.
- Recognising the Signs: How to recognise signs that a child may be at risk or has experienced harm.
- Supportive Responses: How to respond supportively to concerns or disclosures.
- Positive Communication: Building confidence to have ongoing, positive conversations with young children.
- Community Role: How we can all contribute to keeping tamariki safe across home and school environments.
- Local Resources: Knowing where to access help and support in Aotearoa New Zealand.

So that we know we have enough people in attendance to have nest come in and run the workshop please RSVP below.

Childcare is available onsite so you can attend

CLICK HERE TO RSVP

Senior Athletics Day



Quotes from Yr 5/6 students

"It was a tiring but an amazing day"

"My favourite event was the sprints because I felt super fast and we got to experience running on a real track!"

"I loved being able to experience different activities"





Fijian language week





Losalini's mum, Atelini, came in and shared some facts about her home country, Fiji, and sang a Fijian song for the tamariki. Losalini is learning about her culture, as she was born here in New Zealand. The tamariki of Te Kākano really enjoyed the experience. Thank you so much, Losalini and Mum.



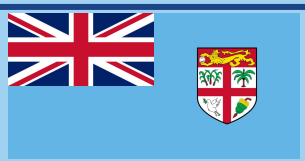


In the Wonderhub on Tuesday, we were lucky enough to have some wonderful Fijian artefacts to share with the children: masi, a patterned bark cloth; davui, a conch-shell trumpet; salusalu, a garland worn around the neck; and more. Thank you, Atelini Nate, for sharing your treasures.





On Wednesday, the Wonderhub buzzed with excitement as children joined a special Fijian story time, engaging with stories, sharing ideas, and exploring Fijian culture and traditions to celebrate our school community's rich diversity.



Our students had a wonderful time at the Talent Quest. They proudly showed their amazing dance moves in the hall. Everyone enjoyed their energy and excitement!




Thank you to everyone who helped us celebrate Fijian Language Week.




INDIAN LANGUAGES WEEK












What a vibrant, energetic and memorable week we had celebrating Indian Language Week! Throughout the week, our classrooms were alive with rich Indian music, hands-on activities, and wonderful language learning opportunities.

We kicked off the celebrations with a dress-up photo booth, showcasing the gorgeous, vibrant colours of traditional Indian attire. On Tuesday, there was a fantastic turnout for Indian freestyle dancing. Everyone loved getting active and learning new dance moves! The highlight of the week was undeniably our Language Assembly. We were privileged to watch captivating performances from four Indian groups, as well as our famous annual Indian fashion show. We rounded off the week on a creative note by filling our outdoor spaces with bright, intricate chalk Rangoli patterns.

A huge thank you to our dance teachers and student performers, who contributed to making this week such a fabulous success!

Hindi Speech showcase

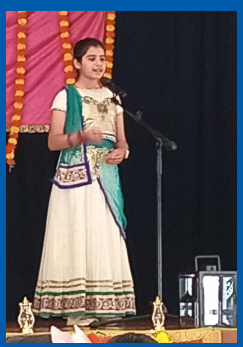
The theme for this year's Hindi Language Showcase 2026 was: Our Language, Our Identity – Language Brings Us Together."

The showcase was held at Papatoetoe North School, with five talented students proudly representing Papatoetoe West School. Our tamariki delivered their speeches with grace, confidence, and flair, celebrating the beauty and significance of the Hindi language.

It was wonderful to see our students share their language, culture, and identity with such pride and enthusiasm. The event beautifully highlighted the power of language to connect people, foster understanding, and bring communities together through respect and unity.

We are incredibly proud of our students for their outstanding efforts and confident performances. Ka Pai, tamariki!







