



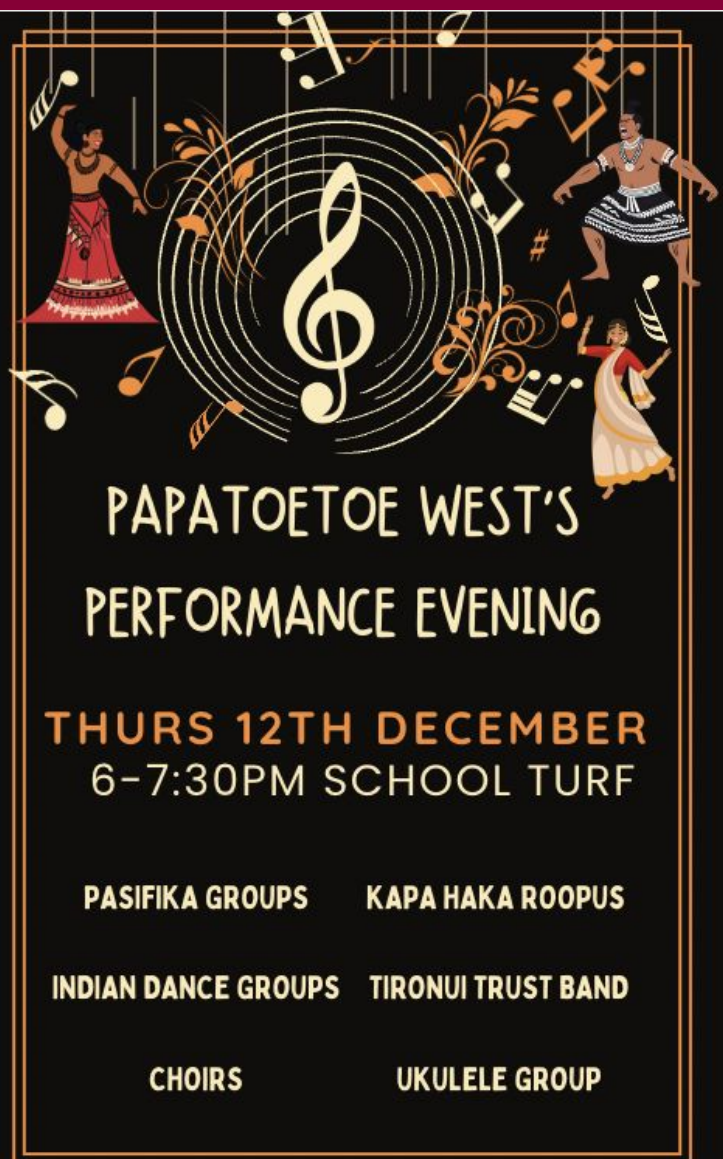
Papatoetoe West School

Together We Strive For Growth Through Learning

School-wide newsletter

Term 4

6 December 2024



REVISED DROP OFF TIME- PLEASE DROP YOUR CHILD OFF AT 5:30PM AT THE BREEZEWAY (WHERE THE HOPSCOTCH IS ON THE TURF) - THE STAFF CARPARK GATE WILL BE OPEN.

TO HELP US WITH MAKING SURE AS MANY PEOPLE CAN HAVE SEATS AS POSSIBLE, WE ASK THAT ALL PRE-SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN SIT ON AN ADULTS LAP AND NO GAPS ARE LEFT.

PICK UP- WE WILL ADVISE OF PICK UP LOCATIONS AT THE END OF THE NIGHT. ALL TAMARIKI TO STAY UNTIL THE END.

CHILDREN NOT PERFORMING IN THE EVENING MUST ATTEND WITH AN ADULT.

From our Assistant Principal

Kia ora whānau,

What a busy term it has been! We are excited to invite you to our Performance Evening next Thursday, where all our performance groups will showcase their incredible skills. This will be a vibrant celebration featuring our Kapa Haka roopu, Pasifika groups, Indian performers, Tironui Trust musicians, choir groups, and our ukulele group. We can't wait to see you there!

This term, our inquiry focus has been on Health and Wellbeing. Each class has been exploring this important area, and next week we'll conclude with our final sessions. A big thank you to Harold and Carleen from the Life Education van for their invaluable contributions—we'll be sad to see them go!

Meanwhile, our leadership team, including our amazing team leaders, have been working hard on plans for 2025. We are looking forward to introducing the refreshed New Zealand Curriculum while continuing all the wonderful practices that make our school special.

