



Papakowhai School

Learning Together



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Dear Parents/Caregivers

ART SHOW

I hope you enjoyed our art show this week. The art around the classes was amazing. I am so proud of the children, the teachers and the work they have produced. I loved the performances in the hall too. So great to see all the talented children showcasing their items.

Thank you to the parents, caregivers and whānau that came for the show. It is so much more fun when we have a great audience to share with.

Many people enjoyed doing the treasure hunt on the night. The winners will be announced at **assembly on Monday at 10am.**



SOFTBALL FAIRPLAY

It was fantastic to receive outstanding feedback about our students at the Parumoana softball tournament yesterday. Many of our students had not played before but put in 100% effort and demonstrated great Fairplay. The Year 7 and 8 team got a special mention from the organisers for their awesome manners, teamwork and sportsmanship. This really demonstrates our school value of respect. Great result!

SCHOOL POWHIRI

We have our final school powhiri for 2017 tomorrow. All parents, caregivers and whānau of new children are most welcome. All children go to class for roll call at 8:55. Parents attending the powhiri are welcome to gather in the staffroom. All new children and adults will meet in the staffroom just after 9am to go over protocol and learn a waiata. The powhiri will begin at 9:30. Parents, caregivers, whānau and new children are then welcome back to the staffroom for morning tea. I hope you can join us.

I hope you enjoy the rest of your week.

Kind regards

Mark Smith

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HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Thanks to everyone who attended and helped out at our Ladies Shopping Night last week. It was a fantastic evening.

The next Home and School committee meeting will be held on Monday, 13th of November, at 7pm in the staffroom. New members are always welcome.



FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVING



Congratulations to the Future Problem Solving team of Emma Jenkins, Emily Bunton, Sean Byres and David Ayora, who were runners up at the National Finals in Auckland last week. Brilliant effort.

Please look out in this newsletter for details of two fundraising events to help the team cover the costs of transport etc for this final.

ASSEMBLY – WEEK 5

Our school assembly will be held next week, on Monday 13 November, at 10 am. The classes sharing their work with us will be **Rimu 1**, **Rimu 2**, **Totara 3**, **Kauri 1** and **Kauri 4**. New Entrant certificates will be presented to students that have started with us in Term 4. Merit certificates will also be presented to some of our senior students. Please come along and join us.

WATTIES 'CANS FOR GOOD'

We had a fantastic response to the 'Cans for Good' appeal and the school collected a total of 1,304 cans which is more than double the number we collected last year! Rimu 6 collected the most cans per head overall, followed closely by Kauri 2, Rata 3 and Totata 3. Thank you to everyone that brought/sent cans to make this appeal such a success.



COVERING THE SCHOOL POOL

The Pool committee would like to find an Architect/Draftsman/Builder that would be interested to work with us on a design to cover the pool. If there is someone that would like to be involved please email Rose at homeandschool@papakowahi.school.nz

ICE BLOCKS FOR SALE TOMORROW



Lemonade ice blocks will be on sale tomorrow at lunchtime for \$1 (only one ice block per child). There will be a stall in each syndicate area. This is a fundraiser for the Future Problem Solving team who travelled to the Nationals in Auckland last weekend and also for Enviroschool projects.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

We would like to congratulate **Phoebe Grennell** who has been selected to play in the Ikaroa ki te Tonga Maori Netball under 13 team. Their major tournament will be at the Aotearoa Maori Netball Oranga Healthy Lifestyle Trust tournament in Gisborne over Easter weekend 2018.

Congratulations to past pupils **Rosie Darrah** and **Gregory Flint** who shared the Year 12 Runner-up Top Scholar award at Aotea College last night.

KIWIANA THEMED ACTIVITY BOOK

A group of five Year 12 students from Aotea College (3 of whom are ex Papakowhai students) created, produced and are selling an activity book as part of their business studies course. ***Kiwiana road trip - A fun guide to New Zealand*** travels the length of New Zealand from Cape Reinga to Dunedin. It stops at towns and cities, showcasing the landmarks and popular sightseeing activities. It is an educational, fun way to learn about New Zealand through colouring pages, word searches, dot to dots, interesting facts and much more. With Christmas around the corner it would make a great present for children, especially those in Years 1 – 3! The price is now only \$11.50 per book and for every book sold \$2 is donated to Autism NZ and the Make a Wish Foundation. Grab yours today at: <https://kiwianaroadtrip.mystorbie.com/>

PLIMMERTON SCHOOL GALA

A Gala will be held on Saturday 18 November from 11am to 3pm at Plimmerton School and will include food, cake and sweet stalls, the white elephant, bubble soccer, car and motorbike rides and plenty more fun for the whole family. The funds raised this year will help to rebuild their school's library.

IMPORTANT DATES

November

Thursday 9	Powhiri, 9am for 9.30, please meet in staffroom
Monday 13	Assembly, 10 am, school hall
Monday 13	Home and School committee meeting, 7 pm, staffroom
Tuesday 14	Movie fundraiser, Lighthouse Cinema, 7.45 pm
Friday 17	Kids Sing choir trip
Thursday 23	Papakowhai School speech finals
Monday 27	Jump Rope for Heart – Kauri & Rimu classes
Tuesday 28	2 nd Gardasil vaccination (Year 8's)
Wednesday 29	BOT meeting, 7 pm, staffroom
Thursday 30	Aotea College Orientation day for Year 8's enrolled for 2018

December

Friday 1	Jump Rope for Heart – Totara & Rata
Monday 4	Jump Rope postponement day for either of last week's events
Monday 11	Year 8 Leavers dinner (more details to follow next week)

MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS MOVIE NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Next week on Tuesday, 14 November, there will be a viewing of Murder on the Orient Express (2017), at the Light House Theatre in Pauatahanui, to raise money for the Future Problem Solving Team and EnviroSchool Initiatives. Tickets cost \$20 each, which includes nibbles from 7.45 pm before the movie begins at 8.30 pm. Return ticket orders to the school office ASAP or contact Sue Jenkins sue@papakowhai.school.nz. (Tickets will be delivered to your child's class)

VERY FEW TICKETS REMAIN SO BE QUICK!!

If you have already booked and paid for tickets, these have been sent home today with your child. Please contact Sue Jenkins if you have ordered tickets and not received them.

MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS TICKET ORDER FORM

Your name: _____

Child's name: _____ Child's class: _____

Number of tickets purchased @ \$20 each: _____

Please indicate how payment is made:

\$.....	EXACT cash enclosed
\$.....	paid by EFTPOS at the school office on
\$.....	paid by internet banking to 12-3140-0133108-01 on (please use 'Movie Night' and your name as references).