



Papakowhai School

Learning Together



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Dear Parents/Caregivers

We have had such a great start to the term after a stormy holiday. I hope you had a chance to get a little break yourselves.

STAFFING UPDATE

I am pleased to announce that Sara Rich will be our next New Entrant teacher starting at beginning of September in Rata 7. She is a fully qualified, New Zealand registered primary school teacher, with over 20 years teaching experience. She is a caring and nurturing person who sets high standards within her classroom. She is a reflective teacher who enjoys sharing ideas in team meetings, sharing knowledge and finding new approaches to inspire children and their learning. She is passionate about The Arts and has significant experience and knowledge that she shares with children and her colleagues. Sara has previously worked as a new entrant teacher at Discovery School and is finishing a fixed term contract with Queen Margaret College.

Miss Hetty Boonen, Special Needs Co-ordinator and part-time teacher in Rata 3, has reduced her hours to one day a week. Gerie Harvey will work in Rata 3 alongside Mrs Lesley Hodge. Mrs Harvey is a very experienced teacher who has taught at Discovery School for more than 20 years. She has extensive new entrant and junior school experience. She is an enthusiastic and well organised person. She is an outstanding teacher and we are lucky to have her join our team. Mrs Sue Jenkins and Miss Boonen will share special needs responsibilities. If you have special needs questions or concerns about special needs support please contact hetty@papakowhai.school.nz (Hetty will be at school on Fridays but will answer emails through the week) or sue@papakowhai.school.nz.

Mrs Jill Clibborn is currently on extended sick leave. Further arrangements for additional special needs and English Language learning support will be made when we know how much time Mrs Clibborn needs to recover. If you have questions or concerns about English Language Learning support please contact me in the interim.

Miss Kylie August is expecting a baby at the end of the term. Kylie is planning on finishing work at the end of week 6 or 7 of the term, approximately the beginning of September. Mrs Debby Crawford- Jones will teach the class fulltime until the end of the year. Mrs Crawford- Jones has taught at Papakowhai School for several years and is an experienced teacher. She works regularly at our school as a reliever, part-time special needs and classroom release teacher.

REPORTING TO PARENTS

Your child received their mid-year report at the end of last term. If you were away and did not receive this please contact your child's teacher. 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. **The log-in code is b7f6w.**

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.

Kind regards

Mark Smith

PRINCIPAL

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DONATIONS AND OTHER SCHOOL FEES

If you pay your donations on a term basis the Term 3 payment is now due.

Also, statements were sent home in the last week of last term which included all payments up to 30 June. We ask that if you have fees outstanding that these be paid as soon as possible. The fees we charge are based upon costs that the school directly pays for these items. We also request that you contribute to the school through the school donations. The school's budget relies heavily on school donations. If there is a reason you are not paying, please discuss this with Mark Smith.

SUBWAY LUNCH ORDERS TERM 3 ONWARDS

There have been some changes to the range and prices of the Subway items available to order for lunch on Fridays so we have new order envelopes to be used from this week. Please collect the new envelopes from the office. As usual orders need to be handed into the office by Wednesday for lunches to be delivered on Friday.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

On the 8th of July **Caleb Cam** travelled to Rotorua Mid-Island Trampoline Championship. He won his age group for trampoline and received a gold medal; Caleb also got a silver medal in double mini and achieved the qualifying scores to attend Nationals at Christchurch in October. Congratulations Caleb!



PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL CHESS CLUB

Papakowhai Chess Club meets on Thursday lunchtime, in Rimu 5 if the weather is fine and in the library if wet. The children who attend are taught by Scott Wastney, a NZ chess champion. It's a fantastic opportunity to learn from an expert. Chess Club is open to children from Y2 upwards. Students need to sign up for a term at a time. Term 3 will cost \$46 and have 10 sessions, starting this Thursday, July 27. If your child wishes to continue to attend Chess Club or would like to join as a new member, please complete the enrolment form (available from the office) and return it with payment to the school office as soon as possible.

PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NETBALL – DAZZLERS

Congratulations to the Papakowhai year 5&6 Dazzlers. They have been moved up another grade to the Seniors 3rd division. Well done girls.

PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL UKE CLUB

Come and 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

YUMMY STICKERS AND PLASTIC LIDS

Please keep collecting Yummy fruit stickers as well as coloured plastic bags and plastic lids of any shape or size for our art projects. We look forward to receiving them all at the office, thank you.

AOTEA COLLEGE ENROLMENTS FOR 2018

The closing date for out of zone enrolments for Aotea College is Monday 31 July 2017 at 5:00 pm. Please ensure your enrolment application, copy of your child's Birth Certificate and proof of address is delivered to the school by this date.

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 visit www.eventbrite.co.nz or email Nicola Nation at nicola.nation@trustproperties.co.nz

2017 POLYFEST

Polyfest is on Friday 11 August, between 4-10pm at Te Rauparaha Arena. Tickets cost \$10, with children under 5 free, and are available from the Arena (they can be bought on the night). The Polynesian Festival is a celebrated annual event, full of colour, music and dance. The purpose of Polyfest is to demonstrate students' pride in their cultural identity and heritage, and bring schools and their different cultures together. The colleges involved are Mana, Porirua, Bishop Viard, Aotea, Tawa, Samuel Marsden, Onslow and Newlands.

AOTEA COLLEGE BARBERSHOP SHOWCASE

Te Manawa at Aotea College, Thursday 24 August from 5.30pm. Gold Coin Entry. Come down and support the college's winning Barbershop Choruses and Quartets that are heading to Nationals - purchase dinner from \$1.50. Raffles will be available so please bring some cash with you.

BICYCLE HELMET FOUND AT AOTEA PLAYGROUND

Found during the school holidays (on Tuesday 25 July at approx. 5.30 pm), a child's bright green Bell bike helmet at Jasmine Underhill Reserve (Aotea's playground). Please contact Nicola on 021 261 9253 if it belongs to you.

IMPORTANT DATES

August

Monday 7	Parent/teacher interviews
Tuesday 8	Parent/teacher interviews
Tuesday 15	Yr 7 Boostrix vaccination Yr 3&4 ICAS maths paper
Wednesday 16	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 Paul Commerford, Branch Manager, Porirua 04 436 5388