



Papakowhai School

Learning Together



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PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 3 ● Term 1 ● 14th February 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers

PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS

FEBRUARY 26th and 27th



School will finish at 3pm as normal. Each appointment is 15 minutes. Appointments to see the teachers will be done via a website. It is a simple, accurate system. www.schoolinterviews.co.nz. Children are welcome to attend with their parents.

The log-in code is da7xz. To book:

- enter your email address
- enter your name
- select the number of children you are booking for
- Enter the children's name/s
- Select the class and teacher
- Select the interview times you want

You will be sent an email confirming your booking details. You will control your bookings and can make them to suit you, though like any system the earlier you book the more likely you will get what you want. Changing or cancelling your booking can be done at any time. The booking website will close at noon on each interview day. If you are not able to make a booking online, please phone the school office.

We would really like all our parents to come to this meeting.

Prior to the meeting you will receive a sheet of all your contact details and your child's details which we would like you to check before the interview.

What would we like you to share with us at the meeting?

- We would like to know how your child is settling into school this year
- We would like to know about how your child learns best and what their strengths and weaknesses are
- We would like to know about your child's personality and how we can work best with them at school.


PUPIL SUPERVISION ON PARENT/TEACHER MEETING DAYS

After School care will be operating as usual between 3 and 6pm. You need to be a registered user of After School Care to use this service. Please contact the Office for more information.



Kind regards
Mark Smith
PRINCIPAL

HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED OUR SCHOOL APP YET?


NEVER MISS IMPORTANT SCHOOL INFORMATION AGAIN!



- *Events
- *Notices
- *Instant school messages
- *Absentee
- *Newsletters
- *Permission Slips



Simple free download: In the Play Store and App Store search 'Skool Loop NZ' & choose our school once installed.





This year we will be using Seesaw, instead of the portfolio folders. Seesaw gives your child creative tools to capture and reflect on their learning - in real time. Then this work is shared with you. Seesaw will give you a window into each of our classrooms and into your student's learning process. We will use Seesaw to reflect and grow in all curriculum areas. Our students are excited to use this new tool in partnership with the great things our teachers do in their classrooms.

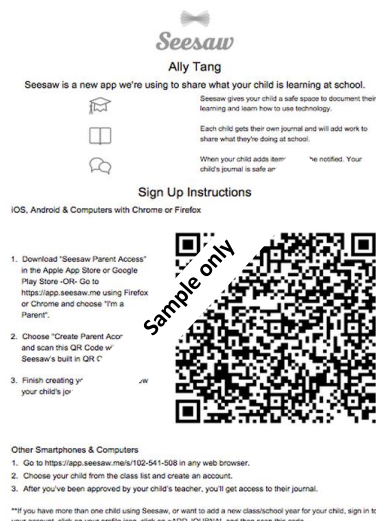
We are happy to announce this new opportunity for our students. Please contact the school with any questions about Seesaw. With your help, we can continue building our school community of lifelong learners. We need your help with Seesaw to ensure success.

You can download Seesaw's family App for iOS, Android, or use the web to view your student's learning.

When your child adds new work, you will receive a notification to see, hear and respond to your child's post. *You only have access to your own child's work and all of the content is stored securely.*



Today you will receive a handout with directions to download and sign up for your child's Seesaw journal like the one pictured. The QR code or weblink is personalised to your child.



If you did not receive this handout please email Caine Webster, who will send you a digital copy of the directions: cainewebster@papkowhai.school.nz.

SCHOOL POWHIRI

The powhiri for all new families and staff will be held next **Wednesday, 21 February, at 9.30am** in the school 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.**

SWIMMING



Swimming for students in Rimu 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 begins on **Monday 19 February for two weeks.** Children

need their togs, goggles and towels every day for this fortnight. **Please remember to name all gear.**

NEW COMMUNICATION APP ADVERTISING

Details of our new communication app, Skool Loop, came home in a separate flyer on Monday (if you missed this, copies are available from the office). The app is funded free to the school through the sponsorship of local businesses. Skool Loop are asking if any local business would like to advertise in our school app for an annual fee of \$215. All artwork can be created as a complimentary service for you. For further information please contact Shannon at The Skool Loop App shannon@skoolloop.com or phone 0800 238 379.

HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

KIDS TRIATHLON The Home and School Committee have the kids triathlon coming up on Sunday 4 March at the school. This is for all students from Papakowhai School to take part in. Entry



School to take part in. Entry forms and registration fee need to be handed into the office by **12noon on Wednesday 28 February. No late entries will be accepted.**

PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL HOODIES AND/OR HATS It is now possible to order Papakowhai School hoodies or plain navy or yellow bucket hats. Flyers were sent home yesterday and the order form is repeated at the end of this newsletter. Samples are available at the office to check out sizes. There will be one order per term – the ordering for delivery this term closes on Thursday 1 March.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - WOMEN'S CLOTHING

GRAB - FRIDAY 4 APRIL, 7.30pm SCHOOL HALL.

If one of your new year's resolutions is to sort out your wardrobe, then donate your good clothes that no longer fit or work for you to our school fundraiser. We are collecting now. Drop off to Papakowhai school office or to 16 Tweed Road. Tell your friends too. The more clothes we have the more chances everyone has of adding some fantastic finds to their wardrobes. You get the thrill of seeing others enjoying clothes that have been gathering dust in your wardrobe and finding something better for yourself. Everyone wins. It's so much fun! More details to follow.

SCHOOL T-SHIRTS

The school t-shirt order has arrived and we have handed these out to all those who have paid. If you have purchased a t-shirt for your child through the Myschool website or via internet banking and your child has not yet received their t-shirt, please contact the office.

SCHOLASTIC LUCKY BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Orders close at 3pm tomorrow, Thursday 15

February. 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.

FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVING CLUB

Is your child curious about current world problems? If so, Future Problem Solving (FPS) might be the programme for them! In FPS, we will research and discuss topics relating to the social and technological issues around us today. Then we will brainstorm futuristic solutions in teams, as part of an international competition. Come and check it out: The FPS club will hold two "Taster Sessions," for students in Years 5-8 during lunch this Friday and next (16 Feb & 23 Feb) in Rata 7.

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.

EASYSWIM SWIM SCHOOL TERM ONE LESSONS

Term one lessons have started, however it's not too late to book! Early Childhood from 3 months – 3 years, Pre School and School age lessons are all go. We have waiting lists on some levels, times and days but also the odd space here and there.

Easyswim's Splash Attack - a fun, non-contact water polo programme which involves learning and developing game sense plus passing & catching skills. Splash Attack is starting this week at the Plimmerton School pool today, Wednesday 14 February, and began at Johnsonville School pool last Friday, 9 February.

To book call on 2347946

email book@easyswim.co.nz or

visit www.easyswim.co.nz for more information.

KARATE CLASSES

Papakowhai School Hall, every Tuesday night: Juniors (from 8 years old) 5.45-7.00pm, adults 7-8.30pm. For more details contact Al Campbell on 2348033.

RABBIT HUTCH WANTED

A school family is on the lookout for a rabbit hutch (just for sleeping). If anyone has one could you please contact Janey on 02040429891

MOVIE FUNDRAISER - FINDING YOUR FEET, SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY

Adele O'Leary, a parent and teacher from our school, is organising a movie night fundraiser on Sunday 25 February at the Pauatahanui Lighthouse Cinema. The movie is called 'Finding your Feet' and tickets cost \$20. All proceeds go to The NZ Breast Cancer Foundation. The event starts from 6.45 pm with the movie screening at 7.30 pm. Please contact Adele if you would like a ticket

adele@papakowhai.school.nz or phone 027 747 1631.

FOR IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1 SEE THE SCHOOL CALENDAR ON OUR WEBSITE AND APP

**PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL HOODIE AND/OR HAT
ORDER FORM**

STUDENT NAME/S AND CLASS/ES

PARENTS NAME AND CONTACT NUMBER

| ITEM | PRICE | SIZE/S | QUANTITY | TOTAL PRICE |
|---|-------|--------|-----------------|----------------|
| SCHOOL HOODIE SIZE 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 | \$55 | | | |
| NAVY BLUE BUCKET HAT SIZE 55CM, 57CM, 59CM, 61CM | \$22 | | | |
| YELLOW BUCKET HAT SIZE 55CM, 57CM, 59CM, 61CM | \$22 | | | |
| | | | TOTAL TO PAY | |