



Papatoetoe West School

Together We Strive For Growth Through Learning

School wide newsletter

| Term 4

| 18 December 2024

MONDAY 3RD
FEBRUARY
FIRST DAY
OF SCHOOL 2025



From our Principal

Kia ora koutou,

2024 has been a year filled with learning, growth, and memorable achievements, and it is a privilege to be part of a school community as vibrant and supportive as ours.

Our tamariki have worked hard this year, embracing challenges and celebrating successes in the classroom, on the sports field, in the arts, and beyond. We are so proud of their achievements and the resilience they have shown throughout the year. A special mention goes to our Year 6 students, who are leaving us to start their next chapter at intermediate. You have been wonderful leaders, and we wish you all the best for the future—kia kaha, kia māia, kia manawanui.

To our whānau, your support has been invaluable. Whether you've attended events, helped with fundraising, or simply encouraged your child's learning journey, your involvement strengthens the fabric of our school community. Ngā mihi nui for everything you do.

A heartfelt thank you to our amazing staff, who bring passion and dedication to their roles every day. Your commitment to nurturing and inspiring our tamariki is what makes Papatoetoe West such a special place.

Lastly, a heartfelt thank you to our School Board for their outstanding leadership and dedication in guiding and governing our school.

As we head into the summer holidays, I encourage everyone to take time to relax, recharge, and enjoy time with loved ones. Let's all return in 2025 ready for another exciting year!

On behalf of everyone at Papatoetoe West School, I wish you a Meri Kirihimete and a safe and happy New Year.

Mrs Sandy Tritt
Tumuaki / Principal

Junior School End of Year Awards

Room	PB4L West Way Award	Te Toa Tupuranga (Growth & Effort)	Te Toa o Te Ao Mātauranga (Academic Achievement)
Te Kākano	Isabelle, Helen Ivyanna, Loa’Lekah		
Rūma Tekau mā tahi (R11)	Salvation Rehmatpreet		
Rūma Rua tekau mā toru (R23)	Mokoi	Xzandah	Parvanendhu
Rūma Rua tekau mā ono (R26)	Jeremiah	Roqiya	Zekirah
Rūma Rua tekau mā whitu (R27)	Rosevalu	Harseerat	Matilda
Rūma Rua tekau mā waru (R28)	Advika	Rosalia	Jadrien
Rūma Rua tekau mā iwa (R29)	Leann	Azariah	Believe
Rūma Toru tekau (R30)	Charmaine	Yochanan	Sadie
Rūma Toru tekau mā tahi (R31)	Elon	Avisha	Hayley
Rūma Toru tekau mā rua (R32)	Alisha	Rashi	Mireya
Rūma Toru tekau mā toru (R33)	Faimafili	Cleo	Mayrose
Rūma Toru tekau mā whā (R34)	Shalini	Sana	Nived
Rūma Toru tekau mā rima (R35)	Hayden	Zara	Ivan
Rūma Tekau mā ono (R16)	Sosina	Ruwaid	Hezekiah
Rūma Tekau mā whitu (R17)	Aries	Jonah	Solomon
Rūma Tekau mā waru (R18)	Elani	Salvation	Isaac
Rūma Tekau mā iwa (R19)	Romina	Selena	Fuji

Senior School End of Year Awards

Room	PB4L West Way Award	Te Toa Tupuranga (Growth & Effort)	Te Toa o Te Ao Mātauranga (Academic Achievement)
Rūma Tekau mā whā (R14)	Serenity	Louisa	Trisha
Rūma Rua tekau (R20)	Lisa	Vivaan	Simarleen
Rūma Rua tekau mā tahi (R21)	Vina	Aariz	Harley-Quin
Rūma Rua tekau mā rua (R22)	Zoya	Sione	Gurekam
Te Putiputi (R1)	Naira John Jerome Altika	Vanishka Ayaan Jairah Samara	Kobe Princess Jahdon Areeha
Rūma Rua (R2)	Lukas Kasalaine	Romyn Zhang	Almeer Harnidh
Rūma Toru (R3)	Harlina Ishaan	Nooroa Nivaeah	Rajnay Cashmere
Rūma Whā (R4)	Shannon Peter	Heaven Ocean	Saanvi Harman
Rūma Rima (R5)	Aviraj Kara	Thaovy Sumayyah	Shashank Jashandeep
Te Puāwaitanga (R7)	Raelynn Paulo Jerani Na'a Xapa	Sally-Ann Aleena Harshandeep Zuhayra	Maka Ayn Umair Lu'isa

