



Papatoetoe West School

Together We Strive For Growth Through Learning

Newsletter 5

Term 1

12 April 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 2 starts

Monday 29th April

Whakatau

Friday 3rd May 10am

School assembly

Monday 6th May 11:40am

Samoan fono

Wednesday 15th May 3pm

Reading Together programme

Thursday 9th May

Thursday 16th May

Pink shirt day

Friday 17th May

From the Leader of Learning's desk

As we wrap up another exciting term, we reflect on the wonderful learning and growth our tamariki have experienced over this action packed term. From captivating classroom learning to many engaging experiences outside of the classroom, our students have showcased creativity, resilience and an enthusiasm for learning.

I want to acknowledge our hard working staff who consistently go above and beyond to create a safe, inviting and enjoyable learning environment at our school.

Thank you also to all parents and caregivers for your continued support.

We are incredibly proud of our students' achievements both big and small and the supportive community that surrounds them.

You will have read a lot about attendance this past term. It is one of our strategic goals but you may have noticed that is also a national priority.

Last year's end-of-year academic results showed promising progress in different areas. It also highlighted the impact that COVID and attendance has had on achievement. At the end of last year, 63% of our students were At or Above for Reading, 57% of our students were At or Above for Writing and 60% of our students were At or Above for Maths.

We are committed to meeting the diverse needs of our tamariki. However, we rely on your continued support. Please ensure that your child attend school regularly, arrives on time, and is not taken out of school early, unless absolutely necessary.

Wishing you all a safe and restful break and we look forward to welcoming you all back in two weeks time for another exciting term.

Sandy Tritt
Tumuaki/Principal

Papatoetoe West School

PAPATOETOE WEST SCHOOL

SAMOAN FONO

LET'S TALANO! COME ALONG TO DISCUSS HOW WE CAN BEST SUPPORT THE LEARNING AND CULTURE OF OUR SAMOAN STUDENTS. WE WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSING AND PLANNING FOR THE UPCOMING SAMOA LANGUAGE WEEK

MAY 15
3PM

SWEET SAMOAN STYLE TREATS PROVIDED, ALONG WITH COFFEE AND TEA
rsvp: (or just come along)
tupui@pap-west.school.nz

STAFFROOM

The West Way

**Respect for
self**

**Respect for
others**

**Respect for
environment**

The West Way Focus



Congratulations to Kereru (red house), for winning this term's house points. It was a close race but Kereru sneaked past the goal post to take the win.



Every student worked hard this term to earn tokens. They did this by:-

- respect for self, (e.g. showing perseverance)
- respect for others (e.g. playing nicely and being helpful)
- respect for environment (e.g. not walking over garden beds)

Performance Group Opportunities

So far this year we have some great opportunities for students to participate in cultural and performance groups. It has been such a pleasure to see these groups performing in our school assemblies. We hope you have enjoyed any you have been able to watch.

To support the engagement of these groups, students have practices in a break time each week and some class time sessions.

Please encourage your child if they are interested in participating in these groups, to make the most of these opportunities.

Week 1 next term a timetable will be sent out sharing the groups and times that are for each year level.



You can now access all our important school policies and procedures online. through school docs. You can find a link on our school website under policies. Or you can go direct by clicking [here](#).

Our username is: papwest

Our password is: hillcrest



SchoolDocs

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LATE PICK UPS AFTER SCHOOL

School finishes at 2:55pm. All students should be picked up at this time; 3:10pm at the latest.

