



# Papakowhai School

## Learning Together



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Week 6 ● Term 4 ● 22<sup>th</sup> November 2017

### JUMP ROPE FOR HEART



We are holding two Jump Rope for Heart events next week.

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 9:30 am– 1pm, all children in Rimu and Kauri will be participating. (Postponement day Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December).

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 9:30 am – 1pm all children in Rata and Totara will be participating. (Postponement day Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December).

Children should dress in their Whanau group colour on that day **Kaka - Red; Kereru - Green; Takahe - Blue; Hoiho – Yellow.**

If your child is unsure about their whanau group get them to ask their teacher or contact your child's teacher directly.

Children will be participating in a range of fun skipping and jumping activities for the morning. It is an awesome team event with teams collecting points for participation and great attitude. **Parents, caregivers and whanau are welcome to watch** and join the staff for coffee at 11am. **We will be receiving gold coin donations for the Heart Foundation on both days.** Please ensure your child is wearing sunscreen, a sunhat, shorts and suitable shoes for skipping on the day of his/her event.

### Class Organisation 2018

The class organisation and staffing for 2018 was published in last week's newsletter. If you did not receive a copy please contact or email the office [office@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:office@papakowhai.school.nz)

- 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 years old 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 tonight, see overleaf for full details.
- 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).**

## CLASS PLACEMENT - PARENT CONSULTATION FORM

You are welcome to have input into class placements until Friday 24 November. 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 13<sup>th</sup> December.

## BYOD PARENT INFORMATION EVENING - TONIGHT, 5:30pm, KAURI 1

Parents and students are warmly invited to join us tonight for a BYOD information evening 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

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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.

## PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL SPEECH FINALS

Congratulations to the following students who have made it through to our school speech finals tomorrow; **Chalis Briskie, Emily Bunton, Hannah Coulston, Grace Fale, Zoe Ford, Mickey Jones, Grace Kairua, Ethan Knott, Bobbie Millar, Erana Ngarimu, Phoenix Schwalger and Amelia Taatiti**. The finals will be held in the school hall from 11.30 am. All are welcome to come along and listen to these great speeches.

## 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 – no siblings)

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, Ngatittoa 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.

## 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.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to **Jarrold McKee** and **James van der Voort** who have qualified for, and will be attending, the Auckland Junior Champs for swimming this weekend. Good luck boys!

Several Papakowhai School students have been chosen to play for the Porirua City Tag Football reps teams. Congratulations go to **Roman Summerville-Murray, Apirana Ngarimu, Z'Kdeus Schwalger, Levi Walmsley, Reweti Ngarimu and Luke Weir-Smith**. We wish all the boys playing in the Flag Nationals in Auckland in early December the very best of luck for the competition.

We would also like to acknowledge three of Papakowhai School's ex pupils who have won the Young Enterprise Scheme Wellington 2017 Company of the Year award with their Kiwiana Trip activity book (available to buy from <https://kiwianaroadtrip.mystorbie.com/>). Congratulations to **Hannah Crampton, Nat Bowers** and **Laura Bundy** and the other 2 members of their team (Levi Mitchell and Maddy Taylor) and we wish them good luck in the national awards next month.

## AUTHOR EVENTS AT THE CHILDRENS BOOKSHOP, KILBIRNIE

**Stacy Gregg in-store, Thursday 23 November, 3.30 - 4.30 pm** Stacy Gregg, whose pony adventure stories have won several book awards, will be in-store at The Children's Bookshop to meet her readers and sign copies of her books, both new and pre-owned.

**Mr Yipadee and Paul Beavis in-store Friday 24 November from 3.30 pm** Children's entertainer and author Deano Yipadee, and illustrator Paul Beavis will be in-store to perform the songs from their book and CD sets - Jingle Bells, Rudolph Smells, and the latest book, Stink-o-saurus. This is a free event and all are welcome. Deano and Paul will be delighted to sign copies of their books, both new and pre-owned

## OPEN STUDIO WEEKEND

Rosemary O'Hara is holding an open pottery studio this weekend at her home, 8 Reserve Road, Plimmerton: Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 November from 10.30 am – 4.30 pm. She will have her terracotta cookware, domesticware and Naked Raku for sale. For more information please visit [roseoharapots.nz](http://roseoharapots.nz)

## KIWI CONSERVATION CLUB TRIP

Saturday 2 December from 9:45 am (to catch low tide) to 11:45am at Seatoun beach to find beach treasure with Sonya Talbot and Claire Graeme. Bring weather appropriate gear as well as a raincoat and sunblock, substantial snacks and drinks and a plastic bag for gathering things. To book a place on the trip please contact Claire on 02102009554 or [conn.graeme@gmail.com](mailto:conn.graeme@gmail.com) putting 'KCC Seatoun beach trip' in the subject line. Please provide the following information: names of party, ages of kids, a contact phone number and an emergency phone number.

## AFTER SCHOOL FUN CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

BOOK ONLINE NOW: [www.asfc.co.nz](http://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.

## FUNDRAISER FOR EX PAKOWHAI STUDENT

If you love Norwex products here are two raffles, worth around \$370 each, which you won't want to miss! Tickets are \$5 each or four for \$15 and limited to 300 tickets per raffle; drawn December 1 2017, so get in quick. All proceeds are going towards Caitlin Grosvenor and Jaelyn Miller's Antipodeans trip with Aotea College in Dec 2019. To purchase tickets, please email Teresa at [tkcmg@icloud.com](mailto:tkcmg@icloud.com)

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### November

Wednesday 22	BYOD information evening, 5.30pm, Kauri 1
Thursday 23	Papakowhai School speech finals, 11.30am school hall
Monday 27	Jump Rope for Heart – Kauri & Rimu classes
Monday 27	EPro8 final
Tuesday 28	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 Kauri & Rimu
Monday 4	Home and School meeting, 7pm, staffroom
Tuesday 5	Wellington Regional Athletics meeting, Masterton
Thursday 7	Postponement date for Wellington Regional Athletics
Friday 8	Jump Rope postponement day for Totara & Rata
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:

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