Year 6 End of Year Awards



Karthik
Mainfreight Overall Winner



Ariigrace and Justine
Runner Up - Mainfreight



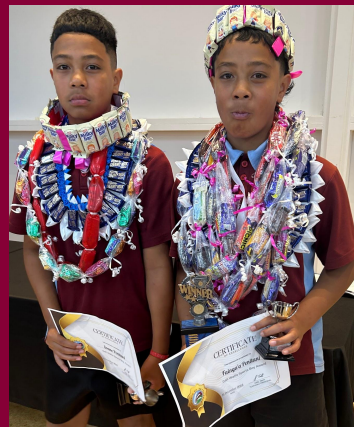
Lincoln
Māori Award Overall Excellence



Adiela
Runner Up Gail Wallis Best All Round Sports Girl



Ariana
Runner Up Gail Wallis Best All Round Sports Girl



Fainga'a & Soane
Gail Wallis Best All Round Sports Boy



Nafe
Runner Up Gail Wallis Best All Round Sports Boy



'Elenoa
Performing Arts Award



Grace
Performing Arts Award



Azayleah
Enviro Award

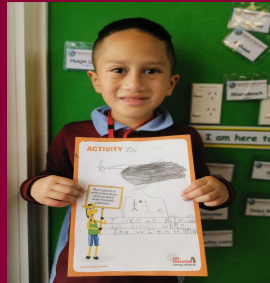


Winter-Shiloh
PB4L West Way Award for Citizenship

Year 0/1 update

Te Kākano - Growing Friendships

As Term 4 comes to an end, we can't help but smile as we think about all the fun learning we've had in Te Kakano! One of the best parts was spending time with Harold, where we learned all about friendship and how to resolve conflicts in a positive way. Our days were filled with Christmas excitement as we sang festive carols and explored the magic of the season through different Christmas stories. We also had a blast practicing our writing by creating thoughtful letters and cards for our families and, of course, Santa Claus! This term has been full of joyful moments that we'll surely treasure.



Rūma 23

This term rūma 23 had an opportunity to visit our Specialist Educators with their mobile classroom and the loveable Harold to learn how to make safer and healthier choices. As a result of life education, I have seen and heard about positive attitude and behavioural changes in the children in rūma 23.



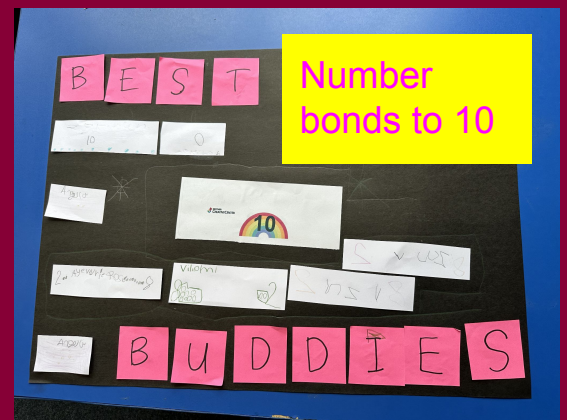
Rūma 11- Growing Friendships

Room 11 has had an unforgettable term with Carlene and Harold in the Life Education Trust mobile classroom. They have discovered the magic of being fantastic friends, exploring what makes a true friend, the qualities of strong friendships and how to create meaningful, lasting connections. The excitement continued as students got creative, brainstorming clever ways to be the ultimate friend and bringing those ideas to life in the classroom. They wrote down their top friendship tips and brought them to life with kind, thoughtful gestures. It's been a term filled with friendship, fun, lots of smiles and learning!



