



# Papatoetoe West School

Together We Strive For Growth Through Learning

School wide newsletter

| Term 4

| 14 November 2025

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Week 7:

**Wed 19 November** Preschool Meeting

### Week 8:

**Mon 24th - Fri 28th November** Recycling Week

### Week 9:

**Fri 5 December** Student Leaders/Road Patrols trip

### Week 10:

**Wed 10 December** Papatoetoe West Arts & Cultural Performance Evening 6pm -8 pm

**Fri 12 December** Prizegiving -

Junior school 9:30 am - 10:45 am

Senior school 11:45 am - 1:00 pm

### Week 11:

**Mon 15 December** Year 6 Graduation - 6pm

**Tues 16 December** School Finishes 12pm

Kia ora e te whānau,

What a wonderful and busy few weeks we have had here at school! It has been incredibly rewarding to see our students engaging so enthusiastically in a wide range of activities.

Last week, we had a truly wonderful celebration of our Hindi Language Week. The school was buzzing with vibrant activities! Students enjoyed learning about the culture through dance, intricate henna designs, and creating beautiful rangoli patterns. The week culminated in a fantastic assembly where our three Indian dance groups shared amazing performances, showcasing their talent and cultural pride.

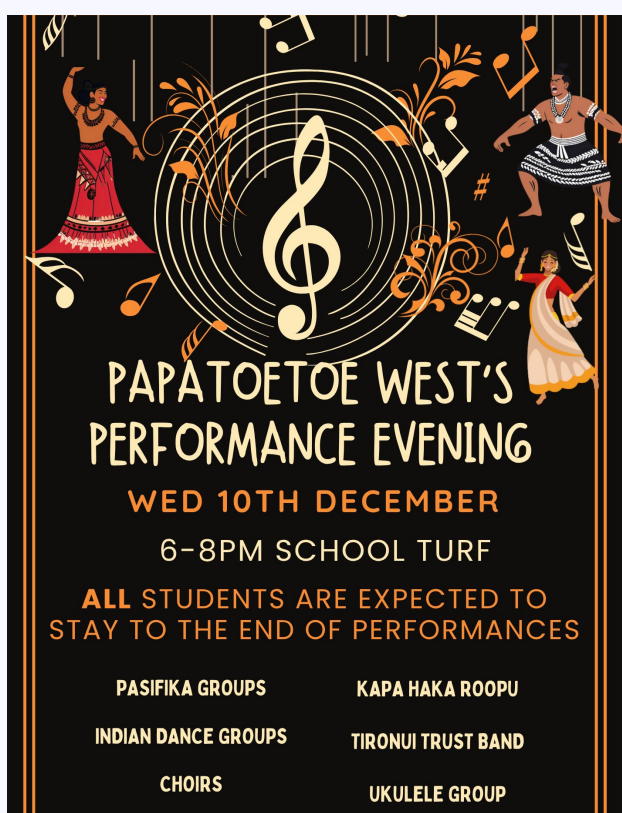
We were also thrilled with the energy at our Junior School Athletics Morning last Friday! There was so much fun and fantastic house team spirit on display. It was brilliant to see our tamariki dressed up in their vibrant house colours, running, jumping, and participating so enthusiastically in all the events.

Many of our classes have also been enjoying educational visits to our local Kohuora Park. These trips have provided a great opportunity for students to learn about the local bird life and the importance of taking care of our park and environment.

We have an exciting couple of weeks of celebration ahead as we rapidly approach the end of the school year. Our teachers are currently working diligently to complete end-of-year reports. Following this, we look forward to our Prizegiving ceremony and the special Year 6 Graduation! We are so excited to share the celebrations of our tamariki and their learning at both of these events before we finish the year! Nga mihi nui,

Mrs Kelley Farley

Tumuaki Kaiāwhina/Assistant Principal



# HINDI LANGUAGE WEEK

What a wonderful week we had! Hindi Language Week started with a bang and was filled with colour, creativity, and culture. Throughout the week, students took part in a variety of exciting activities - from creating beautiful rangoli patterns to getting henna designs on their hands. There were so many highlights throughout the week! The Assembly was a true showstopper - the fashion parade and amazing performances took everyone's breath away. The Talent Show on Tuesday was also a fantastic display of student confidence and creativity, leaving the audience wanting more. It was truly a week of vibrant colours, joyful learning, and cultural appreciation. Students not only celebrated the beauty of the Hindi language but also learned more about its rich traditions and art forms.

A big thank you to all staff, students, and families who helped make the week such a memorable celebration of language and diversity!



# Year 1 update

Ruma Rua Tekau Mā Iwa have been working hard on their phonics! The children are great at sounding out words, learning new digraphs, and reading and writing the words they know. They are becoming more confident writers and love writing their silly sentences!



Ruma rua tekau ma rima are so enthused about PMP! We have been making fantastic progress in MP sessions this term! Year 1 students have been building their balance, coordination, and spatial awareness through fun activities. It's been wonderful to see Year 1 students' confidence grow as they move through each station and work on key skills that support both their physical and classroom learning.



Ruma toru tekau love to READ! We have been learning to monitor our own reading. To check two things, firstly that our reading looks right and secondly that it makes sense. Our class loves to put on puppet shows, do alphabet puzzles and read, read, **READ!!**



Ruma Rua tekau ma waru have been busy using materials in maths to reinforce understanding of concepts and mathematical language. Using outside play equipment, we had a 'good-guess' to estimate sets of objects like 100 and 10. We practiced memorizing important phone numbers. We can show our even numbers. We can gather and make sets of tens and ones.



