



Papatoetoe West School

Together We Strive For Growth Through Learning

School-wide newsletter

| Term 3

| 16 August 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

Motat trips

Mon 19 August - 29, 30, 31, 32, 14, 20, 21, 22

Tues 20th August - 26, 27, 28, 16, 17, 18, 19

Wed 21st August - Te Kākano, 23

Fri 23rd August - 33, 34, 35

Mon 26th August - Te Putiputi

Tues 27th August - 2 & 3

Wed 28th August - 4 & 5

Thur 29th August - Te Puāwaitanga

Daffodil Day fun run

Friday 30th August

Tongan language week assembly

Monday 2nd September 11:45am

Tongan language week

Monday 2nd Sep- Friday 7th Sept

From the Leader of Learning's desk

Kia ora e te whānau,

I hope you have all enjoyed stretching your brains this week alongside your children as we have celebrated Maths Week! It has been wonderful to see everyone engaging in fun and challenging mathematical activities, enhancing their problem-solving skills and love for numbers.

Last week we celebrated Cook Islands Language Week with many wonderful activities and learning experiences. This year's theme, "Ātui'ia au ki te Vaka o tōku matakeinanga" – "The connection of my vaka to my tribe" – was beautifully embraced. Our students delved into the rich culture, language, and traditions of the Cook Islands, understanding the importance of their heritage and the bond between their vaka and their community. A big thank you to all our amazing whānau that supported our cultural groups and to our staff for their work in making this week so special.

We are also looking forward to the upcoming trips to the Museum of Transport and Technology (MOTAT). These trips will focus on technological systems and Rube Goldberg machines, providing our students with a hands-on learning experience that will spark their curiosity and deepen their understanding of engineering and innovation.

We will be celebrating Tongan Language Week in Week 7 instead of the national Week 5. This adjustment will allow us to fully dedicate the time and resources needed to honour Tongan culture and language. We look forward to celebrating with a variety of activities that will enrich our students' understanding and appreciation of Tongan heritage.

Ngā mihi nui,
Sandy Tritt
Tumuaki/Principal



PAPATOETOE WEST SCHOOL



TONGAN LANGUAGE WEEK

SEPTEMBER 2ND - 6TH

We will be celebrating the week with:
Break time activities - 1st break everyday
Classroom language learning
Assembly - Monday 11:45am





"Rhythm & Blues: A Musical Treat"

Our Year 4-6 students had a fantastic time with the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra's All Star Rhythm & Blues Band yesterday! They enjoyed lively music, a bit of dance, and even learned about different instruments. A special moment was when some of our own talented musicians joined in. Thank you, APOPS!



Learning Assistant Vacancy

We are seeking a learning assistant to join our wonderful staff for this term. The role will involve providing 1:1 learning support, as well as working alongside classroom teachers to support their classroom programme.

We want to find someone who is patient and has an empathetic approach to working with children with different abilities, needs and backgrounds. Having the ability to build positive working relationships with students/whānau/staff, good initiative, and be physically fit to meet the needs of some of our high-needs learners.

Initially, we can offer 20 hours per week from 9am until 1pm Monday to Friday. This position is fixed-term until the end of Term 4.

Come and help our tamariki flourish!

Applicants for this position should have NZ residency or a valid NZ work visa (and the successful applicant will need to be police vetted). Please apply with a covering letter and your CV to Emma McKeown emmam@pap-west.school.nz Applications close Wednesday 28 August, and start date is Term 4!

SCHOOL UNIFORM

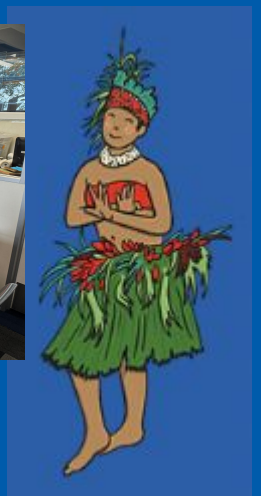
A few uniform policy reminders:

- **Shoes:** Sensible, safe footwear is required. Heelys are not permitted as they pose safety risks around the school.
- **Jumpers:** Children need jumpers in the colder months. We currently have an overflow of jumpers in our lost property. Please ensure your child's uniform is clearly named to prevent loss.
- **Name Tags:** All students must wear name tags while at school.