Rūma 26

We have been learning about positive friendships and working together for success. We loved singing as part of the Junior Choir and practicing our team-building skills for our Performance evening



Maths and positive relationships combined!

Year 1 update

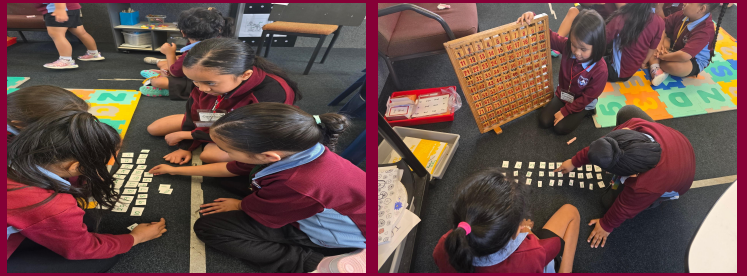
Rūma 28 - Health

Room 28 has been learning about our emotions. We can name our emotions and know some strategies for what to do to help us when we are feeling strong emotions. We are loving our new calm kit tools.



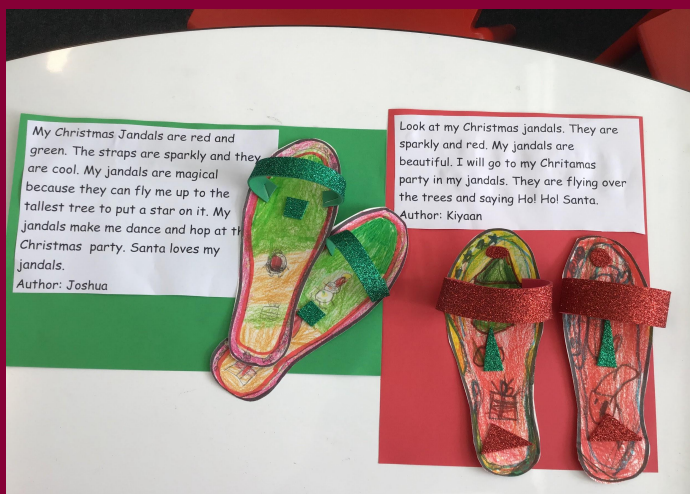
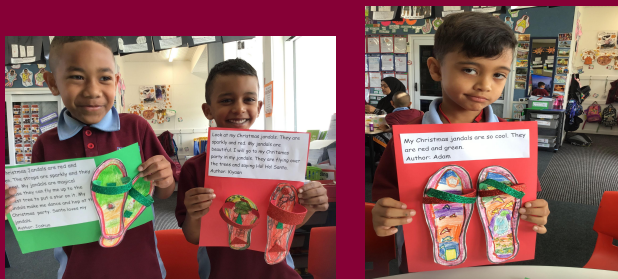
Rūma 29 - Maths

During math time, students worked together to order numbers from 1 to 30, collaborating and sharing ideas to complete the task. With the guidance of a senior student, they navigated through the activity, learning new strategies and boosting their confidence. The senior student's support made the challenge both fun and manageable, fostering teamwork and a love for learning!



