



Papakowhai School

Learning Together



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Dear Parents/Caregivers



Our current social skills focus for the next 3 weeks is **LISTENING**.

Good listening skills are crucial to the academic and social development of children. It is the gateway to understanding and communicating. If children struggle to listen carefully, they will miss out on important interactions both inside and outside the classroom. Listening actively is required in every area of life.

One of the best things you as a parent can do is to be a good role model and develop your own active listening skills. As parents you can help your child to develop active listening skills and provide your child with foundation communication skills that will last a lifetime.

- Help your child to make good choices about activities they do – we all know that some children tend to have a low attention span due to activities such as watching TV and using devices. Encourage listening to stories read aloud or audio books which will catch your child's attention and encourage listening.
- Give verbal directions to your child and encourage them to follow these in order.
- Bake together – find a recipe and read the instructions out loud to your child.
- Play some fun listening games such as 20 questions, Simon Says, clapping games and treasure hunt games.

Your child's success at school is dependent on many things and active listening is one of them. Remember to connect with your child in activities that are engaging and interesting to them so they will be motivated to listen to what you have to say.

Kind Regards
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HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

A big 'Thank You' to all those who volunteered leading up to and at the school disco. Your commitment of time and energy to this important night at Papakowhai School was very much appreciated. Both discos were a huge success, which was due to all the families and students who attended and made it a fun night!

During the clean-up on the night, we had some great helpers, thank you also for this.



MATARIKI LUNCH

As part of our celebrations around Matariki, we will be having lunch in our Whanau Groups next Thursday, the 29th of June. The whanau leaders will share stories about Matariki before the children eat. Please pack lunch as usual for your child as it is not a shared lunch.

CEMNZ GREAT KIWI COMPETITIONS

The remaining CEMNZ papers will be held on a Monday at 11.30am in the staffroom; English on Monday 26 June and Science on Monday 3 July. If your child is absent for their paper an alternative time will be arranged before the end of term.

ICAS YR 3&4 MATHS PAPER

This year we have moved to the NZ based external papers for students in year 5 and above but we are offering the opportunity for our Year 3 and 4 students to enter the ICAS Maths paper, to be sat on Tuesday 15 August. There is a charge of \$9.50 for this paper and **entries close at 3.15pm today, Wednesday 21 June**. Please complete the entry form on the back of the newsletter and return to office ASAP.

BAKE SALE!

A group of Kauri students are holding a bake sale on Thursday lunchtime to fund-raise to re plant and tidy up our school. **This is for Totara and Kauri students only**. Prices are no more than \$1.50!!

Apologies but there will not be any gluten or dairy free products. Here is the list of items for sale:

Lemon slice: \$1, Brownie: \$1, Cupcakes: \$1.50, Cookies: 50c, Russian Fudge: \$1, Belgium biscuits: \$1.50, Mini donuts: 50c, Lolly cake: \$1, Caramel slice: \$1.50, Cake slice: \$1.50. You do not need to pre-order.

The sale will be held near the Totara/Kauri court (under the veranda if wet) from 1.10 – 1.30 pm.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR FUTUREFERNS NETBALL (YRS 1-4)

A group of parents are considering setting up the futureFerns netball programme for Yrs 1-4 for our school (and maybe local community depending on numbers). The programme would be run on either a Saturday or Sunday within the Porirua area. Depending on interest and how quickly we can get this organised we would hope to have this setup for term 3. Approximate cost per term would be \$40.

futureFERNs is Netball New Zealand's official junior netball programme. The emphasis is on fun activities conducted in a safe environment. Small sided games are the preferred training method. Further information can be found at <http://www.mynetball.co.nz/futureferns/home.html>

If your child (boy or girl) would like to learn basic netball skills, teamwork and enhance their coordination in a fun environment please email nikilister@xtra.co.nz to register your interest, advising your child's name, current school year, and availability on a Saturday or Sunday by **Friday 23rd June**. If you are also interested in assisting with the management of these teams or coaching please let me know as well. Note, for coaching, no previous experience with netball is necessary, the futureFERNs programme run a coaching course for both Yr 1-2 and Yr 3-4 groups.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - ASSEMBLY MONDAY 3 JULY

Our next school assembly will be held on Monday 3 July, at 10am in the school hall. The classes that will be sharing their work with us are **Rata 3, Rata 4, Rata 5, Rata 6, Rimu 3** and **Kauri 4**.