Uniform Reminder: Shoes & Socks

We have noticed a number of students wearing non-uniform footwear and socks to school recently. We kindly ask for your support in ensuring your child is following our footwear guidelines:

- **Shoes:** Plain black lace-up or Velcro-fastened shoes. Shoes should be sturdy, comfortable, and suitable for school activities.
- **Sandals:** Plain black sandals with a secure back strap (such as Roman sandals or school sandals).
- **Socks:** Plain black socks (with no logos or patterns visible).
- **Footwear Not Allowed:** Crocs, jandals, sandals without a back strap, heelys, ballet flats, or casual non-black trainers.

Support Available: Through our partnership with KidsCan, we can assist families who need support sourcing appropriate school shoes. Please contact our school office in confidence if you would like help with this.

Thank you for your ongoing support in keeping our tamariki looking smart and ready to learn!









Before & After school care

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).

SKids
Safe Kids In Daily Supervision
Papatoetoe West
1 Hillcrest Road, Papatoetoe
Auckland 2025

The West Way

Congratulations to the following children who were awarded a values award at this week's assembly:



Year 0
Christian - Te Kākano
Miracle-Lee - Ruma tekau mā tahi

Year 1
Nature - Rūma Rua Tekau mā ono
Sharav - Rūma Rua Tekau mā whitu
Elijah - Rūma rua tekau mā waru
Charizma - R ūma Rua Tekau mā iwa
Armaandeep - Rūma Toru Tekau

Year 2
Harsamarpreet - Rūma toru tekau
Ronan - Rūma toru tekau mā rua
Joanne - Rūma toru tekau mā toru
Shanaya - Rūma toru tekau mā wha
Caroline - Rūma toru tekau mā rima
Jordan - Rūma touu tekau mā ono



Year 3
Tracey-Lee - Rūma Tekau mā whā
Ansh Rūma Rua Tekau
John - Rūma Rua Tekau mā tahi
Kiaan - Rūma Rua Tekau mā rua
Salvation- Rūma Rua Tekau mā toru



Year 4
Blessing - Rūma Tekau mā rima
Matthew - Rūma Tekau mā ono
Jahral - Rūma Tekau mā whitu
Ella-Lia- Rūma Tekau mā waru
Charlotte - Rūma Tekau mā iwa



Year 5/ 6
Maanvi - Te Putiputi
Zena - Te Putiputi
Mercy - Rūma Rua
Humaira - Rūma Toru
Vedika - Rūma Whā
Christiana- Rūma Rima
Yohanna - Te Puāwaitanga A
Mudassir - Te Puāwaitanga B





This term, our tamariki have been lucky enough to get their very own PE equipment per class! We have been focusing on showing respect in three key ways:

Respect Self: Making safe choices to keep ourselves and others injury-free.

Respect Others: Sharing equipment, including classmates, and using positive words.

Respect Environment: Using gear correctly and packing our basket away neatly.

It has been wonderful seeing our students take such great pride and responsibility in looking after our class gear!



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2027 dates

TERM 1	
Number of weeks	10
Term start & end dates	Tuesday 2 February to Friday 9th April (94 half days)
Public holidays	Waitangi Day - Observed Monday 8th February Easter- Friday 26 March, Monday 29th March, Tuesday 30th March
School holidays	Saturday 10th April- Sunday 25th April
TERM 2	
Number of weeks	10
Term start & end dates	Tuesday 27 April to Friday 2 July 2027 (94 half days)
Public holidays/ School not open for instruction	ANZAC DAY - Observed Monday 26 April King's Birthday- Monday 7 June Matariki- Friday 25 June
School holidays	Saturday 1 July- Sunday 18 July
TERM 3	
Number of weeks	10
Term start & end dates	Monday 19 July to Friday 24 September 2027 (100 half days).
Public holidays	None
School holidays	Saturday 25 September to Sunday 10 October
TERM 4	
Number of weeks	10
Term start & end dates	Monday 11 October to Thursday 16th December 2027 (96 half days)
Public holidays	Labour Day – Monday 25 October.

- 376 half days in 2027
- Ministry of Education to allow for 2 additional teacher only days (date TBC)