



Papakowhai School

Learning Together



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Dear Parents/Caregivers

REPORTING TO PARENTS

Your child received their mid-year report today. If you are in a family that is not able to share and copy reports between parents and caregivers, please let the office know and we will send you a duplicate copy.

On Friday 4th August your child will receive an update for their learning portfolio. Rata, Rimu and Totara children will receive their clearfiles to take home and Kauri children will receive an electronic update. This will provide you with more examples of their work, achievement across the wider curriculum and self-reflection by your child. This also provides ideas on how you can help your child at home.

Parent/Teacher Meetings will be held on Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th August from 3:15 -8pm. This is an opportunity to review and reset goals, discuss your child's learning and well-being and clarify anything raised in the report or the portfolio.

Appointments to see the teachers are made via a website; www.schoolinterviews.co.nz.

1. **The log-in code is b7f6w.** To book:

- Enter your details and the number of children
- Enter the children's name/s and select their teacher/s
- Select the interview times you want.

You will be sent an email with your booking details. You will control your bookings and can make them to suit you, though like any system the earlier you book the more likely you will get what you want. Changing or cancelling your booking can be done at any time. If you are unable to make your booking, please contact the office for assistance.

We would really like all our parents to come to this meeting.

If there is anything in the report that has come as a surprise, or is worrying you, you don't have to wait until August to discuss it. You are also welcome to discuss your child's learning with Mark Smith.

MATARIKI

On Thursday at 12:20pm we are having a Matariki whanau lunch at school. Children will meet in whanau groups and hear about Matariki. Children will eat their own lunch rather than sharing food. Parents and caregivers are welcome to join the children if you would like to. Please sign in at the office.

Whanau Group	Location
Takahe (Blue)	Rata block, middle mat
Hoiho (Yellow)	School hall
Kereru (Green)	Kauri 1
Kaka (Red)	Totara 3

Kind regards

Mark Smith

PRINCIPAL

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LOST PROPERTY

We still have a large amount of unnamed lost property at the school and we will be disposing of most of it at the end of term. Items will be displayed on the deck outside Totara block on fine afternoons this week.

CROSS COUNTRY

PARUMOANA INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all the students who participated at the Parumoana Cross Country at Queen Elizabeth Park on the Kapiti Coast on 21st June. The team spirit amongst the Papakowhai students was fantastic and there were some very impressive results: Year 4 Girls, Jessica Dowling 4th: Year 4 Boys, Blake Hansen 4th: Year 5 Girls, Milan Hansen 10th: Year 6 Girls, Milly O'Leary 4th, Jade Lin 5th: Year 7 Boys, Troy Neil 10th: Year 8 Boys, Ben Orsman 5th, Alex Gardner 6th, Zac McDonald 7th, Chad Perkins 8th. Well done to all students who ran representing our school.

WELLINGTON REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY

Zac McDonald, Alex Gardner, Chad Perkins, Troy Neil, Jade Lin, Milan Hansen, Blake Hansen and Jessica Dowling represented Papakowhai School and the Parumoana area at the Wellington Regional Cross Country races yesterday in Masterton. It is a fantastic achievement to qualify for this event and our Papakowhai students who ran should be very proud of themselves.

PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL UKE CLUB

Join us at Uke Club in Term 3. Lots of cool instruments, Uke-E-oke, new songs, plenty of laughs and...the mighty Kazoo. For more info contact Shane McAlister theukuleleinstitute@gmail.com or on 027 27 37 47 5

PORIRUA BASKETBALL U13 BOYS

The U13 Boys training started on Monday night, 3 July, at Te Rauparaha Arena from 6-7pm. The first few nights will just be skills and drills based training. The coach will advise when he will hold the trial for the reps team. The following is the ruling from Basketball New Zealand on the age eligibility for U13 reps:

Age Eligibility - BBNZ Under 13 Regional Championships - players must be aged either 10, 11 or 12 years by 31 December of the year in which the competition is held. For further information please email hypebasketball1@gmail.com

BEYOND THE PAGE

A literary festival, organised by the Wellington, Hutt City and Upper Hutt City libraries, will run during the school holidays (from 8 – 23 July 2017). The festival is aimed at children aged 5 – 18 years and will feature a wide range of events, including writing workshops with Des Hunt, wearable art demonstrations with Fifi Coulston, robots, Royal New Zealand Ballet storytimes and many more. All events are free. For further details of all events please visit www.beyondthepage.nz or check out their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/beyondthepagenz/>

