



Papakowhai School

Learning Together



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Dear Parents/Caregivers

STAFFING CHANGES FOR 2018

Mrs Brenda Laird will not be returning from leave taken in 2017. Brenda is enjoying retirement with her husband Maurice who last year retired from Plimmerton School. In 2018, Miss Laura Gallant is moving to Newtown School and Mrs Rosie Powell is moving to Raumati Beach School. We wish them both all the best and appreciate the work they have done at Papakowhai School.

We have appointed Miss Joanna Henderson as a new teacher in Totara syndicate for 2018. Jo is a teacher with more than 7 years' experience who is currently at Newtown School. Jo has expertise in Te Reo Maori, kapa haka, dance and literacy. Mrs Debby Crawford- Jones will be joining our Kauri team in 2018. Debby has taught part-time for many years at Papakowhai School and has over 20 years teaching experience. Deb has strengths in technology and physical education. Mr Richard Johnson is continuing at Papakowhai School but will be releasing teachers in Totara and Kauri syndicates in 2018.

2018 CLASS ORGANISATION

Rata		Rimu	
1 Mrs Barbara Foster & Mrs Mary Jones	New Entrants	1 Miss Kate Coughlan	Year 2/3
2 Mrs Carol Dacre	New Entrants	2 Mrs Lisa Smith	Year 3
3 Mrs Lesley Powell*	Year 1/2	3 Miss Jemma Simpkins*	Year 3/4
4 Mrs Sara Rich	Year 1	4 Mr Mitchell Smith	Year 3/4
6 Mrs Raewyn Janes	New Entrants	5 Mrs Anne Bunton	Year 2
		6 Mrs Karen Siwalette	Year 2
Totara		Kauri	
1 Mrs Gael Brown*	Year 4/5	1 Miss Eryn Street	Year 7/8
2 Mrs Shauna Cory-Wright	Year 4/5	2 Mr Andrew Graham*	Year 7/8
3 Miss Jo Henderson	Year 4/5	3 Mrs Debby Crawford-Jones	Year 6/7
4 Miss Kelly Parker	Year 5/6	4 Mr Andrew de Wit	Year 6/7
Mr Mark Smith	Principal		
Mr Caine Webster	Deputy Principal		
Mrs Lesley Powell	Assistant Principal and Rata Team Leader		
Mrs Sue Jenkins	Special Needs		
Miss Hetty Boonen	Reading Recovery		
Mrs Jill Clibborn	English Language Learner Support		*Team Leader

Year 1 Information

- Children in Year 1 will not change teachers or classrooms during the year.
- Rata 1 will fill up during Term 1 until they have approximately 16-18 children.
- A new class for new entrants in Rata 6 will open later in Term 1.
- Another roll growth new entrant class will open in Rata 5 in July.

Additional Information

- Class Organisation for 2018 is still subject to change.
- When we look at which Year 2's should stay in Rata and which Year 2's should move to Rimu we will look first at age, gender balance, then ability and friendship groups to determine the best place. Generally children need to already be 6 at the start of the year to be in Rimu.
- When we look at which Year 4's should stay in Rimu and which Year 4's should move to Totara we will look first at age, gender balance, then ability and friendship groups to determine the best place. Half of the Year 4's will be in Rimu and half in Totara.
- When we look at which Year 6's should stay in Totara and which Year 6's should move to Kauri we will look first at age, gender balance, then ability and friendship groups to determine the best place.
- Class sizes will average 16-18 in Rata, 24 in Rimu, 28 in Totara and 29 in Kauri.

Digital Technologies

- Kauri syndicate is a BYOD (Bring your own digital device) environment. The information evening about this is being held on Monday 14 November.
- All Totara classes will have enough school owned devices to enable 1 to 1 digital work. **All year 6 children, regardless of the syndicate they are in will be able to BYOD (Bring your own digital device).**

Parent Consultation

You are welcome to have input into class placements until Friday 24th November. Please see the letter accompanying this newsletter. Please complete the Google form to give your input <https://goo.gl/forms/ECDlvbXHvsa61oT22> .

A letter informing you of the class your child will be in for 2018 will be sent home with reports on Wednesday 13th December.

BYOD PARENT INFORMATION EVENING - WEDNESDAY 22nd NOVEMBER, 5:30pm

Parents and students are warmly invited to join us for a BYOD information evening on Wednesday 22nd, from 5:30-6:30pm, in Kauri Tahi. This will be a chance for parents and children who will be in Years 6-8 in 2018 to look at BYOD and how it will operate at Papakowhai School next year. This is a great opportunity to ask any questions you may have about the programme.