A reminder that school reports will be sent home in Week 10, and students will also learn who their 2025 teachers will be. With so much happening, we encourage all students to keep attending as we finish the year on a high note!

Ngā mihi nui,

Mrs Rebecca Baker

Tumuaki Kaiāwhina /Assistant Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Enviro update

New recipes and knife licences

We are coming to the end of our GTT program for the year, and it is fabulous to see the skills students have been put into practise.

Room 21 showed how to use the Bridge and Claw technique while making Spanish Fideua - a noodle and vegetable dish.

We also had the first attempt at making our own Fruit Roll ups, like the ones we can buy at the shop.

We used cooked apple and frozen berries and pushed the mixture through a sieve to make a smooth paste. We cooked the fruit paste slowly in the oven on baking paper and then cut it into strips to roll up.



Music update

The **year 5 and 6 Tironui bands and their tutors** have demonstrated to the year 4s who are now in the application process for the 2025 year 5 band.

In week 5 our Tironui students plus some from Te Putiputi travelled to a performance by the **Auckland Philharmonia and the Auckland Dance Company** at the Due Drop Events Centre. An exciting time was had by all.

Students continue to experience a variety of **instrumental combinations**, and the usual fun singalongs, in music class.

Preparations are also well underway for the participation of the junior and senior choirs, and the ukulele group plus vocal feature, in next week's performance evening.



FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER
from 9am

HELP!



Next Friday 13th we will be moving a lot of furniture around the school as we look to prepare for 2025 (Y4 furniture is getting moved upstairs and Y3 furniture is getting repurposed).

While some furniture we are donating, there will be lots of desks, chairs that will be put on the street for collection.

If you are available to help with moving furniture for us we will really appreciate your help (even if it's just 1-2 hours).

SCHOOL REPORTS & 2025 CLASSES

TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER

Reports will come home with your child.

They will not be available for collection before this time.

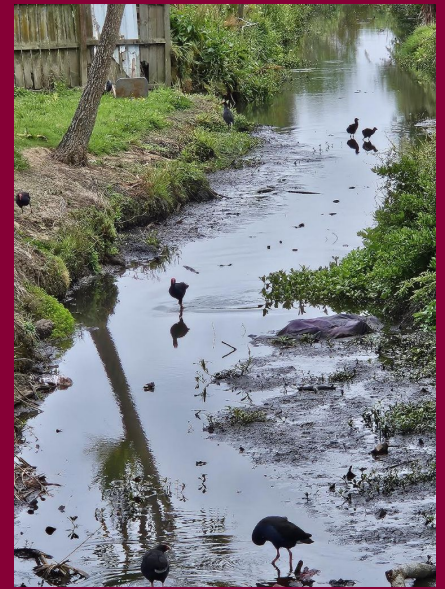
Within the envelopes will also be a letter with your child's 2025 classroom number and teacher, as well as stationery requirements.



YEAR 2 UPDATE

Kohuora Park

We went for a walk to Kohuora Park to pick up rubbish and look at animal habitats.



Yesterday morning after the roll, we were waiting outside for the kids that wanted to go toilet and we went with Room 31, Room 32, Room 33, Room 34 and Room 35.

First we walked past the year one classes and they didn't know where we were going but we were actually going to Kohuora Park. I saw a white faced heron, and a pukeko. Next we went on a bridge. I saw an eel poking his head out of the water. Then I saw some baby pukeko.

Last we went on the next bridge, but I saw something very *yucky!* **EW!** It was a nappy. Then we all laughed about it.

