




PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 5 ● Term 1 ● 28th February 2018



Dear Parents/Caregivers

STAYING CONNECTED


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Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us for the parent teacher meetings this week. We really appreciate you coming and sharing with us about your children and how they learn. Working together in the best interests of your children is what

we want to do and talking about your child's well-being and learning is an ongoing dialogue not an event. You are welcome to pop into class before and after school to see your child's work and talk with the teacher. You are welcome to email your child's teacher if you want to exchange information or make an appointment to discuss a concern or a problem.

We would also like to engage with you using the SeeSaw app this year. Thank you to the many families who are already signed up, viewing their child's work and commenting. Please email Caine Webster our DP if you are not yet connected or you are unsure how to connect. caine@papakowhai.school.nz

Another way to stay engaged is by reading the newsletter. We are going to phase out the print version in March. It will be available through the Skool Loop App, the website and by email. Please make sure you are connected with the app or on the email list. You can sign up on the website or contact the office to be emailed the newsletter;

office@papakowhai.school.nz. A reminder that we have added further groups under the 'Notices' section of the app – click on the 3 lines in the top right corner to select the groups.

HEALTHY EATING

Eating a healthy lunch is important for growing children because it boosts their energy levels, improves concentration and provides the nutrients they need for growth and development.

At Papakowhai School children need a fruit or vegetable snack each day.

For morning tea, they need snacks like fresh fruit, nuts or popcorn, or grainy crackers and dip. Some children, and to be fair us adults, also need a sweet treat. If that's your child, choose products or recipes that contain fruit and whole grains.

For lunch children need grainy or wholemeal breads, wraps and crackers so they feel fuller for longer. Lean meat, poultry, seafood, eggs, cheese, peanut butter or salad are all good options for fillings.

All children need a drink bottle filled with water to keep them hydrated throughout the day.

Children need plenty of fluid to keep them hydrated. Try freezing the drink bottle overnight to help keep other food items chilled the next day. **We would really be pleased if the number of processed packaged foods was reduced in lunchboxes.**

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

The Ministry of Education collects data on students who attend less than 90% of the time. They regard children attending less than 90% as not attending school regularly. We are also concerned if children have more than 5 absences per term. New Zealand studies show that children who do not attend regularly have lower reading levels and lower achievement in Year 11 NCEA Level 1.

If children are really sick, please keep them home and contact the office that your child is sick. Otherwise we want to see children at school every day, even when it is raining or they feel a little tired. Please plan holidays for term breaks wherever possible.

TRIATHLON

Thanks to the wonderful Home and School team for organising the triathlon this weekend. If you have not registered, you are still welcome to come down and enjoy the event and the sausage sizzle. The triathlon runs from 10am -12:30pm.

Kind regards

Mark Smith

PRINCIPAL

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HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE



PAPAKOWHAI TRIATHLON Please come along and support the competitors from 10am on Sunday, 4 March. There will be a sausage sizzle with all profits going to support our Enviroschools initiatives for 2018 and also the Future Problem Solving group will be selling ice blocks.

PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL HOODIES AND/OR HATS

Samples are available at the office to check out sizes. There will be one order per term – **the ordering for delivery this term closes tomorrow, Thursday 1 March.**

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - WOMEN'S CLOTHING

GRAB - FRIDAY 4 APRIL, 7.30pm We are collecting now: drop off to Papakowhai school office or to 16 Tweed Road. Tell your friends too. More details to follow nearer the date.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Our first school assembly for the year will be held on Monday, 5 March, at 10am in the school hall. The classes sharing their work will be **Rata 3, Rimu 3, Rimu 6, Totara 1** and **Kauri 2**. Our New Entrants will also be presented with their welcome certificates by Mr Smith. Please come along and join us.

DONATIONS AND OTHER FEES

Notices requesting school donations and fees were issued last week. Thank you if you have paid these. Our preferred method of payment is through our school bank account, 12-3140-0133108-01. When making payments please reference so that we can identify who the payment is from and what it is for. We are also extending our access to the MySchool website to allow payments to be made by credit card. This access will continue until 31 March. Payments can also be made at the office through EFTPOS or cash.

It is also worth remembering that the school donation qualifies for the tax credit which can be claimed from Inland Revenue. Payments up to 31 March 2018 can be claimed later this year. Receipts are issued for all donations paid. If you need a copy of a receipt or a letter confirming amounts paid please contact the school office.

SUBWAY LUNCH ORDERS

Subway lunches have started again. Subway have provided new envelopes which are now available from the office. Please ensure your orders are in by Thursday 9am at the latest.