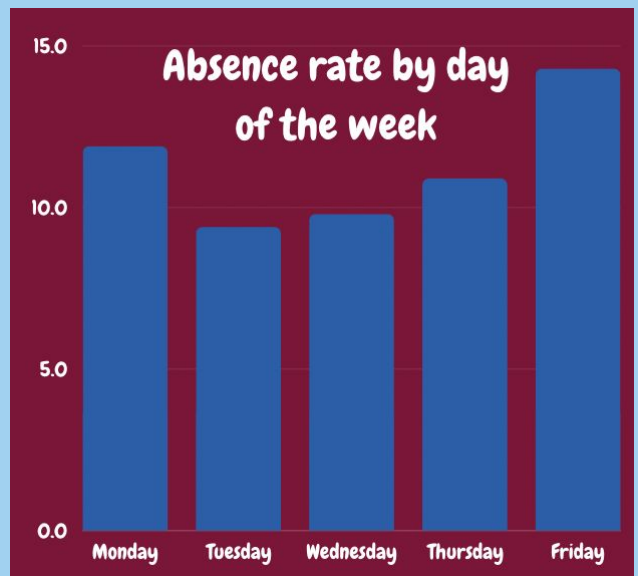
In NZ, it is illegal for children to be left alone without reasonable provision for their care. Please ensure you pick up your child on time.

Term 1 attendance

Our daily attendance rate across the term was **88.4%**

Every day we have **3%** of our tamariki unaccounted for (i.e. they are absent and we don't know why). This means they will be regarded as truant. It is most appreciated if we know of a child's absence in advance (the best way is to use the skool-loop app to inform us of absence).

We're observing a concerning trend of higher absenteeism on Fridays and Mondays (see below). This suggests families extending weekends or recovering from them which is a pattern that we want to address and mitigate.



Rate of attendance	Number of Students attending	Percentage of students attending
Regular attendance (90+%) Excellent work	386	59%
Irregularly absent (80-90%) Goal: Get to 90+%	152	23%
Moderately absent (70-80%) Goal: Get to 80+%	58	9%
Chronically absent (Less than 70%) Huge concern	58	9%

We want to maintain or even improve our attendance even during the winter terms. We appreciate the improved efforts everyone is making to get their children to do.

Please keep this up - wind, rain or shine! We understand some life happens, and some things are outside of our control but we love our tamariki to be at school every day they can- this benefits them socially and academically!

We have seen great success with sending the fortnightly update of student absences so will continue this initiative throughout the year. A reminder, if we already have reasons for absences listed already you don't need to reply to us (it's still good for you to read the email though as a way of monitoring your own child's attendance at school).

2024 dates

2	Monday 29 April - Friday 5 July
3	Monday 22 July - Friday 27 September
4	Monday 14 October - Friday 20 December

Confirmed school closures during term time

Teacher Only Day- Friday 31st May 2024

Kings Birthday- Monday 3rd June 2024

Matariki- Friday 28th June 2024

Teacher Only Day- Friday 23rd August 2024

Labour Day- Monday 28 October 2024



Reading Together Programme

Help your child
love reading

Quality time with
your child

A Research Based
programme

What is the Reading Together Programme?

Reading Together® is a research-based workshop programme which helps parents/whānau to provide effective support for their children's reading (and thereby also supports teachers in their classroom programmes).

The programme has been shown to raise children's reading achievement in a significant and sustained manner, and to improve relationships between children and parents, and between parents and teachers

[More information about about the programme can be found here.](#)



Session 1

How to help with reading at home

1. Introduction - an overview
2. Your child as a reader - sharing ideas and experiences
3. Ways of helping your child with reading - explanation, demonstration and discussion
4. Finding time to help at home
5. Using libraries

Session 2

How to check the difficulty level of reading materials

1. Sharing experiences
2. Finding and using the right material with your child
3. Helping your child to read suitable material

(please bring your child to this workshop)

Session 3

How to help your children overcome problems in their reading

1. Sharing experiences (including books enjoyed at home)
2. Ideas about how we read and what helps us to read
3. More ways of helping children, especially when they cannot recognise a word

Session 4

Sharing ideas about reading, giving feedback and looking ahead

1. Sharing progress and experiences
2. Other ideas about learning to read

Workshop Dates:

Thursday 9 May 2024

Thursday 16 May 2024

Thursday 23 May 2024

Thursday 13 June 2024



Are you interested in
coming along?

Let us know via the [google form](#)
and we will let you know the start
time from your feedback.