



Papakowhai School

Learning Together



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PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 2 ● Term 1 ● 7th February 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome back to school for 2018. We are really looking forward to a wonderful year of learning together at Papakowhai School. Our focus for 2018 is "Learning Together" with a special focus on the new digital technologies curriculum.

A SCHOOL POWHIRI for all new families and staff will be held on Wednesday 21st February at 9.30am, in the Hall. This is to welcome our new students, their parents, families, and whanau. The Powhiri lasts about 20 minutes and will be followed by morning tea. Families are welcome to gather in the Staffroom between 9 and 9.15 am.

A very warm welcome to all the new children who have joined us at the start of term. It is also great to see lots of happy faces returning back after an awesome summer.

Special welcome to Mr Alex Geary our new caretaker. Alex is a former secondary school science teacher. He is a grandfather and a musician. Mr Geary will also be on road patrol in the mornings so say hi to him when you see him around the school.

Welcome also to **Miss Jo Henderson who is our new teacher in Totara.** Jo is an experienced teacher who has taught in Porirua and London. Miss Henderson is teaching Totara 3 and you can find her currently in Rata 5.

Health and Safety Building Site

The interior remodelling of Totara block into a modern 4 classroom space is now well underway. Please stay well clear of the construction site. Children must not use the carpark as a shortcut to the hall. The carpark can only be used for access in an emergency. We are looking forward to the block being completed at the end of term. Meanwhile all of Totara can be found in Rata prefabs 5 - 7 and the library.

Library

The library will be open at lunchtimes from 1:15 -2pm Tuesdays - Fridays for children in Rimu, Totara and Kauri to issue books. Mrs Munro will issue books to Rata children in class on Wednesdays. Mrs Munro will also visit classes to share new books and to deliver class sets of books which can be read at school. The library will reopen as normal from Term 2.

Kind regards
 Mark Smith
 PRINCIPAL

2018 CLASS ORGANISATION *syndicate leader

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 Hodge*	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
Senior Leadership		Office Staff	
Mr Mark Smith	Principal	Mrs Heather Turner	Executive Officer
Mr Caine Webster	Deputy Principal	Mrs Alison Flint	Reception
Mrs Lesley Hodge	Assistant Principal	Mrs Diana Parker	Reception/Administration/ After School Care(ASC)
Teaching Staff		Support Staff	
Mrs Sue Jenkins	Special Needs	Mrs Judy Munro	Librarian
Ms Maz Holman	Reading Recovery	Mr Alex Geary	Caretaker/Road Patrol
Mrs Jill Clibborn	ELL Support	Mrs Ann Apperley	Teacher Aide/ASC
Mr Rangi Halbert	Te Reo Māori	Mrs Molly Goh	Teacher Aide
Mr Richard Johnson	Teacher release	Miss Rachel Parker	Teacher Aide/ASC
Mrs Katrina Trlin	Teacher release	Miss Megan Turner	Teacher Aide/ASC
Mrs Claire Carrington	Teacher release	Mrs Jane Binns	Teacher Aide
Mrs Adele O'Leary	Teacher release	Mrs Maree Sanders	Teacher Aide
Mrs Rebecca Cook	Teacher release	Ms Sharron Bowers	Teacher Aide/Road Patrol
		Mrs Carolyn Manning	Teacher Aide
		Mrs Onawe Burgess-Meade	Teacher Aide
		Mr Gary Ward	Cleaner
		Mrs Susan Dixon	ASC Supervisor
		Mrs Saras Madams	ASC
		Mrs Tracey Moses	ASC
		Mr Gregory Flint	ASC

SCHOOL HOURS

School begins at 8:55am. Children have a 5-minute brain food break (fruit/vegetables only) at 10:00am and have morning tea at 11:00am. The lunch break is from 1 – 2pm. School finishes every day at 3pm.

NEW COMMUNICATION APP

Details of our new communication app will be coming out in a separate flyer tomorrow.

SWIMMING



We are really pleased to advise you that Todd Morton, from EasySwim swim school will be co-ordinating the swimming programme for children in Years 1-6. **Swimming for all Totara and Year 6 Kauri students began on Monday and continues next week.** Children need their togs, goggles and towels every day for two weeks. **Please remember to name all gear.**

CELL PHONES

Cell phones need to be turned off when students are in the school grounds. Any urgent messages can be made through the Office.

DONATIONS AND OTHER FEES

Thank you to all the families who have already paid their donation, Reading Eggs, Mathletics, Hapara and/or technology fees. Statements of request for school donations and fees will be issued next week.

ATTENDANCE

We use electronic rolls at school. Teachers are required to take the digital register twice a day on their laptops. Children who are not present at 9am or 2pm will be notified to the Office.

It is very important that the Office has the reason that your child is absent from school before 9:15am. You can do this by telephoning the Office and leaving a message on the absence line, sending an email (either directly or via the school website) or notifying the Office in person. You need to clearly give the reason for the absence. If we are not advised of the reason and cannot get hold of a parent or caregiver we are required by the Ministry of Education to mark the child as truant.

Children arriving at school after 9am must report to the office to be signed in. If you need to take your child out of school during the day, please report to the office first to collect a green sign-out slip for your child's teacher

Please note the following term dates:

Term 1 finishes on Friday 13th of April.

