



Papatoetoe West School

Together We Strive For Growth Through Learning

School-wide newsletter

| Term 3

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Hindi Language Week

2024

NOVEMBER 4TH - 9TH

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



Reminders

We have had reports from the community of unknown people in cars approaching tamariki so please ensure you pick up and drop off your children on time. The school gates open at 8:15am. Please do not drop your children outside the gate before this time. School finishes at 2:55pm.

Please do not park over the school driveways- this includes both on Hillcrest and Station Road.

We have had an increase number of parents picking up their tamariki during school hours. Learning time is precious and our resources are limited. So we kindly ask students are sent to school for the full day. If something comes up and this can't happen please still try to avoid break times (10:45am-11:15am & 1-1:40pm).

Zero-waste healthy snacks

As an enviro school we are making a more of a concerted effort to reduce the waste at our kura. Some of the snacks lately have been great (thank you) but others not. If they bring a snack for their second break at school, we ask that it is zero-waste.



From our Deputy Principal

Kia ora koutou,

We're off to a bustling start this term, and it's wonderful to see our community come together.

This term, we welcomed new staff and tamariki during our whakatau, celebrated Niuean Language Week, and enjoyed an exciting Senior Athletics Day. Our junior students had a delightful time at the Mrs Wishy Washy show, and we're gearing up for our Papatoetoe Cluster Performance—it's all happening!

As we dive into this busy term, we want to remind families that every day of learning counts. We're aiming to keep our attendance rates high from Monday to Friday, ensuring that all our students can take advantage of the fantastic opportunities available to them.

Miss Emma McKeown

Tumuaki Tuarua /Deputy Principal

OUR SCHOOL POOL IS OPEN!!!

We are thrilled that our swimming pool is now open! As the weather warms up, it's the perfect time for the students to have fun, and gain confidence and capability in the water!

Swimming is part of the New Zealand Curriculum and it is expected that all students will have had opportunities to learn basic aquatic skills at primary school. Please remember to pack your child's togs and towels on their swimming day!



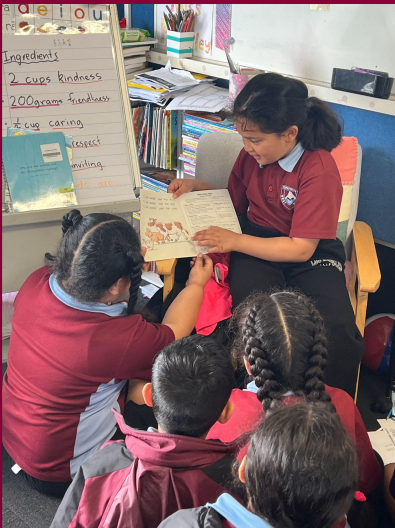
Junior School Theatre Trip



Last week Years 0-2 went to the Tim Bray performance of Mrs Wishy Washy at Due Drop Events Centre.

What an unforgettable day we had at the Mrs Wishy Washy performance! Our tamariki were captivated by the vibrant storytelling, lively characters, and the delightful antics of Mrs Wishy Washy and her animal friends.

Thank you to the Becroft Foundation for sponsoring our trip.



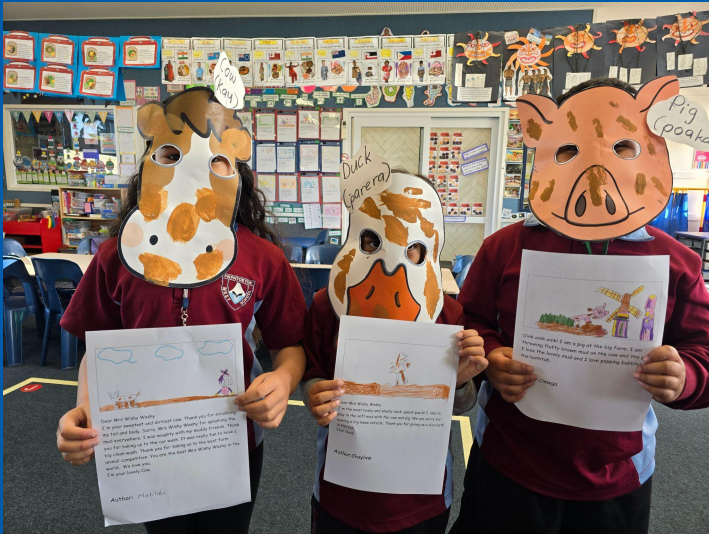
In Rūma 33 we have been taking turns reading Mrs Wishy Washy books from the library to the class.

On Tuesday we went to the Mrs Wishy Washy show. Then we saw the pig and the cow. Also we saw the duck. Then the cow threw the mud. Then we went back to school. I felt happy.