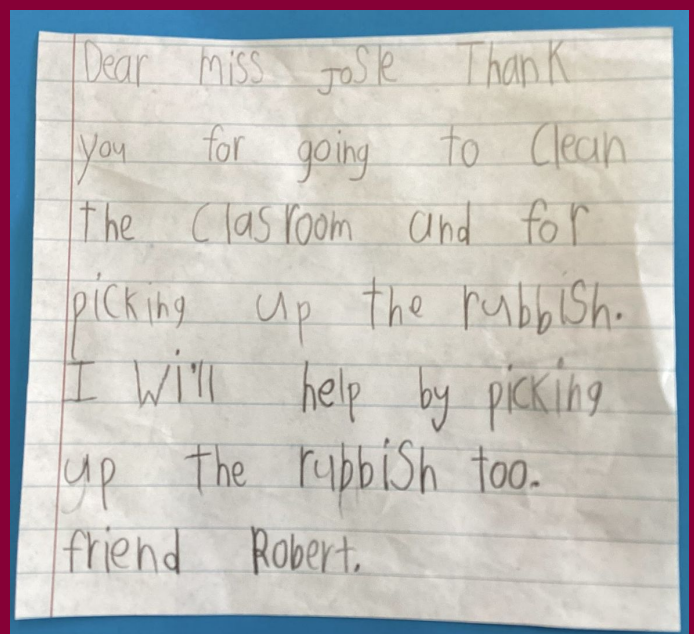
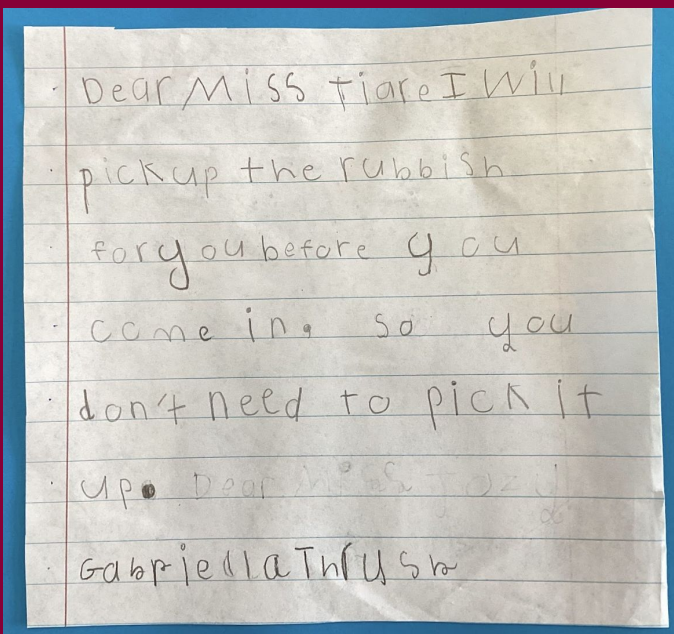
I feel joyful and I think it was the best trip ... **EVER!**

By Mayrose
Room 33

YEAR 2 UPDATE

Empathy- walking in other people's shoes

The Year 2 team have been learning about Empathy. We talked about having empathy for others and animals. We have thought about the people who help us at school. We wrote letters to Miss Tiare and the cleaners: Josie, Rahul and Charlene. We also have made toys for the SPCA.





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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)



sKids Papatoetoe West

1 Hillcrest Road, Papatoetoe

Monday 6 January to Friday 31 January 2025

0800 274 172

Site Ph: 022 010 7144

HOURS: 7.30AM to 5.30PM
SHORT DAYS: 8AM to 3PM

*Based on one child full day at rate 0. OSCAR subsidy eligibility criteria will apply. More families now qualify for OSCAR Subsidy, please visit www.skids.co.nz/oscar-subsidy for eligibility and entitlement.



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MON 6 JAN



CAMP KICK-OFF ONSITE INCURSION: CAMP KICKOFF

Kick off Holiday HQ Summer Camp with a fun welcome event. Enjoy round-robin games and activities to start your summer adventure with a blast!

SHORT DAY CHARGE \$55.50
FULL DAY CHARGE \$61.50
FROM AS LOW AS* \$0.00

TUE 7 JAN



BEACH DAY ONSITE INCURSION: BEACH DAY

Today, we're bringing the beach to you! Enjoy beach volleyball, sand art, and plenty of fun.

SHORT DAY CHARGE \$55.50
FULL DAY CHARGE \$61.50
FROM AS LOW AS* \$0.00

WED 8 JAN



FRIENDSHIP FEST PREMIUM INCURSION: PAWS & CLAWS DOG SAFETY WORKSHOP

Feel safe and confident around dogs in all situations and environments with the team from Bark K9 as we take part in their Dogwise Kiwi Kids Workshop.

FULL DAY CHARGE \$61.50
EXPERIENCE FEE \$11.00
DAILY TOTAL \$72.50
FROM AS LOW AS* \$8.70

THU 9 JAN



SPLASH ZONE MAKE & TAKE: SUMMER CAMP BUCKET HATS

Show off your creative flair with DIY Summer Bucket Hats to take home. Dive into water play, water games, and a cool science experiment!

SHORT DAY CHARGE \$55.50
FULL DAY CHARGE \$61.50
EXPERIENCE FEE \$10.00
FROM AS LOW AS* \$7.70

FRI 10 JAN



CAMPFIRE FUN ONSITE INCURSION: CAMPFIRE FUN

Get crafty with campfire crafts, DIY lanterns, and tent-making! Enjoy yummy s'mores for a true camping experience.