Term 2 begins on Monday 30th April and ends on Friday 6th July.

Term 3 begins on Monday 23rd July and ends on Friday 28th September.

Term 4 begins on Monday 15th October and ends on Tuesday 18th December.

We strongly encourage you to book your holidays with the term dates in mind to minimise absence from school.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Before School Care (BSC) and After School Care (ASC) are available at school for pupils, Monday to Friday, and are housed in the School Hall. BSC runs from 7.30am to 8.30am and ASC from 3pm until 6pm. WINZ subsidies may be available – please see Susan Dixon for more information.

Further information and enrolment forms may be obtained from the School Office. The Supervisor, Susan Dixon, may also be contacted by phoning or texting 027-233-9403.

STATIONERY



Thank you to all the people who have already organised their stationery. If you have not organised this, we need all stationery at school by the end of this week please, Friday 9 February. You can go to www.myschool.co.nz to find the list or copies are also available from the school office. There is also a compulsory stationery charge for some classes which needs to be paid as soon as possible please.

SUNSMART

All children need a brimmed hat. Children with fair skin should also apply sunscreen before school or keep some in their bags. Students need to wear clothing that covers their shoulders and midriff. We encourage all children to have a water bottle at school. Jandals are not appropriate footwear for school. We ask that all clothing, including togs and towels, be named please.



SCHOOL T-SHIRTS

We are currently awaiting the delivery of our school t-shirt order. If you have purchased a t-shirt for your child through the Myschool website or via internet banking, we will give these to the children as soon as possible.

CIVIL DEFENCE

If a civil emergency occurs, students will be kept at school until a parent or designated emergency contact collects them. **Children will not be released if the person collecting them is not on their list of emergency contacts. If your contact details or emergency contacts have changed, please notify the Office ASAP and keep these up to date.** If your child is on prescribed medication we ask that they have 3 days supply, labelled with dosage instructions, handed into the office or if they have special dietary requirements, please provide a small amount of suitable food in a named container, again handed in at the office for safe keeping.

EATING AT SCHOOL

Children are expected to eat healthy foods at school. No lollies, fizzy drinks or chewing gum are allowed. Children should bring a fruit or vegetable snack to eat at 'brain food' time. **Rimu 3 and 5 pupils must not bring food containing nuts to school due to one of their peers having severe allergies.**

SCHOLASTIC LUCKY BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Scholastic Book Club brochures have been handed out today. Orders can be made online using the Scholastic LOOP site and paying by credit card or by filling in the form at the back of the brochure and paying by cheque or cash (no change given and NO EFTPOS) at the office. Please place orders by 3pm next Thursday, 15 February.

SUBWAY LUNCH ORDERS

Subway lunches will be starting again in week 4 of term. Subway are providing new envelopes and these will be available from the office after Monday 19 February.

HEALTH

Parents should ensure the Office is aware of any particular health issues affecting their child (e.g. asthma, food allergies, bee and wasp sting allergies etc.) If children require medication at school parents should provide a plan for administering the appropriate dosage. All medication should be clearly labelled with the child's name and the specific instructions. No medication will be given unless parents have informed the Office staff of the dose.

SCHOOL DENTAL THERAPISTS

The Dental Service is based at Brandon Intermediate. Their dental van will be visiting our school in May to check the children's teeth. In the case of a dental emergency, please ring them on 0800-825-583, or contact your own dentist.

MONIES SENT TO SCHOOL

We prefer payment directly into our school account with ASB, 12-3140-0133108-01, with clear references please. If you do send money to school it must be in an envelope, clearly labelled with the name of the person it concerns and payment details. There is a white tin on the wall in the Office for depositing monies.

TECHNOLOGY

This year technology for Year 7 & 8 is on Fridays and the first session will be this week, Friday 9 February.



WET WEATHER BAGS

All pupils in Rata and Rimu Blocks need an activity kit for wet days.

This should be in a named plastic bag. Suitable activities are comics, jigsaws, colouring books (please include felt pens or coloured pencils), card games, craft activities etc.

GOODTIME MUSIC ACADEMY - MUSIC BUS LESSONS

Goodtime Music Academy is very pleased to announce that music bus lessons will continue during 2018 at Papakowhai School. Weekly lessons take place during school hours. If you would like to register your child for lessons, please visit their website www.goodtimemusicacademy.co.nz

UKULELE CLUB

Want to join Uke Club this term? T.U.I is here every Thursday before school from tomorrow - Feb 8th. Only \$5.00 a session. Plenty of new songs, a wee bit of Kazoo and even some "Uke Hip-hop" Contact Shane for more detail. 027 27 37 47 5 theukuleleinstitute@gmail.com



SOME IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1

FEBRUARY

Thursday 8	Uke Club starts
Friday 9	Year 7&8 Technology starts
Monday 12	Home and School meeting, 7pm in the staffroom
Wednesday 14	BOT meeting, 7pm in the staffroom
Monday 19	Swimming starts for Rimu 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
Wednesday 21	School powhiri for new families, 9.30am -meet in staffroom from 9am
Monday 26 and Tuesday 27	Meet the Teacher Evenings – more details to follow soon

MARCH

Sunday 4	Papakowhai School triathlon – information leaflets came home today
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