# Year 1 update cont...

## Ruma Rua Tekau Mā Whitu: Little Garden Explorers

Room 27 students enjoyed their Enviro class, where they learned about garden tools, planting, and weeding. They had great discussions while exploring different types of plants, bugs, and snails. Everyone loved the hands-on experience of weeding using gloves and small shovels. It was a wonderful and engaging learning experience!



On Monday, I went to the garden with Taalolo. First I put on gloves to protect my hands. Next, I got a big shovel to pull the weeds. Last, I went back to the classroom. I love gardening. By Prudence.

On Monday, we went to the garden with our teacher to dig up the weeds. It was fun. First, we need gloves and a shovel for the weeds. I saw a wiggly worm in the soil. Then, I put the weeds in the bucket. Last, I washed my hands. It was fun being in the garden. By Dineara

## Junior Athletics

Fun, smiles, and laughter - Athletics Days went off with a bang! Even though our senior school athletics were held back here at school, we still brought all the vibes.

A huge thank you to our school and wider community for making this day such a success!

Our senior school Athletics team represented our kura with pride at the inter school competition this week.



## 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!



# The West Way



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

## Year 0

Aarnav- Te Kākano

Teremoana - Ruma Tekau mā tahi

Jessica - Rūma Rua Tekau mā rima



## Year 1

Abdulwaasi - Rūma Rua Tekau mā ono

Shaurya - Rūma Rua Tekau mā whitu

Ruth Mary - Rūma Rua tekau mā waru

Shahmeer - Rūma Rua Tekau mā iwa

Maka - Rūma Toru Tekau

## Year 2

Kadyn - Rūma Toru tekau mā tahi

Deejay - Rūma Toru tekau mā rua

Rynzsej - Rūma Toru tekau mā toru

Isabella - Rūma Toru tekau mā whā

Manaia - Rūma Toru tekau mā rima

Herb- Rūma Toru tekau mā ono



## Year 3

Oketi - Rūma Tekau mā whā

Aiyana - Rūma Rua Tekau

Belinda - Rūma Rua Tekau mā tahi

Viron - Rūma Rua Tekau mā rua

Lariah - Rūma Rua Tekau mā toru



## Year 4

Johan - Rūma Tekau mā rima

Micah - Rūma Tekau mā ono

Trish - Rūma Tekau mā whitu

Breana - Rūma Tekau mā waru

Vakalahi - Rūma Tekau mā iwa

## Year 5/6

Naira- Te Putiputi

Shashank - Te Putiputi

Tevita - Rūma Rua

Aurianna - Rūma Whā

Gurekam - Rūma Rima

Angel - Rūma Ono

Israel - Te Puāwaitanga

Shreya - Te Puāwaitanga

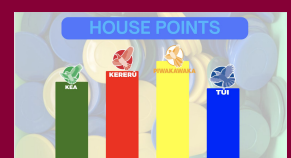


We're already halfway through Term 4, and it's been great to see our students continuing to show our PB4L values in action as we head toward the end of the year. This term, we've been focusing on finishing strong by showing respect for others, taking responsibility for our learning, and showing kindness across all areas of the school.

As the excitement of the end of year approaches, we encourage everyone to keep up the great work by making positive choices and supporting one another. Let's finish the year demonstrating the same awesome behaviour and teamwork we've shown all year!

The race for Term 4's House Points winner is heating up! Our houses have been earning points through positive behaviour, and showing our PB4L values around the school. It's fantastic to see everyone giving their best effort right through to the end of the year.

With only a few weeks to go, every point counts. So we are keeping up the great work, support our house, and showing those school values in action. Who will take out the top spot for Term 4? Stay tuned to find out!





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## 2026 dates

### TERM 1

|                        |                                                                                                                                                             |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Number of weeks        | 9                                                                                                                                                           |
| Term start & end dates | Term starts: Monday 2 February to Thursday 2 April (86 half days)                                                                                           |
| Public holidays        | Waitangi Day - Friday 6 February                                                                                                                            |
| School holidays        | Friday 3rd April - Sun 19th April (includes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Good Friday - Friday 3 April</li><li>• Easter Monday 6 April</li></ul> |

### TERM 2

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|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Number of weeks                                  | 11                                                            |
| Term start & end dates                           | Term starts: Monday 20 April to Friday 3 July (106 half-days) |
| Public holidays/ School not open for instruction | ANZAC DAY - Monday 25 April<br>King's Birthday- Monday 1 June |
| School holidays                                  | Saturday 4 July- Sunday 19 July                               |

### TERM 3

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|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Number of weeks        | 10                                                                     |
| Term start & end dates | Term starts: Monday 20th July to Friday 25th September (100 half-days) |
| Public holidays        | None                                                                   |
| School holidays        | Saturday 26 September to Sunday 11 October                             |

### TERM 4

|                        |                                                               |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Number of weeks        | 10                                                            |
| Term start & end dates | Monday 12th October to Wednesday 16th December (94 half days) |
| Public holidays        | Labour Day - Monday 26 October                                |

- 386 half days in 2025
- Ministry of Education to allow for 2 additional teacher only days (date TBC)