



Papakowhai School

Learning Together



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Dear Parents/Caregivers

POWHIRI FOR NEW FAMILIES

We are going to have a powhiri for new children and their whānau on Thursday 17th August at 9:30am. Parents/caregivers and extended family and friends are welcome to attend. If you are new to Papakowhai School at the start of this term or the end of Term 2 you will receive an invitation. The powhiri is for all new children not just our new entrants.

READATHON

Papakowhai School is holding a Readathon for the month of August to raise money for a new projector for our school hall. Recently the Home and School Committee generously donated money for a new sound system. Part 2 of this set up is to have a projector that can show videos, presentations and photos even when the sun is shining and the lights are on. The new projector will link in with the sound system. We need to raise \$7000 for the projector and to have it mounted and caged. We will use this projector for assemblies and presentations in the hall.

Children need to keep a reading log throughout the month of August. If you did not receive a Readathon booklet please collect one from the office or email the office to send one to you.

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**

On Friday 4th August your child will receive an update for their learning portfolio and a Maths goal setting sheet (Years 2- 8). 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. **Please complete the goal setting sheet and bring this to the interview with your child's portfolio and report.**

PUPIL SUPERVISION ON PARENT/TEACHER MEETING DAYS

After School Care will be operating as usual between 3 and 6pm. You need to be a registered user of After School Care to use this service. Please contact the Office for more information.

Kind regards

Mark Smith

PRINCIPAL

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RECYCLING HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES

Batteries are something that can't be put out in the kerbside recycling; they need to be taken to the Southern Landfill site and, since that is a long way away from us, we just tend to put our used batteries in the rubbish which goes into the landfill. This is not very good for the environment since many batteries contain materials like lead and lithium. Maria Whitehead, one of our parents, has offered to provide a plastic container in the office to collect used household batteries and take them to the Southern Landfill for us. If you would like to help the environment by making use of Maria's kind offer, please bring your used batteries to the office. Any queries, please contact Maria on maria.ik.whitehead@gmail.com

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Our first assembly of this term will be held on Monday 21 August at 10 am in the school hall. The classes that will be sharing their work with us are Rata 1, Rata 2, Rata 3, Rimu 6, Totara 2 and Kauri 2.

ROTI ORDERS

Could anyone who has ordered roti/sauces and not yet made arrangements for collection please call Aruna Hill on 027 2456063. Thank you.

BOOK LAUNCH

Rodney Strong, the father of two of our students, has just published his first novel. 'Troy's Possibilities' is having its official launch this Saturday, 5 August, at Pataka Museum. The book is written for adults and is about a man, who has the ability to live different possible futures for himself, and the woman who might be able to help him make sense of it all. Following the launch, the book will be available from Paper Plus in Porirua and online from Amazon.

MATERIALS NEEDED – ARTSPLASH AND ART EXTENSION GROUPS

Thank you for all the items donated to help with our student's outfits for the Artsplash Wearable Arts in September. We need to ask for some empty chippie packets and some cardboard (any size or colour, preferably thick) to complete some of the creations.

Our art extension group would like to ask for old magazines that they can cut up and use for their art project. Please drop any items into the office – thank you.

LOST PROPERTY

Please name all your child's clothing as this makes returning lost property so much easier. We have several unnamed padded winter jackets at the school office which were held back from the lost property at the end of last term. If your child lost their winter coat at the end of last term, please contact the office to see if it is here. Thank you.

YUMMY STICKERS AND PLASTIC LIDS

Please keep collecting the Yummy fruit stickers, sheets to put the stickers on are available from the office.

CHANGES OF CLOTHING

At school we have a limited range of spare clothing for children to use if they become wet or very dirty at school. Could we please ask, if your child comes home in some of our clothes, that the items are laundered and returned to the school office as quickly as possible. Providing a change of clothes in your child's bag would also be very helpful as we only have a very few items in each size.

PAREMATA KINDERGARTEN QUIZ NIGHT

Paremata Kindergarten are holding a quiz night at the Co-op, Whitby this Sunday, 6 August, from 6.30 pm. Tickets cost \$15 each and can be bought individually or in a table of 6. Limited to 70 places. Tickets must be purchased by Friday 4 August by emailing paremata@wmkindergartens.org.nz. There is a \$25 quiz set menu (1 main and 1 drink) available from 6.30 pm. There will be raffles and spot prizes too!

AOTEA COLLEGE BARBERSHOP FUNDRAISING SHOWCASE

Thursday 24th August from 5.30pm at Te Manawa, Aotea College.

Support their winning Barbershop Choruses and Quartets that are heading to Nationals. Gold coin entry. There will be hot dinner, desserts and drinks available to purchase ... chicken curry and rice, chop suey, cakes, coffee, tea, cold drinks etc. plus a Grocery Raffle, Silent Auctions, great prizes and Entertainment galore. Thank you to the local supporters who have sponsored some of the prizes and auctions, i.e. the Body Shop, Hungry Tiki, the Lavender Room, Pauatahanui Lighthouse Cinema, to name a few. Sorry no EFTPOS so please bring your cash with you.

PRECIOUS CONNECTIONS

Precious Connections is an event for yr7-yr10 girls on Saturday 9th Sept from 6.30-9.00 pm. There will be fun in groups, playing 'minute to win it' challenges, doing crafts and eating yummy supper, while building connections with some older youth girls. This year they will learn about the 5 love languages for teenagers from the book by Gary Chapman and look at connections to God, family, and each other. \$10 per person (up to a max of \$30 per family) included craft and supper. Please visit the Anchor Church website www.theanchorchurch.org.nz to register.

IMPORTANT DATES

August

Monday 7

Tuesday 8

Monday 14

Wednesday 16

Thursday 17

Monday 21

Readathon running throughout the month

Parent/teacher interviews

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Yr 6 - 8 NZ Book Awards trip (for those that have registered)

BOT meeting, 7 pm, staffroom

Powhiri, 9.15am

Assembly, 10 am, school hall