



Papatoetoe West School

Together We Strive For Growth Through Learning

Schoolwide newsletter

| Term 4

| 22 November 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

Week 8

Leaders / Patrols to Rainbow's End
Friday 6 December

Week 9

Assembly
Monday 9th December 11:45am

Arts/Cultural Performance Evening
Thursday 12th December 6pm

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 6pm

Last day of 2024
Wednesday 18th December 12pm

From our Assistant Principal

Kia ora e te whānau

WOW! Term 4 is flying by! We have already had some amazing experiences for our tamariki, with more to come in the next few weeks.

While the Junior Athletics Day had a fantastic start, a little rain tried to spoil the fun. But our young athletes showed great resilience and enthusiasm.

Last Wednesday was World Kindness day and Papatoetoe West students impressed us all with their generosity and consideration towards others. All donations were gratefully accepted by the BBM Food bank.

This week, we also enjoyed a energetic Inter-School Athletics Day, filled with amazing achievements and team spirit. Our Senior Tironui Trust Concert Band students were blown away by the performance of the Auckland Philharmonia Kiwi Kapers concert with their incredible performance – truly a highlight of the week!

We're buzzing with excitement as we gear up for our upcoming Performing Arts Evening! Our talented students and dedicated teachers have been practising hard, and we can't wait to showcase their hard work.

Mrs Kelley Farley
Tumuaki Kaiāwhina /Assistant Principal

We will be replacing some classroom furniture at the end of the year (student desks, chairs and other furniture). We are exploring options of removing our old furniture. We care about sustainable outcomes. If you can help us in some way please reach out.
Contact: emmam@pap-west.school.nz



Skool loop error

Apologies for the error today on skool loop with reporting absences. We were in touch with them and they fixed the error.

Early pick ups

Families are continuing to pick up the children throughout the day which is eating into valuable learning time. Of particular note are many pick ups between 2-2:45pm. We appreciate every effort that can be made to keep your children at school for the whole school day.

PAPATOETOE WEST'S PERFORMANCE EVENING

THURS 12TH DECEMBER
6-7:15PM SCHOOL TURF

PASIFIKA GROUPS

KAPA HAKA ROOPUS

INDIAN DANCE GROUPS

TIRONUI TRUST BAND

CHOIRS

UKULELE GROUP

CELEBRATE OUR TAMARIKI!

Inter-school athletics

On Tuesday 19th November, our Papatoetoe West Primary Athletics team battled it out on the track and on the fields. Amazing weather and even more amazing spirit. Well Done West!

Here's what some of our athletes had to say...

My favourite part was competing in the relays. I got sunscreen in my eyes!

Aurianna -Te Puāwaitanga

Beating other competitors in sprints was fun and amazing. Something challenging was the long jump.

Soane Ruma Toru

Everyone was proud of me when I was sprinting and especially when I came first at high jump.

William - Te Puāwaitanga



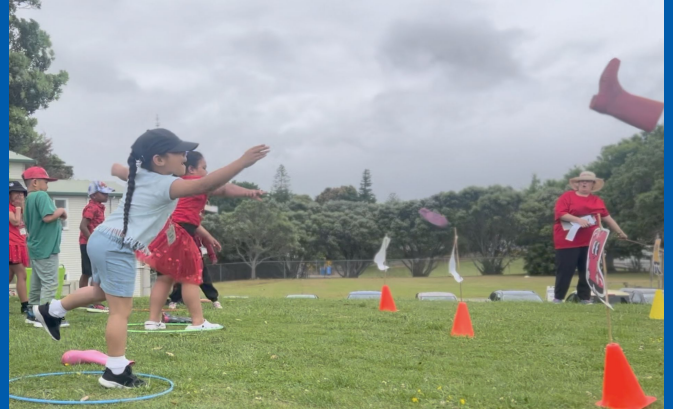
Junior athletics

Boy oh boy, did we get off to an amazing start at our Junior School Athletics Day!

The kids were smiling, energy was high and I think we can all agree, there are definitely some future athletic stars out there in our school.



We saw the muscles (and the facials 😬) come out at the Tug of War...



And future Olympians at the Gumboot Toss.



And lets not forget about those beautiful SMILES!



Although the rain came down and we had to pack up early, we are all glad we had a taste of Athletics and can't wait for next year!

Thank you to everyone who came to support and everyone who helped run our special day!

Year 5/6 update



SAVE THE DATE

Y6 GRADUATION

TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER

SCHOOL HALL 6PM

1-2 TICKETS PER WHANAU (IN SPECIAL CASES YOU CAN SPEAK WITH YOUR CHILDS CLASSROOM TEACHER IF MORE ARE REQUIRED)

MORE INFORMATION TO COME VIA NOTICE AND SEE SAW

CLASS BUDDY VISITS:

The buddy class visits by our student leaders began in week 4 of Term 4.

The class visits are for students in years 1 to 3. Student leaders find it delightful to attend classes and engage in assisting young ones with reading, artwork, phonics, and games.

Children value the assistance and encouragement received from their friends, eagerly anticipating their friends, weekly visits to the classroom. Buddy class visits provide valuable support to teachers, allowing them to concentrate on additional responsibilities. The buddy class visits are turning out to be a successful event each week, fostering strong bonds between the younger students and the seniors.

Kiwi Kapers Concert - Auckland Philharmonia

Last Tuesday, the school band had the privilege to attend the Kiwi Kapers Concert by the Auckland Philharmonia. They also collaborated with the Auckland Dance Company. The experience was astonishing.

There were lots of different and amazing instruments that come from various families like the violin, snare drum and bass drum.

The MC was full of joy and she explained everything so perfectly. The theatre was huge, and was filled up, top and bottom with many schools.

The Auckland Philharmonia performed some famous cartoon songs, while the Auckland Dance Company danced beautifully to the rhythm of the music. They were really entertaining but the conductor was the best. He used his hands and guided the Philharmonia to project the right sound, pace and tone. His hand movements were stunning.

Overall, we had an amazing time. The performances were just crisp and clear.

Karthik - Te Putiputi



Respect for self

Respect for others

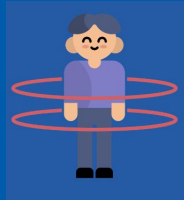
Respect for environment

In recent weeks, each syndicate has focused on lessons designed to foster positive vibes and strengthen our PB4L practices. There have been similar behaviours as the end of the year approaches. Here's a breakdown of our focus areas:

Inappropriate Physical Touch

Positive Alternative: Respectful Interaction

- Maintain personal space
- Use verbal communication to express feelings and needs
- Avoid physical contact without consent
- Only touch others with permission



Inappropriate Language

Positive Alternatives:

Kind and Respectful Language:

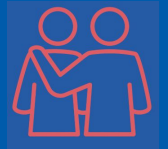
- Use polite language
- Avoid hurtful words and teasing
- Speak positively about others



Positive Behaviour to Foster

Empathy and Kindness:

- Understand and share the feelings of others
- Show compassion and care
- Practice acts of kindness



Teamwork:

- Cooperate with others
- Share ideas and responsibilities
- Celebrate each other's successes

Positive Relationships:

- Communicate effectively
- Resolve conflicts peacefully
- Build strong friendships



By focusing on these positive behaviours, we can create a safe, supportive, and inclusive learning environment for everyone.

FACEBOOK



This newsletter and our facebook page are two ways to keep up with what we're up to at our kura. Follow us if you haven't already!

ONLINE ENROLMENT

We are encouraging all our new enrolments do be done online.

Please see our website.



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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): • 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)