PEST FREE PAPAOWHAI COMMUNITY LAUNCH

The Pest Free Papakowhai group are having a community meeting in the school hall from 11 am – 12 noon this Sunday, 25 June. Trapping experts from other pest-free communities will talk about the why and how and give demonstrations and advice. Rat and mouse trap kits will be available for \$25 and the proceeds are used to fund more traps. If you can't make it but are keen to find out more please email pestfreepap@gmail.com or visit the Facebook page Pest Free Papakowhai.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Winter Holiday Programme @ Adventure School, Monday 10 – Friday 21 July 2017 **BOOK ONLINE NOW:** www.asfc.co.nz The Holiday Programme is open during the holidays from 8am - 5.30pm. The quality programme offers exciting field trips by chartered bus (e.g. visit Mission Inflatable, Laserforce, Car Museum and many more), fun games, art & craft and sport activities for primary aged children. For enquiries or more information please visit the website and choose your relevant Holiday Programme. The programme is approved by MSD and you may be eligible to receive an OSCAR subsidy. Everyone is welcome

Craft classes, The Learning Centre, Adventure School. Monday 10 – Friday 14 July, for children aged 6 – 11 years. Morning sessions, 8am – 1 pm, \$35 per session. Afternoon classes 12 noon – 5pm, \$35 per session or full day (8am – 5pm) \$60 per day. Limited spaces so please contact Pippa or Michelle on pippiandfox@gmail.com or on www.facebook.com/pippiandfox/

Goodtime Music Holiday programme. Goodtime Music are running a musical programme each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the upcoming holidays, from 9am - 3.30pm, at a charge of \$55 per day. There is also the option of an earlier drop off (between 8 and 9 am) at an additional charge of \$5 and a late pick-up (between 3.30 – 5.30) with an extra charge of \$10. **Registrations close this Friday, 23 June.** For full details of the programme please visit holiday.gtma.co.nz, for queries please email holiday@gtma.co.nz

West Ham United Oceania Academy. The academy is running a 2 day soccer camp on Monday 17 and Tuesday 18 July, at Wakefield Park, Berhampore, Wellington from 10am – 2.30pm each day. It is open to boys and girls aged from U8 – U18 and will consist of coaching using methods and drills from the West Ham United Academy. There is a cost of \$175 for players to attend (includes an Academy t-shirt). After this 2 day camp some players will be selected to attend a National Camp in the September/October holidays where the West Ham United academy coaches from England will be in attendance. If there are any questions please email Malcolm Flemming on flem100@xtra.co.nz or call 027 2272229. To register please visit <https://ssl.demosphere.com/73784/>

BRENDAN FOOT KIDS CROSS COUNTRY SERIES

The next event in the Brendan Foot Supersite Kids Cross Country Series is at Mt Victoria this weekend, Sunday 25 June. It's a mini mountain run for kids aged 4 to 13 years. There are then 2 more events; Sunday 9 July in Tawa and Sunday 13 August in Petone. Come along; join the fun and it's only \$8 to enter. Book at least one week prior to each event and you'll receive a printed race bib with your child's name on it. For more info or to enter go to athleticshub.co.nz or contact Rees Buck (a Papakowhai School parent who is involved in the running of this series) on Belandrees@xtra.co.nz

BIGAIR GYM CLASSES, BIRTHDAY PARTIES AND HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

The popular classes include **Gymnastics** (Preschool and School age), **Trampolining**, **Tumbling**, **Parkour**, and **Cheerleading**. GYMNASTICS teaches the fundamentals of strength and coordination which supports all sports, and children gain increased self-confidence as they progress through Bigair's gym programme. PARKOUR is fun for kids to learn safe and new ways to move around obstacles. Children that love cartwheels, handstands, and walkovers will enjoy GYMNASTICS and TUMBLING classes. Anyone that has a trampoline at home will love learning new skills in Bigair's TRAMPOLINE classes. For all those dancers, tumblers, and gymnasts, we have our famous Bigair CHEERLEADING Teams for 4 years and above. Plus they offer **Birthday Parties** which are fun and easy for parents! Bigair Gym Classes for Term 3, and the active **School Holiday Programme**, are open for bookings NOW!

For all inquiries and bookings; Contact Bigair Tawa on 04 232 3508 or office@bigairgym.co.nz or contact Bigair Owhiro Bay on 04 383 8779 or email wgt@bigairgym.co.nz.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THIS TERM

June

Thursday 22 Kauri/Totara bake sale
Monday 26 CEMNZ English paper, staffroom, 11.30 am
Thursday 29 Matariki lunch in whanau groups

July

Monday 3 Assembly 10 am, school hall
Monday 3 CEMNZ Science paper, staffroom, 11.30 am
Friday 7 Last day of Term 2
Monday 24 First day of Term 3

ICAS ENTRY FORM FOR YR 3&4 MATHS PAPER

Form and payment to be received by 3.15pm today, Wednesday 21 June at latest.

I give permission for my child/ren to participate in the 2017 ICAS Maths paper:

NAME	YEAR	CLASS/TEACHERS NAME

I enclose \$ _____ (\$9.50 per entry)

OR

Signed: _____

I have paid by EFTPOS on _____

OR

I have paid by internet banking (12-3140-0133108-01) on _____ Please state child's name and 'ICAS'.