Cook Island Language Week

Cook Island Language Week:

Last week, our tamariki experienced fun and engaging learning around this language week. Our Junior, Middle and senior cultural groups gave amazing performances in our school assembly on the Monday, which we all enjoyed. We were also fortunate to have Cultural groups from both Kedgley Intermediate and Papatoetoe High School perform for us. They were just as good as our groups!



Year 3 update

The Year 3 tamariki have had a fantastic start to our Technology learning for this term. So far, they have got to see and touch some everyday objects that contain both simple or complex technological systems. Over the next two weeks, all students will have the opportunity to explore both old and new technologies at MOTAT Museum of Transport and Technology. Our children are excited to be going on a trip where they not only get to see, touch, discover and explore man-made inventions but learn lots more about them. Here are some photos of our Launch Day. Enjoy whānau!

Room 19 and Room 18 tamariki demonstrating curiosity with wind-up toys and laptops.



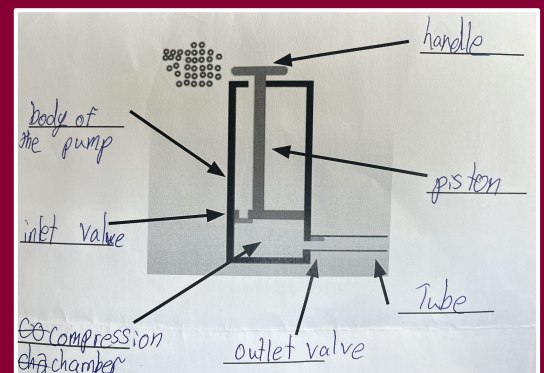
Room 16 were curious about the hand pump so we decided to investigate it further...



How does a hand pump work?

The hand pump works when you pull the handle up. This draws the air into the compression chamber and when you push the handle down the outlet valve will open. The air will go into the tube and then go into whatever your pumping up.

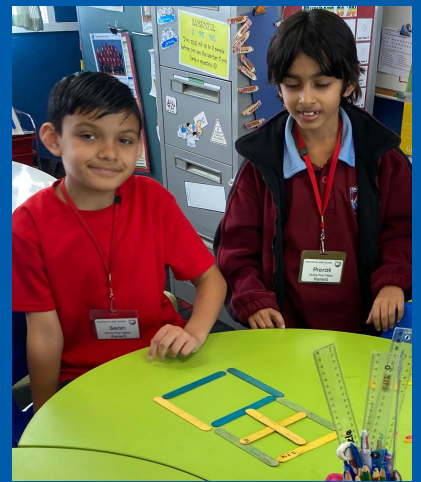
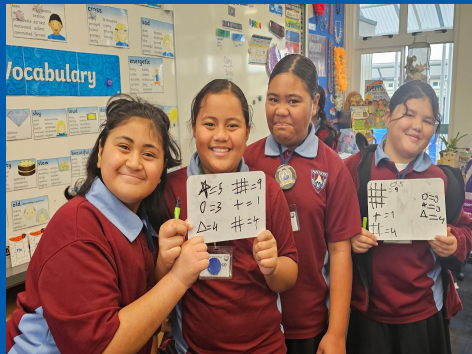
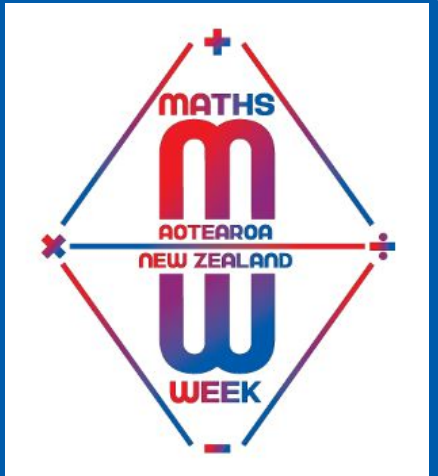
By Laylor
Rm 16



