



Papakowhai School

Learning Together



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Dear Parent/Caregivers

AWESOME END OF YEAR EVENTS

We are having a great finish to the year. The weather has been sensational! We had a wonderful **Jump Rope day** for Rimu and Kauri on Monday and we are looking forward to another great day **on Friday for Rata and Totara**. Jump Rope begins at 9:30am and finishes with ice-blocks just before 1pm in the hall. Remember your hats, jumping shoes, sunblock and water bottle. Children are welcome to bring a gold coin donation for the Heart Foundation to the office.

I just wanted to highlight a series of awesome events that we have planned to finish the year.

December

Friday 1	Jump Rope for Heart – Totara & Rata
Tuesday 5	Totara trip 1 to Zealandia
Thursday 7	Rata trip to the Aotea Lagoon Totara trip 2 to Zealandia Champions Christmas Show 2pm
Monday 11	Year 8 Leavers dinner, Mana Cruising Club, 7 for 7.30 pm
Tuesday 12	Kauri Fun Day Rimu trip to Aotea Lagoon
Wednesday 13	Farewell Assembly for Staff leaving Papakowhai School 2pm Reports and class placement letters come home
Friday 15	Final Assembly 11am Last day of school

If you do not have the details for the relevant syndicate trips please contact your child's teacher.

I want to draw to your attention a couple of events in particular.

The **Champions Christmas Show** is a fun show for all ages that shares the Christmas Story in a light hearted way. **If you do not want your child to attend this show, please contact me and we will have an alternate programme.** Champions have performed their show at Papakowhai School for the last 2 years.

The **Staff Farewell Assembly** is to honour:

- Brenda Laird who is retiring from teaching. Brenda has been on leave for 2018.
- Chris Crowe, our caretaker, who is also retiring
- Laura Gallant, who is leaving to go to Newtown School
- Rosie Powell, who is leaving to go to Raumati Beach School
- Hetty Boonen, who is also finishing teaching to care for her extended family.

Past pupils and parents are most welcome to come to the Staff Farewell assembly and the final assembly that honours our Year 8 graduates.

Totara Block Evacuation!

I also wanted to ask for the community's help on Monday 18th December; this is the Monday after school has finished. On Monday we need to move all the furniture out of Totara and into Rata 5, 6 and 7 as we prepare for the refurbishment of Totara Block. All of the furniture currently in Rata 5,6 and 7 also needs moving. If you would be willing to lend a hand for an hour (or several hours) I would be so grateful. Please email me or leave a message at the office if you are able to help.

Kind regards

Mark Smith

Principal mark@papakowhai.school.nz

HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The End of Year BBQ will be held on Wednesday 13 December in the school hall, from 5.30 – 7.30 pm. Rata and Rimu children will be able to visit Santa's Grotto in the library between 6 and 7 pm! This event needs parent helpers to be successful so please contact 021551979 if you are able to help, even if just for 30 minutes.



PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL SPEECH FINALS

Congratulations to all the students who took part in our school speech finals last week. The top 3 placings were as follows: Year 7/8, 1st **Hannah Coulston**, 2nd **Chalis Briskie**, 3rd **Zoe Ford** and the Year 5/6, 1st **Amelia Taatiti**, 2nd **Phoenix Schwalger** and joint 3rd **Grace Fale** and **Grace Kairua**. We wish Hannah and Amelia good luck for Friday, 1 December, as they will be representing Papakowhai School in the Parumoana Speech final at Aotea College.

CAMP 2018 (YEARS 7 AND 8 ONLY)

Just a reminder that if you chose to pay your camp fees in by two instalments, \$100 is due by December 8 2017. That same date is the due date if you chose to pay fully this year.

SCHOOL LIBRARY CLOSING

The school library will be closing on Friday, 1 December, for the annual stocktake. Please return all library books as soon as possible. Remember, there is a library prize awarded to the class that returns all their books first.

YUMMY STICKERS

Thank you to everyone that collected the Yummy fruit stickers earlier this year. We have been able to buy just over \$1000 worth of new sports equipment for our school. Please keep adding the stickers to your collection sheets as we will be asking for them again in the future!