SHORT DAY CHARGE \$55.50
FULL DAY CHARGE \$61.50
FROM AS LOW AS* \$0.00

MON 13 JAN



OUTDOOR ADVENTURE ONSITE INCURSION: OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

Let's explore the great outdoors! Join an exciting scavenger hunt, fly your own paper plate kite, and enjoy a day packed with outdoor fun.

SHORT DAY CHARGE \$55.50
FULL DAY CHARGE \$61.50
FROM AS LOW AS* \$0.00

TUE 14 JAN



CAMP GAMES ONSITE INCURSION: CAMP GAMES

It's all about camp games today! Test your skills with DIY Tic-Tac-Toe and a Painting challenge with a twist!

SHORT DAY CHARGE \$55.50
FULL DAY CHARGE \$61.50
FROM AS LOW AS* \$0.00

WED 15 JAN



INTO THE WILD PREMIUM INCURSION: BOTTLE ROCKETS

3-2-1-BLAST OFF! Design, Build, Launch and Fly your own bottle rockets! How far will your rocket fly? Lets find out!

FULL DAY CHARGE \$61.50
EXPERIENCE FEE \$11.00
DAILY TOTAL \$72.50
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THU 16 JAN



WATER PLAY DAY MAKE & TAKE: LIFESAVER RESCUE BOATS

Splash into fun with an exciting water relay! You'll also build and race your own rubber band-powered paddle boats to take home with you!

SHORT DAY CHARGE \$55.50
FULL DAY CHARGE \$61.50
EXPERIENCE FEE \$10.00
FROM AS LOW AS* \$7.70

FRI 17 JAN



COLOUR WARS ONSITE INCURSION: COLOUR WARS

Game on! Team up with friends for an epic colour war showdown. Compete in fun challenges and see who will come out on top.

SHORT DAY CHARGE \$55.50
FULL DAY CHARGE \$61.50
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MON 20 JAN



NATURE CREATIONS ONSITE INCURSION: NATURE CREATIONS

Make your own seed pops, create pressed flower art, and enjoy a fun sketch and snack activity in the great outdoors.

SHORT DAY CHARGE \$55.50
FULL DAY CHARGE \$61.50
FROM AS LOW AS* \$0.00

TUE 21 JAN



WILDLIFE WONDERS MAKE & TAKE: DECORATIVE WILDLIFE PENCIL CASES

Decorate your own Wildlife themed pencil case. Plus!, whip up delicious animal pancake art as we dive into the wonderful world of wildlife!

SHORT DAY CHARGE \$55.50
FULL DAY CHARGE \$61.50
EXPERIENCE FEE \$10.00
FROM AS LOW AS* \$7.70

WED 22 JAN



SUMMER EXPLORERS EXCURSION: BUTTERFLY CREEK

Beautiful butterflies, dinosaurs, dragons, crocodiles and farmyard friends. Plus! Craft your own keepsake butterfly & dinosaur to take home!

FULL DAY CHARGE \$61.50
EXPERIENCE FEE \$25.00
DAILY TOTAL \$86.50
FROM AS LOW AS* \$22.70

THU 23 JAN



SPORTS SHOWDOWN ONSITE INCURSION: SPORTS SHOWDOWN

Put your sporty skills to the test! Compete in ball sports, take on DIY slingshot challenges, dodgeball, and frisbee golf for an action-packed day.

SHORT DAY CHARGE \$55.50
FULL DAY CHARGE \$61.50
FROM AS LOW AS* \$0.00

FRI 24 JAN



END OF SUMMER PARTY ONSITE INCURSION: END OF SUMMER PARTY

Celebrate friendships and the memories made at Summer Camp! Enjoy party games, music, and DIY Sunglasses!

SHORT DAY CHARGE \$55.50
FULL DAY CHARGE \$61.50
FROM AS LOW AS* \$0.00

MON 27 JAN

Service Closed for Auckland Anniversary Day

TUE 28 JAN



SIZZLING SCIENCE ONSITE INCURSION: SIZZLING SCIENCE

Put on your lab coat and become a scientist for the day! Discover the secrets of sunscreen and get messy with cool, hands-on experiments!

SHORT DAY CHARGE \$55.50
FULL DAY CHARGE \$61.50
FROM AS LOW AS* \$0.00

WED 29 JAN



TASTE OF SUMMER ONSITE INCURSION: TASTE OF SUMMER

Get ready for a tasty adventure! We'll whip up delicious caprese sandwiches and enjoy a fun picnic with summer games!