Kind regards

Mark Smith

PRINCIPAL

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SCHOOL DONATIONS AND FEES

If you are still owing school donations and any fees it would be appreciated if these could be settled as soon as possible.

AFTER/BEFORE SCHOOL CARE CHRISTMAS PARTY

ASC & BSC are holding their Christmas party on Wednesday 6 December, 3 – 5.15 pm. Any children who do not usually attend on a Wednesday and those who attend BSC are very welcome to come along.

Please let Susan know by Friday 1 December, at the latest, if your child/ren will be attending (027 2339403). Please note that standard fees will apply.

YEAR 8 LEAVERS DINNER (for Year 8 students and their parents/caregivers only)

The Leavers Dinner, to celebrate the end of our Year 8's primary schooling, will be held on Monday 11 December at Mana Cruising Club, Ngatitōa Domain, Paremata. Arrival time is from 7pm, with the buffet style meal beginning at 7.30pm. The cost will be \$35 per person (the students also need to pay and they **must** be accompanied by an adult). Please complete the slip at the end of this newsletter and return to the office with payment by Thursday 30 November, indicating the number of people attending, any dietary requirements and payment method used.

EPRO8 SEMI-FINAL

Congratulations to our EPro8 team of Grayson Fenemor, Erana Ngarimu, Mickey Jones and Elijah Knott who came second in their heat and have moved through to the semi-finals. We wish them good luck for this event which is being held on Monday 27 November, at Tawa Intermediate, from 5 – 8 pm.

WELLINGTON REGIONAL ATHLETICS MEETING

Papakowhai School students who achieved top 3 placings in the Parumoana Athletics meeting in Term 1 will soon be heading to the Wellington Regional Athletics competition in Masterton on Tuesday 5 December. We would like to wish Zac McDonald, Erana Ngarimu, Reweti Ngarimu, Milly O'Leary, Chad Perkins, Hadleigh Mundell, Mickey Jones and Anna Betham the best of luck!

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 and came second and also for Enviroschool projects around our school.

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.

GARAGE SALE, SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER

A garage sale is being held from 8am – 12pm at 14 Paparoa Crescent, Aotea. Items for sale include toys, books, bikes, DVD's, kitchen items, and loads more.

BOYS CLOTHES AVAILABLE TO GOOD HOME

There are some boy's clothes, to suit a child up to aged 14, available to a good home. If interested, please contact Julie on 2375610

AFTER SCHOOL FUN CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

BOOK ONLINE NOW: www.asfc.co.nz



The Holiday Programme is open from 18 – 21 December from 8 am - 5.30pm. The quality programme offers exciting field trips by chartered bus (e.g. Minigolf @ Pirate's Cove Adventure Golf, ride on the Cable Car and visit to Wonders of World in Lego @ Te Papa, Movies @ the Lighthouse Cinema and more), fun games, art & craft and sport activities for primary aged children. All staff trained and police vetted. For enquiries or more information please visit the website and choose your relevant Holiday Programme. The Programme flyer is attached there, it is approved by MSD and you may be eligible to receive an OSCAR subsidy. Everyone is welcome. The January holiday programme will be advertised soon.

IMPORTANT DATES

November

Friday 17	Kids Sing choir trip
Wednesday 22	BYOD information evening, 5.30pm, Kauri 1
Thursday 23	Papakowhai School speech finals
Monday 27	Jump Rope for Heart – Kauri & Rimu classes
Monday 27	EPro8 final
Tuesday 28	2 nd Gardisil 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
Tuesday 5	Wellington Regional Athletics meeting, Masterton
Thursday 7	Postponement date for Wellington Regional Athletics
Monday 11	Year 8 Leavers dinner, Mana Cruising Club, 7 for 7.30 pm

RETURN SLIP FOR YEAR 8 LEAVER'S DINNER (\$35 per person)

Name: _____ Child's Name: _____

There will be _____ attending this dinner on Monday 11 December (*this should include your Year 8 child*) at a cost of \$35 per person.

Dietary requirements e.g. vegetarian, gluten free _____

Please indicate how paid:

	\$..... cash/cheque enclosed
	\$..... paid by EFTPOS at the school office on.....
	\$..... paid by internet banking to 12-3140-0133108-01 on..... (please reference with your name and 'Leavers Dinner')