



Papakowhai School

Learning Together



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Week 8 ● Term 4 ● 6th December 2017

Dear Parent/Caregivers

Rangikura and Papakowhai School Zones

Recently the Papakowhai School BOT provided feedback on the new proposed zone for Rangikura School. The Papakowhai School Board of Trustees expressed that it did not have any issues with the proposed zone as an interim step, while decisions are made regarding Schooling Provision in Northern Porirua. There is no immediate impact for our existing school community.

The Papakowhai BOT understands that the proposed move to incorporate the entire Aotea Block overlapping with Papakowhai School zone will provide a local school for Aotea residents not captured by Papakowhai Schools existing zone.

It is our expectation that both Rangikura and Papakowhai Schools will revisit zones once the larger decision is made about Schooling Provision in Northern Porirua. We understand that consultation on final options has moved out to early 2018.

We would also like to communicate that we will be undertaking a process to reduce our zone for the 2019 school year early in 2018. This is a process we have already signalled to our community.

We are in the early stages of seeking support from the Ministry of Education to enable informed decisions regarding our zone. Our initial request will be for data modelling of options for adjustments to our zone. We need to understand the impact of any revised zones which will enable informed engagement with our community.

We will engage you once our process is underway.

Champions Christmas Show Thursday 7th December at 2pm

This 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.

Staff Farewell Assembly Wednesday 13th December at 2pm.

This 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.

Reports and Class Placement Letters Wednesday 13th December

These will be given to children next week. The class placement letter also contains information about start of year arrangements, dates and times.

Year 8 Final Assembly Friday 15th December at 11am

Past pupils and parents are most welcome to come to the final assembly that honours our Year 8 graduates. **School finishes at 1pm. There is no After School Care on the last day.**

Totara Block Evacuation!

Thanks to the many people who have already volunteered. If you are still able to help we would love some more helpers for Monday 18 December; this is the Monday after school has finished. 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, so all of the furniture currently in the Rata classes also needs moving. If you would be willing to lend a hand for an hour (or several) 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.



LIBRARY BOOKS

Please could all remaining library books be returned to the school library as soon as possible for the end of year stocktake. Books that are not returned will be presumed lost and charged for.

PARUMOANA SPEECH FINALS

Two of our students, **Hannah Coulston** and **Amelia Taatiti**, represented Papakowhai School in the Parumoana Speech final at Aotea College last Friday, 1 December. We are proud of both girls and would especially like to congratulate **Hannah Coulston** who was placed 3rd in the Year 7/8 competition.

WELLINGTON REGIONAL ATHLETICS

Yesterday, Tuesday 5 December, Papakowhai School was represented by **Zac McDonald, Chad Perkins, Erana Ngarimu, Mickey Jones, Reweti Ngarimu, Luke Weir-Smith, Hadleigh Mundell, Gabriella Esterhuizen, Milly O'Leary, Anna Betham** and **Ohara Mundell** at the Wellington Regional Athletics competition. The event was held in Masterton in very hot conditions. It was a fantastic achievement for these students to make it through to this event and they should all be very proud of themselves. A big thank you to Darren O'Leary, Rachel Jones, Pirie Ngarimu, Amy-Lee MacDonald and Ian Weir-Smith who provided transport and supported our students on the day. Notable top 10 results:

Erana Ngarimu: 1st, Year 8 Girls 200m Sprint, 1st, Year 8 Girls Long Jump, 1st, Year 8 Girls Discus, 5th, Year 8 Girls 100m Sprint.

Reweti Ngarimu: 1st, Year 6 Boys Quoits, 1st, Year 6 Boys Long Jump, 4th, Year 6 Boys 150m Sprint.

Zac McDonald: 8th, 200m Sprint.

Mickey Jones: 10th, Year 8 Girls High Jump.

Hadleigh Mundell: 6th, Year 7 Boys Discus.

Gabriella Esterhuizen: 8th, Year 6 Girls Vortex.

YEAR 7 & 8 EPRO8

On Tuesday 5 December, Papakowhai School was represented by **Mickey Jones, Erana Ngarimu, Elijah Knott** and **Grayson Fenemor** at the grand final of the Wellington Region EPro8 Challenge. The EPro8 Challenge is a competition; an engineering and problem solving race. The path to the grand final was a tough one with the team having to fight their way through a heat and then a semi-final. It was a fantastic achievement for these students to make it through to this event and they should all be very proud of themselves. Their final placing in the grand final was a very credible 8th.

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

PADDINGTON 2, PAUATAHANUI LIGHTHOUSE THEATRE, 22 DECEMBER.

Two of our students are fundraising to attend dancing workshops in 2018 so if you want to do last minute Xmas shopping or preparation on Friday 22 December (or maybe you want some quiet time to yourself) - leave your school aged kids to be entertained for two hours and get it done. \$25 for movie, snack, drink and supervision or \$20 for movie and supervision. Pre-schoolers welcome but will need an adult with them. If you'd like to join the kids for the movie grab yourself a ticket too! Contact Clair for full details 0272358335 <https://www.facebook.com/events/126975114649437/?ti=cl>

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

CRAFT CLASSES FOR CHILDREN The classes are run the **week before Christmas** (Mon 18 - Fri 22 Dec) in The Learning Studio, Adventure School for children aged 5 – 11 years. There are morning classes \$35 (8am-1pm), afternoon classes \$35 (12noon - 5pm) or go to both for a full day \$60 (8am-5pm). For further details please contact Pippa Barrett or Michelle Kevern on pippiandfox@gmail.com or visit their Facebook page www.facebook.com/pippiandfox

KAREHANA CAROLS

An hour of Christmas carols and readings is being held in Karehana Park, Plimmerton on Saturday 9 December from 4 to 5 pm, followed by a BYO picnic with free sausage sizzle and wood-fired pizza. Phone the church office of St. Andrews (04 233 9781) or St. Barnabas (04 233 8572) for further information.

SPOTLIGHT PERFORMING ARTS

Does your child love to sing, dance and act? Would you like your child to build their confidence and make more friends in a fun, happy environment? Spotlight Performing Arts is a performing arts school for students aged 4-16 yrs, Led by a London West End performer, Sherene Clarke! **Aotea College- Mondays** from 3:30pm. **BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!** www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz

FREE GKR KARATE CLASSES

GKR Karate are offering a free self-defence class at the following open evenings; Adventure School hall, Thursday 7 December 6.15 – 7.30 pm; Ngati Toa School hall, Friday 15 December, 6 – 7.30 pm, Ngatitoe Domain Community hall, Thursday 21 December, 6.15 – 7.15 pm. All family members (5 years and over) welcome, limited places available. Please contact Sensei Anthony on 027 7653935 to book a spot.

IMPORTANT DATES

December

Thursday 7

Totara syndicate (trip 2) to Zealandia

Rata trip to Aotea Lagoon

Champions Christmas Show, 2pm, school hall

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

End of Year BBQ, 5.30 – 7.30pm

Friday 15

Final Assembly 11am

Last day of school – finishes at 1 pm (no ASC)