YEAR 8 LEAVERS DINNER (for Year 8 students and their parents/caregivers only – no siblings)

Monday 11 December Mana Cruising Club, 7 for 7.30 pm. The cost is \$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 TOMORROW, THURSDAY 30 NOVEMBER.**

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 this Friday, 1 December at the latest, if your child/ren will be attending (0272339403). Please note that standard fees will apply.

YEAR 3 AND 4 NETBALL FOR TERM 1 2018

In Term 1 2018 Kapi Mana Netball will not be running a Year 3 and 4 Future Ferns netball programme as they did this year so two parents are looking at running the programme, or something similar, for Papakowhai students at school. They would like to gauge peoples interest in doing this before the final steps are put in place so, if you think your child would be interested could you please email either Cherie chazpnz@gmail.com or Rose rose.morton@xtra.co.nz

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Alex Gardner has been selected to play for the Wellington U15 National development softball team and we wish him good luck in the tournament he will be competing in next month.

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.

SOCIAL SKILLS - our current social skill is RESPONSIBILITY

Here are two great quotes about teaching children responsibility. They explain this in a nutshell.

“Ingraining responsibility in children is not a trick, but is simply teaching them life skills. Children who do not have responsibilities feel entitled and think the world will always do for them.” (Karen Ruskin Psy. Dr).

“Responsibility isn’t just about completing a task; it’s about an attitude, the idea of taking action and being proud of doing it. Not just having your mum and dad do it for you.” (Alex Barzvi Ph. D).

Giving children responsibility for their actions, their belongings and their home, helps to stop the feeling of entitlement which we see in much of today’s society. When your child spills something or gets angry and upset when frustrated about something, we rush in to rescue them. What does that teach our children? When we jump in and clean up their mess, or finish off what they were trying to do before they got frustrated, just shows children that they aren’t responsible for their actions.



How can you help at home?

- **Start young:** By the time your children are at school they should have some responsibilities at home. It needs to start early.
- **Let them help you:** Get your child to help you with the housework.
- **Show the Way:** Show and talk about how you do some things so that your children can also do some tasks independently.
- **Praise:** Lots of praise for doing the right thing. Your child will respond with more initiative for doing that task again without being asked.
- **Avoid rewards:** You don’t need rewards to teach responsibility. Praise is often enough for most children.
- **Teach consequences:** It’s important that we enforce rules through having expectations, e.g like packing an activity away. Children need to learn that making bad choices has consequences.

Kind regards

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**IT IS NOT WHAT YOU DO
FOR YOUR CHILDREN,
but what you have taught
them to do for themselves
THAT WILL MAKE THEM
SUCCESSFUL HUMAN BEINGS.**

- ANN LANDERS

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GOODTIME MUSIC ACADEMY 2018

Does your child love music? Come and learn on the Music Bus in 2018! Goodtime Music Academy comes to Papakowhai School each week on Wednesday to run its unique Music Bus Programme. These small group lessons of up to 4 students are held weekly during school hours and on the school grounds. Lessons cost \$14 per lesson and students can choose to learn the ukulele, guitar, keyboard or drums. Send an email to schools@gtma.co.nz to be sent an information pack!

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

BIGAIR GYM can help make your Christmas Shopping much easier this year! Send the kids to BIGAIR GYM for 'Drop & Shop'! From Monday the 18 to Thursday the 21 December, Bigair Gym will be running their popular **pre-CHRISTMAS DROP & SHOP HOLIDAY PROGRAMME!**

Their **JANUARY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME** runs from Monday 8 to Friday 26 January 2018. Children will enjoy fun and active sessions full of gymnastics circuits, gym challenges, competitions, free play, structured games, and talent quests. Children that love gym and parkour will love practicing and extending their skills during these sessions. Book into the Holiday Programme online www.bigairgym.co.nz or contact BIGAIR TAWA on 232 3508, email office@bigairgym.co.nz or contact BIGAIR OWHIRO BAY on 383 8779, email wgtm@bigairgym.co.nz

IMPORTANT DATES – also see dates on front page

November

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 Home and School meeting, 7pm, staffroom
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. Mana Cruising Club, Ngatittoa Domain, 7 for 7.30 pm

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')