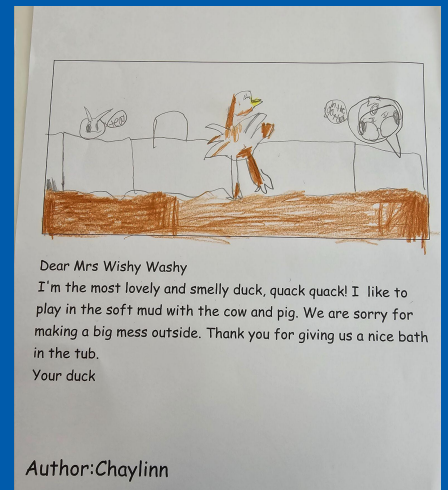
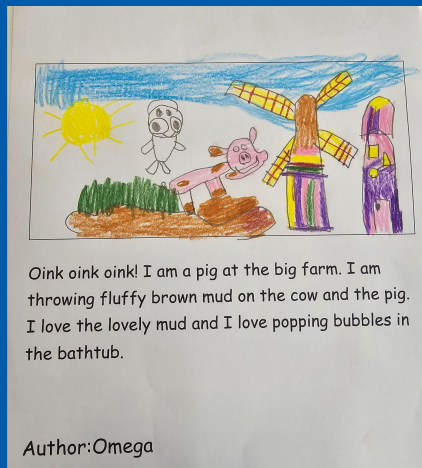
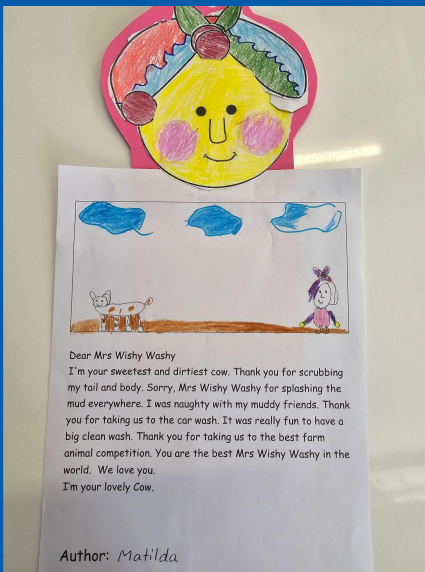
By Gavin Rūma 31



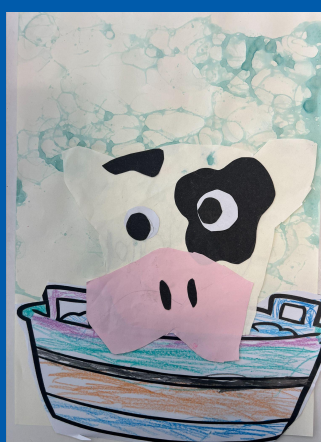
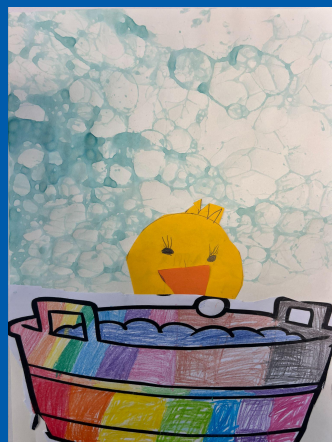
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"Mrs. Wishy Washy" is such a fun and engaging show for storytelling. Room 27 has written wonderful stories on their favourite characters.



On October 15th we went to Mrs Wishy Washy and we saw Mrs Wishy Washy with Mr Wishy Washy. We saw animals : a pig, duck, and a cow. All of us enjoyed the show it was a fun time. We all saw the cow throwing the mud. The pig made a rap about the mud. The Year one, two and Te Kakano came. After the show was done we all went back to school to have a snack then when I went home I was feeling happy.



Mrs Wishy Washy Art from Rūma 32

By 'Olinipa Rūma 31

Term 4 Dates

Week 3

Labour Day - School Closed
Monday 28th October

Papatoetoe Cluster Performing Arts Day
(selected students only)
Thursday 31st October

Week 5

Junior School Athletics
Thursday 14th November

Week 6

Hindi Language Week
Monday 18th - Friday 22nd October

Inter School Athletics
Tuesday 19th November

Inter School Athletics (Saving day 1)
Thursday 21st November

Life Education
21st November - 6th December

Week 7

Inter School Athletics (Saving Day 2)
Thursday 26th November

Week 8

Assembly
Monday 9th December

Term 4 Culminating Event
Monday 9th December

Arts/Cultural Performance Evening
Thursday 12th December

Week 10

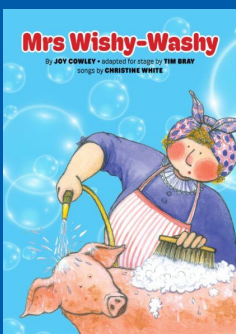
Prize Giving - Y0-3
Monday 16th December 9:30 - 10:45 am

Prize Giving - Y4-6
Monday 16th December 11:45 am - 1:00 pm

Year 6 Graduation
Tuesday 17th December 6 pm

Last day of 2024
Wednesday 18th December

Room 11 children recently enjoyed a delightful role play inspired by the Mrs. Wishy Washy show they watched at the Tim Bray Theatre. After creating animal face masks, they wrote about their experiences and brought the story to life through their performances. It was a wonderful blend of fun and learning, and the students thoroughly enjoyed stepping into character!