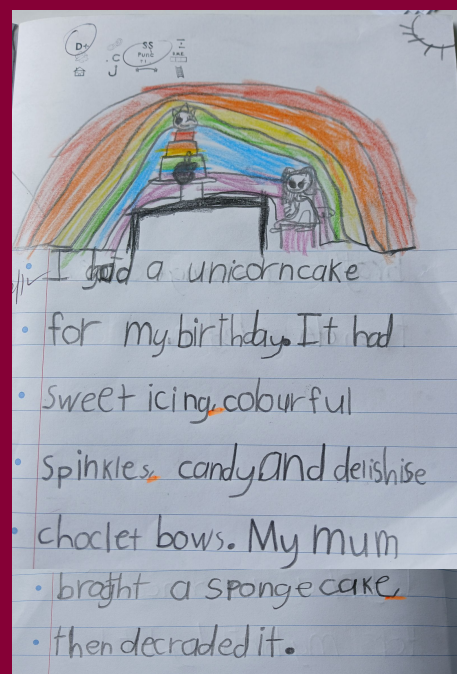
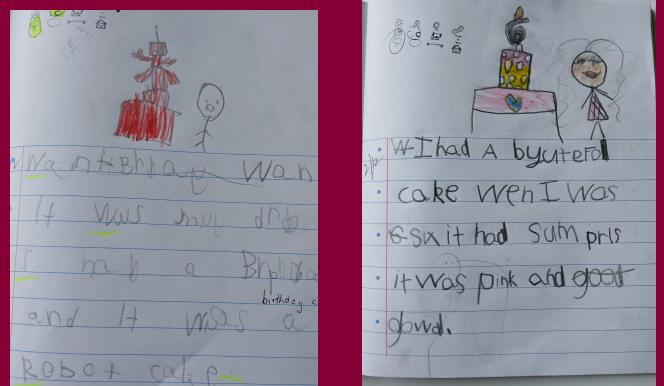
Rūma 27

Rūma 27 has been learning to use descriptive words in their stories. We made colourful Christmas jandals and described our magical jandals using some vivid adjectives. We love our Christmas jandals.



Rūma 30

We have been learning to add more detail to our stories. Enjoy reading some of our birthday cake stories!



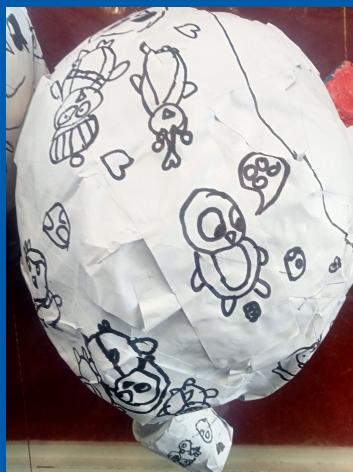
End of year performance

Our performance evening was a true celebration of year-long dedication and talent like no other! From the powerful Kapa Haka roopu, to the beautiful voices of our choirs, the incredible band, the lively ukulele group, the dynamic Indian dance groups, and the vibrant Pasifika performances – it was a spectacular showcase where every performer filled the night with energy and heart. We couldn't be prouder!



Art update

This term we have been learning about the medium of paper mache through sculpture. We have been creating hot air balloons, by working in small groups to share our knowledge and support our 'respect for others' value by learning to share our learning experiences and skills to create the strong layers, a theme, design and brush skills while working with paint. We have enjoyed the process of wet and dry textures that paper mache creates and learning through our school vision of growth through learning. Wishing you all a happy and safe holiday break and see you all next year for another year of Toi /Art.



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:

Year 0

Jasgun Te Kākano
Ephraim - Te Kākano
Diya - Ruma tekau mā tahi



**Well
Done!**

Year 1

Xzandah - Ruma rua tekau mā toru
Tia - Rūma rua tekau mā ono
Joshua - Rūma rua tekau mā whitu
Austin - Rūma rua tekau mā waru
Aayansh- Rūma rua tekau mā iwa
Ellina - Rūma toru tekau



Year 2

Gavin - Rūma toru tekau mā tahi
Japjot- Rūma toru tekau mā rua
Lariah - Rūma toru tekau mā toru
Sintherny - Rūma toru tekau mā whā
Ryan - Rūma toru tekau mā rima

Year 3

Akosi -Rūma tekau mā ono
Jordynne - Rūma tekau mā whitu
Isaac - Rūma tekau mā waru
Selena- Rūma tekau mā iwa