Maths Week 2024

Maths Week 2024:

This week we have had an amazing time engaging in lots of different maths challenges. We have been doing a challenge of the day in our classes and we have had different activities in the Wonderhub everyday. Our students have loved coming along to learn about different maths concepts and have fun with maths!



Lego Estimation

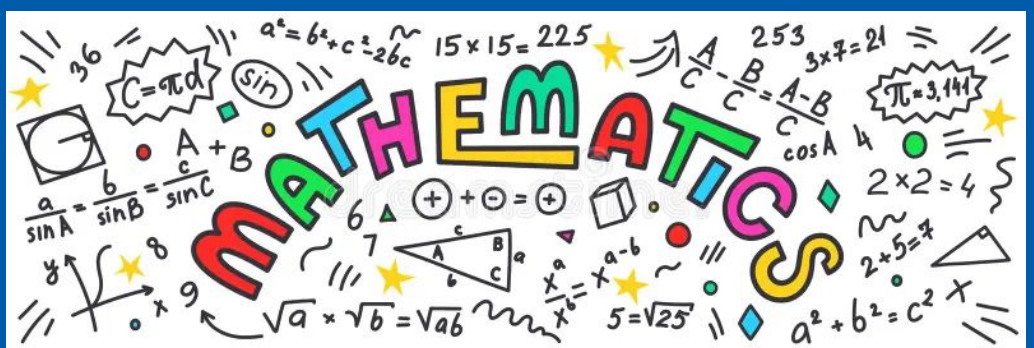
Congratulations

Abdul from rūma 18 for getting the closest to the lego number with a guess of 1200, the actual number was 1124!



Maths home prize

To ensure you have a chance to win our amazing prize for your family submit your answers to the questions on seesaw.



The West Way

**Respect for
self**

**Respect for
others**

**Respect for
environment**

**CONGRATULATIONS to the following
children who were awarded a
values award at Assembly last**

week:

Jamie- Te Kākano
Loa'Lekah- Te Kākano



Year 1

Avneet - Ruma rua tekau mā toru
Jeremiah- Rūma rua tekau mā ono
Omega- Rūma rua tekau mā whitu
Alyaanah- Rūma rua tekau mā waru
Melehifo- Rūma rua tekau mā iwa
Aubree- Rūma toru tekau



Year 2

Ma'ata- Rūma toru tekau mā tahi
Claudia- Rūma toru tekau mā rua
Cleo- Rūma toru tekau mā toru
Sana - Rūma toru tekau mā wha
Zara - Rūma toru tekau mā rima

Year 3

Laylor -Rūma tekau mā ono
Avi - Rūma tekau mā whitu
Isaac - Rūma tekau mā waru
Shiloh- Rūma tekau mā iwa



Year 4

Zainab and Chanell- Rūma tekau mā wha
Kiana - Rūma rua tekau
Carlo - Rūma rua tekau mā tahi
Roziana - Rūma rua tekau mā rua

Year 5/ 6

Autalaga - Te Putiputi
Naira - Te Putiputi
Nila - Rūma rua
Dilpreet- Rūma toru
Shannon- Rūma wha
Umair - Te Puāwaitangi
Shayan - Te Puāwaitangi



CONGRATULATIONS



2024 dates

T3 Monday 22 July - Friday 27 September

T4 Monday 14 October - Wednesday 18 December

Confirmed school closures during term time

Teacher Only Day- Friday 25th October 2024

Labour Day- Monday 28 October 2024