



# Papatoetoe West School

Together We Strive For Growth Through Learning

Newsletter 4

| Term 1

| 28 March 2024

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Easter weekend: School closed**

Friday 28th March

Monday 1st April

Tuesday 2nd April

### **Photolife: Class & portrait**

**photos** Monday 8th April

### **Inquiry open afternoon**

Wednesday 10th April 2:30pm

### **Photolife: Sibling photos**

Thursday 11th April

### **Last day of term**

Thursday 11th April

## From our Assistant Principal

Wow! Term one has flown by, soon we will have the Term one break, but as to get us through until then we have the Easter Holiday weekend this week - five days off! We are so lucky because everyone else only gets four days. I hope you have lots of things planned for your time at home.

A little bit about me in case we have not met before:

Before becoming the Assistant Principal at Papatoetoe West School, I was the Team Leader for the Year 1 and 2 team, and before that the Year 3 Team. I have have been active in many roles at Papatoetoe West School including being an Across Kaihui Ako lead teacher in Literacy and a Lead teacher for Maths. Now in my current role, I am the Assistant Principal the Special Education Needs Coordinator (Or the SENCo), and I still oversee and support the classrooms and teachers Junior area of the school.

Outside of school, I look after my nine year old son and husband. We live on a little lifestyle block with two sheep, native birds, lots of chickens and a dog.

Thank you to everyone who made our book week magical this week. Literacy is a huge passion of mine, and it has been so awesome to see all of the students so engaged in their reading this week. So many books and fun could be seen in all of the classrooms I entered, however the best part was the amazing book parade - the costumes were incredible! Thank you to all of you for making book week wonderful this year.

Looking forward to seeing you around the school and being part of more amazing work.

Ngā mihi nui

Rebecca Baker

Kaiāwhina Tumuaki /Assistant Principal & SENCO

## TRANSFORMATION MIGRATION LEARNING



**WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL 2:30PM**

**Pop into classes to see what tamariki have been learning this term!**

(please don't leave school again until the gates are open at 2:45pm)

# Cricket & Playball

Our tamariki have got some serious skills! On Tuesday 19th March, 40 PWS athletes took to the field to challenge the fiercest teams in Papatoetoe.



My day was sunny and fulfilling. Our best match was against Holy Cross because we had a tie. It was exciting! Fielding was cool - I like to catch the ball and get people out. In one game, I got 2 people out.

Misilei

(Te Puawaitanga Boys Playball team)

## RESULTS

Boys Playball - 5th place

Girls Playball - 5th place

Boys Cricket - 5th place

Girls Cricket - 3rd place



A big thank you to our wonderful coaches  
Mr Grant Kibblewhite - Boys Cricket, Mr  
Philip Waller - Girls Cricket, Miss Belinda  
King - Girls Playball and Miss Connie  
Passfield - Boys Playball.



Our next sports are Rugby, Soccer and  
Netball - Whanau, if you are able to come  
support or coach one of these teams,  
please contact our head office 09 278 6274  
We'd love to have your support!



School attendance is extremely important! You receive a summary email of your child's attendance to date fortnightly. If there are unexplained absences please email [office@pap-west.school.nz](mailto:office@pap-west.school.nz) to explain the reason for absence. In our final newsletter this term we will share our school's attendance data.

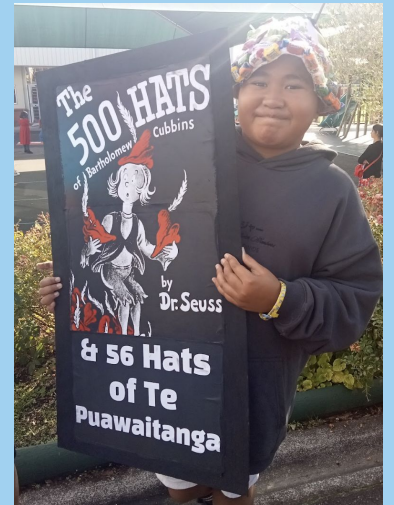
Do you have any uniforms that your child has grown out of but is still in good condition? Please donate to the office or hand to your child's teacher!





# Book week

Today we had our book Week Parade! We celebrated the wonderful world of literature as our students brought to life their favourite characters from books. Here are a few pics of students getting ready for the big event....





# The West Way

**Respect for  
self**

**Respect for  
others**

**Respect for  
environment**

## The West Way



The last couple of weeks the focus has been on Respect for the Environment. Papatoetoe West's goal is to make our school waste free. We no longer have large waste bins outside. All students and staff are encouraged to take their waste home, including all packaged waste. They are doing a fantastic job. It been great to see some students using reusable packaging, to really ensure zero waste. Get your child to help out at home with where waste goes- they'll be able to help!

Each class has a fruit bin for fruit waste and our garden has composting bins and worm farms.



## Term 1 art - Self portraits

Our students have been making their mark this term in Toi (art). They learnt about facial features, the drawing process, the primary, secondary and intermediate colours for blending, sketching, size and proportions.

They focused on what was important to them and reflected on who they are through an artist study and the history of colour. This process helped them build their own sense of identity.



Abraham  
Rūma 32



Bernice  
Rūma 2



Vanijeet  
Rūma 2

## If I was a dolphin

If I was a dolphin I would have shimmering eyes and a silver body. I could touch colours if I touch fish. I could leap to the surface and twist and turn in the air. I could go down and create a big splash. I'll meet my friends at the bottom of the ocean and play tag. We would see who can make the biggest splash in the world of dolphins.

by Riya, R20

## If I was an ocean taniwha

If I was a taniwha I would be really colourful living in the moana with some Māori patterns. I would have some wings that are so big and so long that they would be longer than albatross wings. As a taniwha I would go underwater hunting deep in the blue moana where I live. If there was any rubbish I would grab it with my really sharp teeth and fly with my long colourful wings then would put it in the rubbish bin. I would be a kaitiaki taniwha and protect the moana because I want it to be clean and healthy so then it can stop sea creatures from eating rubbish and choking because of it.

by Christiana, R20