Year 4

Shreya - Rūma tekau mā whā
Elisha - Rūma rua tekau
Aydah - Rūma rua tekau mā tahi
Tihina- Rūma rua tekau mā rua

Year 5/ 6

'Elenoa - Te Putiputi
Siam - Te Putiputi
Carly-Rose - Rūma rua
Mustafa - Rūma toru
Crysta - Rūma whā
Richelle - Rūma rima
Madiha - Te Puāwaitangi
Aurianna - Te Puāwaitangi



The school gates open at 8:15am. If you are unable to pick up your children between 2.55pm and 3.10pm, please contact SKIDS to arrange after school care (phone 0270107144).

Bike and Scooter Safety

Just a reminder that if your child rides a bike or scooter to school they are required to wear a safety helmet.



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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)



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SCHOOL UNIFORM 2025

Dear Whānau,

The Papatoetoe West School Board is pleased to announce that, in addition to our current supplier, Angel Fashions, we are now offering uniform options through our new supplier, NZ Uniforms. This initiative is part of our ongoing efforts to provide high-quality, durable uniform choices for our students.

As we introduce these new options, we'd like to take this opportunity to remind families about our footwear and sock expectations, which will be more consistently applied starting from Term 1, 2025. Your support in helping students transition to wearing the appropriate footwear in line with these guidelines is greatly appreciated.

We understand that this may require some families to make small adjustments, and we thank you for your cooperation in ensuring that students meet these footwear expectations. Through our partnership with KidsCan, with adequate notice, we are able to provide appropriate school shoes for any families that would like support with this. This can be arranged through our school office.

From 2025, we will be more actively supporting students to follow these guidelines. Thank you for your ongoing support in maintaining smart, safe, and consistent uniform standards for all students.

Ngā mihi nui,

Papatoetoe West School Board

A copy of the school uniform policy can be found on SchoolDocs <https://papwest.schooldocs.co.nz/>

A copy of our school uniform rules can be found with our enrolment information, and at the school office.

Footwear Guidelines:

- **Main Shoe Type:** Students are required to wear plain black lace-up shoes or Velcro fastened shoes. These shoes should be sturdy, comfortable, and suitable for everyday school activities.
- **Sandals:** Students may wear plain black sandals with a secure back strap, such as Roman sandals or school sandals, which provide comfort and support while maintaining a neat appearance.

Sock Guidelines:

- Plain black or navy blue, with no logos or patterns visible.



Footwear Not Allowed:

- Casual footwear like clogs
- Heelys
- Open-toed shoes
- Ballet flats
- Jandals
- Sandals without a back strap



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UNIFORM INFORMATION

WHERE & WHEN CAN YOU BUY YOUR UNIFORM?

NZ Uniforms: Unit 5, 20 Lambie Drive, Manukau.

Store Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-5pm, Saturday 9am-4pm.

Phone: 09 950 6747 | **Email:** manukau@nzuniforms.com

Shop Online: pap-west.nzuniforms.com

HOW CAN YOU PAY?

WINZ/OT/Charities/Trusts/Whānau & Family QUOTES

WINZ CUR Number: 001604113

You can also get a Quote online. Just add your items to the shopping cart and choose the Quote option at the checkout. Visit our website for more information on getting a Quote.

OTHER PAYMENT OPTIONS

Uniform Club: Save for your student's uniform by adding regular payments to your Uniform Club account during the year. Visit our website to find out more about Uniform Club and to join.

We also accept **Afterpay** (in-store only), and **Zip** (in-store & online). Visit our website to find out more about Zip and to join.

We also accept cash, eftpos and credit cards.

NAME LABELLING

We can attach your name to your uniform items for only \$4 per label while you wait. Guaranteed to last.

NZ UNIFORMS ALSO STOCKS

School shoes, school bags, belts, socks, hair accessories, shoe polish, boxers and more.

Visit our website for more details-
www.nzuniforms.com