ELLIE & THE STAR - KAPITALL KIDS' THEATRE

Kapitall Kids' Theatre presents Ellie & The Star, 11 - 22 July, at the Gryphon Theatre, 22 Ghuznee Street, Wellington with shows at 11am and 1pm. Tickets cost \$10; call 04 9344068 for bookings or visit www.kapitallkidstheatre.co.nz Ellie dreams of being the first New Zealander to travel into space. One night she is playing with her telescope when she sees a bright object shoot out of the sky: a fallen star! Ellie runs off in search of the star and together they set off to find a way to get the Star home to the night sky.

YUMMY STICKERS AND PLASTIC LIDS

Please keep collecting the Yummy fruit stickers, coloured plastic bags and plastic lids of any shape or size over the school holidays. We look forward to receiving them all next term, thank you.

PIPPINS AND BROWNIES

Pippins is the beginning of an exciting Guiding adventure for girls aged 5-7. We help girls to make new friends, tackle challenges, enjoy activities, earn badges and learn to appreciate and respect the environment and the community. Cooks Pippins meet on Thursdays at 4pm in the Western Suburbs Soccer Club Rooms, Albatross Close, Whitby.

Brownies are 7 - 9 ½ year old girls who are encouraged to become more aware and independent and have input into their activities. Working both individually and in teams girls learn both indoors and out.

Endeavour Brownies meet on Wednesdays at 6pm at the Western Suburbs Soccer Club Rooms, Albatross Close, Whitby. Please contact whitbypippins@gmail.com for more information on either group, or to join.

MIDDLE YEARS TOOLBOX PARENTING GROUP

A fun and inspiring small group parenting course by The Parenting Place for parents/caregivers of children aged 6-12 years. It's designed to help you stay connected, teach skills and build memories. In Term 3

there are two groups to choose from: **Newlands on Tuesdays, 7 - 9:30pm from 25 July to 5 Sept (no session 15 Aug) or Island Bay on Mondays 7:30 - 9:30pm from 21 August to 25 September**

Bookings are essential. Cost: \$75 individual, \$110 couple (subsidies are available – please ask!) Free for foster and adoptive parents and grandparents raising grandchildren, thanks to government funding. Visit theparentingplace.com or contact Natalie on 0277 334 138 or by email wellington@parentingplace.nz

PARENTING PLACE SEMINAR

'Raising happy, confident and resilient children', presented by Jenny Hale on Tuesday 1 August, 6.30 – 8.30pm, at Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Thorndon, Wellington. Tickets are \$25 each. For more information please visit www.eventbrite.co.nz or email Nicola Nation at nicola.nation@trustproperties.co.nz

HEALTH WORKSHOP –Blooming; Parents Supporting Daughters

At Tawa Community Centre, Tuesday 8 August, 6.30 – 8pm. Sophie Robbers, registered homeopath of Trio Health, will be running this workshop which is aimed at parents of daughters who would like education on how to support them through the changes of puberty. Further information can be found at

<http://sophierobbers.wixsite.com/triohealth> and tickets bought through Eventfinda goo.gl/fGxoYJ

IMPORTANT DATES

July

Thursday 6	Matariki lunch in whanau groups from 12:20pm
Friday 7	Last day of Term 2
Monday 24	First day of Term 3

August

Monday 7	Parent/teacher interviews
Tuesday 8	Parent/teacher interviews
Wednesday 9	BOT meeting, 7 pm, staffroom

ANZ OLYMPIC SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

ANZ Olympic Schools Programme is working well for Papakowhai School with ANZ donating over \$7000 worth of equipment. The ANZ Olympic Schools Programme offers you a great way to support your child and Papakowhai School, simply recommend ANZ to your network of parents, teachers and friends associated with Papakowhai School, get them to take their Home Loan with ANZ and the school will receive credits to spend on a range of items from sports equipment to computers from the ANZ Awards Centre.



Here's how it works

For every successful ANZ home loan over \$50,000 drawn down by someone connected to Papakowhai School, the school will receive 800 credits. You will just need to remind them to tell the home loan specialist that you referred them and what school they are supporting. For more information call

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