SHORT DAY CHARGE \$55.50
FULL DAY CHARGE \$61.50
FROM AS LOW AS* \$0.00

THU 30 JAN



CAMP LEGENDS MAKE & TAKE: DIY TENT NIGHTLIGHT

Decorate your very own tent shaped nightlight. With enchanting campfire stories from around the world and take the stage at our Holiday HQ Talent Show!

SHORT DAY CHARGE \$55.50
FULL DAY CHARGE \$61.50
EXPERIENCE FEE \$10.00
FROM AS LOW AS* \$7.70

FRI 31 JAN



BACKYARD BONANZA ONSITE INCURSION: BACKYARD BONANZA

Explore the outdoors, create nature necklaces, and build your own garden huts!

SHORT DAY CHARGE \$55.50
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Campaigning for essential school staff

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TE RIU ROA

Support investing in essential school staff – sign the open letter to Government

Alongside teachers and principals, we are essential staff who play a critical role in the success of your local school.

We are your child's teacher aide or learning assistant, the friendly faces you meet at the school reception. We are kaiārahi i te reo, therapists, school librarians, science technicians and much much more.

In our work we weave many threads together to support children in the classroom, provide expertise in te reo, manage school offices and administration, and more. Often our work goes unnoticed and undervalued.

We need your support to help change this.

We are building power to win essential improvements to our collective agreement – fair pay, job security and the professional learning and development we need – the essentials!

Please scan this QR code to sign an open letter to show your support for better Government investment in a quality public education system, and in us as essential staff.



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SUMMER READING FUN



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RAUMATI READS SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

DECEMBER 2024

Papatoetoe War Memorial Library

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16 Dec Festive treats Christmas scavenger hunt (All week)	17 Dec Raumati Reads summer reading registration	18 Dec Create your own Christmas cards & add a personal touch, 10:30am	19 Dec Christmas crafts with Indu, 10:30	20 Dec Snowman crafts, 10:30am	21 Dec Christmas crafts @1pm
23 Dec Christmas Pop Quiz & Christmas crafts, 10:30am	24 Dec Christmas crafts with Indu, 10:30am	25 Dec Library closed	26 Dec PUBLIC HOLIDAY	27 Dec Read a book from the Raumati BINGO board	28 Dec Summer crafts @1pm
30 Dec Explore New Zealand, photo hunt. (30 Dec to 4 Jan)	31 Dec Read a book from the Raumati BINGO board				

JANUARY 2025

Contact us: 09 2618310
Facebook.com/PapatoetoeLibrary

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		01 JAN HAPPY NEW YEAR! NEW YEAR DAY	02 JAN PUBLIC HOLIDAY	03 JAN Read a book from the Raumati BINGO board	04 JAN summer crafts @1pm
06 JAN Design or draw A stunning kite using beautiful Māori patterns. <i>*Competition starts</i>	07 JAN Touch of greenery Create your own mini herb garden in painted pots, 10:30am	08 JAN Ti Rākau fun art Learn about the Ti Rākau Māori stick game & decorate with Māori designs, 10:30am	09 JAN Kiwiana printing Bring an old t-shirt or tote bag, 10:30am	10 JAN Popcorn, quiz and movie 10:30am	11 JAN Design or draw A stunning kite using beautiful Maori patterns, 1pm <i>*Competition ends</i>
13 JAN *Papatoetoe's past: photo hunt. *Decorate a summer photo frame, 10:30am	14 JAN Koru art Design an inspired Māori taonga using salt dough, 10:30am	15 JAN Grasshopper craft: Transform recycled materials into an adorable grasshopper, 10:30am	16 JAN Creative puppet adventures workshop with experienced artists, 10:30am - 12:30pm	17 JAN Popcorn, quiz and movie, 10:30am	18 JAN *Decorate a summer photo frame, 1pm
20 JAN *Famous Kiwi sport heroes scavenger hunt	21 JAN Plaster leaf print: Create a detailed impression, 10:30am	22 JAN Raumati Reads Final party, 10:30am to 12:30pm	23 JAN Bird Art: Creating stunning bird art with birdseeds, 10:30am	24 JAN Popcorn, quiz and movie, 10:30am	25 JAN Summer crafts, 1pm

To:	General Practitioners, Hospital Specialists, After-Hours Centres and Emergency Departments, Pharmacists, Lead Maternity Carers, College of GPs, College of Midwives, Hauora Māori and Pacific Health Providers, Well Child, Plunket, Laboratories and NZMN, NPHS national and regional services, Pertussis National Readiness Coordination Group.
From:	Dr Susan Jack, National Clinical Director Medical Officer of Health, NPHS
Date:	22/11/2024
Title:	National Pertussis (whooping cough) Epidemic

Please share the following information with relevant staff in your organisation.