HAND, FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

We have had a few cases of hand, foot and mouth disease reported in Kauri block. This presents with a mild fever, painful sores in the mouth and a rash with blisters on the hands and feet. The rash can be confused with chickenpox but, in this case, it only

appears on the extremities. Children are infectious before the symptoms start through until the blisters have dried. Frequent and thorough hand washing can help prevent the spread of the disease. For more information, visit <https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/hand-foot-and-mouth-disease>

HELEN O'GRADY DRAMA SCHOLARSHIP

The school has been given a scholarship of one term's free drama classes (worth \$165) at the Helen O'Grady Drama Academy to award to one of our students. To apply for this please email mark@papakowhai.school.nz explaining how this scholarship would benefit your child.

COMMUNITY SPORTS NOTICES

PUKERUA BAY SOCCER CLUB Registrations close today, Wednesday 28 February. For more details please visit www.pukeruabaysoccer.org.nz

PAREPLIM 2018 RUGBY REGISTRATION Paremata Plimmerton Junior Rugby registrations are now open online at www.gameforall.co.nz. Registration can be completed and uniforms collected at the club rooms on Wednesday 28 Feb 5.30 - 8, Sat 3 March 10 - 2, or our Canes in Club night on Thurs 22 March 5.30 - 8, come on down and meet some of our local hurricanes. Any questions please email pareplimrfc@gmail.com

SCOUTS NEW ZEALAND

Scouting offers fun and friendship, challenge and everyday adventure to over 15,000 girls and boys across New Zealand. Scouts develop wide-ranging technical, practical, life and social skills with over 200 different activities from abseiling and caving to drama, tramping, camping and kayaking. If your son or daughter would like to join their local scouting group (Keas for 5-8 year olds, Cubs for 8-11 year olds

or Scouts for 11-18 year olds) please call 0800 SCOUTS or email LNI@scouts.org.nz

AOTEA COLLEGE FUNDRAISING

Aotea College Association are selling the Entertainment book to fundraise. Digital memberships are available too, at the same cost of \$65 (of which \$13 will go to the college). PRE SALES have started! PRE ORDER YOURS ONLINE visit: www.entbook.co.nz/10684z7 Alternatively, please contact Tracie on: Email: vntlane@xtra.co.nz
Pre- Purchase before 3rd April 2018 to receive over \$180 worth of Early Bird Bonus Offers you can use straight away!

KIDS GO FREE AT STAGLANDS ON CHILDREN'S DAY

Staglands Wildlife Reserve will be celebrating Children's Day on Sunday 4 March by offering FREE ENTRY into The Reserve for ALL CHILDREN. In addition to their usual attractions visitors can enjoy free off-road tractor-trailer rides. *Offer is not available with any other offer. Children (0-16 years) must be accompanied by paying adult. For more information visit www.staglands.co.nz

YOUTH PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

The 18th annual Photo Competition run by the Guardians of Pāuatahanui Inlet (GOPI) is now under way.

To encourage young photographers to enter the competition, a free photography workshop is being offered on Sunday 11 March with postponement day on 18 March. The workshop is open to anyone under the age of 18 and will be taught by Destina Munro, photojournalism tutor at Whitireia and former president of the Kapiti Camera Club. All the participants need to bring is a camera they are familiar with, a bottle of water and appropriate clothes (it can be muddy in the reserve). The workshop starts at Pāuatahanui Wildlife Reserve cottage at 4.30pm and lasts for about three

hours. Registration is essential and numbers will be limited to 20. You will find the registration form on the website www.gopi.org.nz. For further information, please email pauainlet@gmail.com

SOME IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1

MARCH

Thursday 1		Orders close for school hoodie
Sunday 4	Papakowhai School triathlon	
Monday 5		Assembly, 10am,
Wednesday 14		BOT meeting, 7 pm
Tuesday 27	Timu, Totara and Kauri photograph day	

**PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL HOODIE AND/OR HAT
ORDER FORM
(ORDERS CLOSE THURSDAY 1 MARCH)**

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 EACH			
NAVY BLUE BUCKET HAT SIZE 55CM, 57CM, 59CM, 61CM	\$22 EACH			
YELLOW BUCKET HAT SIZE 55CM, 57CM, 59CM, 61CM	\$22 EACH			
			TOTAL TO PAY	

\$..... cash/cheque enclosed

\$..... paid by EFTPOS at the school office on

\$..... paid by internet banking to Papakowhai Home and School Committee 12-3478-0060954-00 on..... Please reference with your name and 'Hoodie order'
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