YEAR 4 DAY OUT AT MOUNT SMART STADIUM

Our Year 4 classes had the opportunity to experience what it would be like to participate at a real athletics stadium. Our children had lots of fun and enjoyed their day. Here are some stories that the children wrote about their experience at Mount Smart Stadium.

Athletics at Mt Smart

It was a bright sunny day at Mount Smart (Mt Smart) Stadium, the perfect time for Athletics. Our first activity was shot put, and Piwakawaka got the farthest. My Favourite activity was tug-of-war because we had to work as a team, and Piwakawaka won! When I won, I felt delighted.

By Gurekam



FUN AT MOUNT SMART STADIUM

My class and I went to Mount Smart Stadium for athletics day. There were 6 events, sprints, high jump, long jump, shot put, tug o war and fit challenge. The sun was out playing its part, it felt so so hot. After many events during the day it was time for the sprints. I felt very nervous and could feel butterflies in my stomach and the warm air brushing through my body. On your marks, "GO"! Said Mr Iese. My knees wobbled a bit but I made them work right to the finish line. Yay! I did it. So proud of myself.

By Vina



Moment In Athletics...

By Simarleen R20

Yesterday we had Athletics. My favourite thing was... sprinting!!! It was my favourite because it was a little bit of a challenge. We had to run 50 metres. I was in the second row and I was getting anxious. I started to breathe heavily. Mr. Iese said, "On your marks... GO!" I was running as fast as I could. My legs were getting sore. I was so close to the finish line. I kept on telling myself. "I can do it, I can do it." I crossed the finish line. I was proud of myself.

The End...



PEST TRACKING AT KOHUORA

On Tuesday some classes (Te Pūawaitanga, R.21, R20) went to Kohuora Park to learn about pest animals and why this is a problem. We learned that rats, stoats, weasels, ferrets and even hedgehogs threaten our native birds and plants. We are going to find out what is living in Kohuora and so we set out tracking tunnels with ink. Next week we will go back and see what has walked through the ink in the tunnels.



PAPATOETOE PRINCIPALS ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS...



PAPATOETOE PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL



31 OCTOBER | 8:45AM - 2:30PM

**KEDGLEY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
181 PORTAGE ROAD, PAPATOETOE**

FEATURING

Holy Cross Catholic School
Kingsford School
Papatoetoe North School
Papatoetoe East School
Papatoetoe Central School
South Auckland SDA School

Kedgley Intermediate School
Papatoetoe Intermediate School
Papatoetoe South School
Papatoetoe West School
Puhinui School

PAPATOETOE PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL

schedule

TIME	PERFORMANCE
8:30 - 8:55 AM	<i>Schools Arrive</i>
9:00 AM	<i>Welcome</i>
9:10 - 9:30 AM	<i>Holy Cross</i>
9:35 - 9:55 AM	<i>Papatoetoe East</i>
10:00 - 10:20 AM	<i>Papatoetoe West</i>
10:25 - 10:45 AM	<i>Papatoetoe Central</i>
10:50 - 11:10 AM	<i>Papatoetoe Intermediate</i>
11:15 - 11:35 AM	<i>Puhinui</i>
11:40 - 12:00 PM	<i>Papatoetoe North</i>
12:05 - 12:25 PM	<i>Seven Day Adventist</i>
12:30 - 12:50 PM	<i>Papatoetoe South</i>
12:55 - 1:15 PM	<i>Kingsford</i>
1:20 - 1:40 PM	<i>Kedgley</i>
1:40 - 2:00 PM	<i>Closing Remarks</i>
2:00 - 2:30 PM	<i>End of Event</i>

PARENT AND WHĀNAU PARKING:

Please use on-road parking near Kedgley Intermediate.

ENTRY TO KEDGLEY INTERMEDIATE:

Portage Road (Main entrance)

Woburn Street (Side gate entrance)



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2025 dates

TERM 1

Number of weeks	10
Term start & end dates	Term starts: Monday 3 February to Friday 11 April (98 half days)
Public holidays	Waitangi Day- Thursday 6 February
School holidays	Saturday 12 April- Sunday 27 April (includes): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Good Friday - 18 April• Easter Monday 21 April• Anzac Day - Friday 25 April

TERM 2

Number of weeks	9
Term start & end dates	Term starts: Monday 28 April to Friday 27 June (86 half-days)
Public holidays/ School not open for instruction	Teacher only day- Friday 30th May King's Birthday- Monday 2 June Matariki- Friday 20 June
School holidays	Saturday 28 June- Sunday 13 July

TERM 3

Number of weeks	10
Term start & end dates	Term starts: Monday 14 July to Friday 19 September (100 half-days)
Public holidays	None
School holidays	Saturday 20 September to Sunday 5 October

TERM 4

Number of weeks	11
Term start & end dates	Monday 6 October to Tuesday 16 December (102 half days)
Public holidays	Labour Day- Monday 28 October

- 386 half days in 2025
- Ministry of Education to allow for 1 additional teacher only day in 2025 (DATE TBC)