Pertussis (whooping cough) epidemic declared across Aotearoa

Due to ongoing high levels of pertussis cases (and hospitalisations) occurring consistently across the motu over the last several weeks, the National Public Health Service (NPHS) and the Public Health Agency is now declaring a national epidemic. We are asking healthcare professionals to please remain vigilant for people presenting with symptoms and to continue to promote vaccinations to protect vulnerable groups.

Epidemics of pertussis typically occur every 3-5 years and usually last for 12-18 months, with the last national outbreak in New Zealand beginning in late 2017 and continuing through 2018.

Latest ESR [dashboard reporting](#) shows that following spikes in May, June and July, pertussis cases have been steadily increasing again since September, and now likely show the beginning of a national epidemic. In the past four weeks (19 October – 15 November) there were 263 cases – the highest number of cases over a four-week period to date for all of 2024, triggering a national epidemic response by public health services.

Cases have spread across the motu, affecting various age groups and ethnicities, with some hospitalisations among young babies and older people. Pertussis can be particularly severe for babies, and they may require hospital care. We are also aware that many school communities across the motu are being impacted by cases.

Vaccination

- Advise **pregnant people** particularly hāpu māmā of the increase in pertussis and recommend free Boostrix vaccination from 16 weeks in **every** pregnancy as it's the best way to protect their newborn.
- Pertussis vaccination should be encouraged for the **extended whānau of pregnant people, new babies** and infants, although depending on their age they may not be eligible for a funded vaccine.
- Continue to **prioritise on time immunisation** for all babies at 6w, 3m and 5m and pertussis boosters at 4 years and 11 years for children.
- Encourage all **staff, including reception and administrative staff**, to be protected from pertussis as well as influenza and measles. Booster vaccinations are recommended 5-10 yearly depending on employer requirements for all lead maternity carers and healthcare workers who are in direct contact with infants.

- Adults aged 45 years (if they haven't already had 4 vaccines) and 65 years are also eligible for a free pertussis booster.

Testing, treatment and isolation

- Pertussis PCR is the recommended test for people presenting with whooping cough characteristic symptoms, including onset of upper respiratory tract infection with cough; post-tussive vomiting, apnoea or cyanosis; an inspiratory whoop following cough in younger children noting infants may not whoop; gasping or gagging instead of whooping in older children and adults.
- PCR testing is useful within 3 weeks of symptom onset. Probable and confirmed cases need to isolate at home for 5 days from starting antibiotic treatment or 2 days if treated with azithromycin.
- Epidemiologically linked cases do not need to be tested but should be notified as cases.

To reduce transmission, treatment is recommended for cases within 3 weeks of onset of symptoms. Antibiotic prophylaxis is recommended for **high priority contacts** within 3 weeks of exposure to an infectious case.

High priority contacts include:

- infants aged younger than 1 year who have received <3 doses of a pertussis-containing vaccine, especially those aged <6 months and/or Māori and Pacific infants
- pregnant people in their last trimester of pregnancy
- people who work or spend extended time with vulnerable people outside the household, e.g. early childhood centre, aged residential care, healthcare settings
- people at risk of severe disease, e.g. chronic respiratory disease, congenital heart disease, immunocompromised children aged <5 years who are unimmunised or partially immunised.

Treatment of symptomatic or high priority contacts

Follow the guidance available on HealthPathways for antibiotic treatment of symptomatic and high priority contacts. Guidance is also available in the Communicable Diseases Manual – see [here](#).

The recommended prophylactic antibiotics and dosages are the same for case treatment and prophylaxis for high-risk contacts. **Please notify suspected cases of pertussis to your local Public Health Service.**

Further Information

- Additional information about Pertussis is available on the Health NZ | Te Whatu Ora website [here](#).
- IMAC: www.immune.org.nz/diseases/pertussis
- KidsHealth: www.kidshealth.org.nz/whooping-cough
- Downloadable collateral for providers about Pertussis is available from the following sources:
 - [Dropbox – National Immunisation Programme – vaccine resources](#)
 - [HealthEd](#)
 - [Bluestar portal](#)