



Papakowhai School

Learning Together



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PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 7 ● Term 1 ● 14th March 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers

TEACHER PAID UNION MEETING

NZEI have called a paid union meeting for teachers on Wednesday March 21st at 2pm. We will not have enough adult supervision at school to look after all of the children.

We would like as many children as possible to finish school at 1:30pm on the day of the paid union meeting.

We will provide supervision for those staying on for After School Care or who cannot finish at 1:30pm.

Rata children will only be released to parents. All other children with permission to finish early will be dismissed by their teacher at 1:30pm.

If you need your children to stay at school until 3pm you don't need to do anything.

If you are willing for your children to finish at 1:30pm please return the permission form at the end of this newsletter.

ENROLMENT ZONE

Thank you for the feedback on the process we have already received. Please note the BOT's first criteria for decision making is "We want to be conservative in our approach. We want to make small changes to the zone rather than make a large change that we later find was not needed". Note that the changes to the zone will be small with the focus on reducing new entrant enrolments by about 10 children in 2019. We expect to be able to share a map of the areas we are looking at in early April.

KIVA

Papakowhai is a KiVa School. We use this programme to decrease incidents of bullying in our school. We have already seen an improvement in the safety and wellbeing of many of our students in the two years we have been using the programme.

KiVa is evidence-based and has been designed to prevent bullying and to tackle cases of bullying effectively. Prevention and intervention are both crucial, as no prevention efforts will make bullying disappear on their own.

Prevention

Prevention through class lessons, is directed at all students with a focus on changing the role of the bystanders. We are targeting additional lessons for Rimu and Totara students in 2018.

Intervention

Intervention is used when a bullying case is identified. It is targeted specifically to the children who have been involved in bullying or victims, as well as to several classmates who are challenged to support the victim. The aim is to put an end to bullying.

KiVa was developed at the University of Turku in Finland, with funding from the Finnish Ministry of Education and Culture. Its developers are experts who have been studying the phenomenon of bullying and its mechanisms for decades.

STAFF CARPARK

Please do not enter the Staff carpark after 7:45am or before 4:45pm when collecting children from Before School or After School Care. Our carpark is very congested. Please do not use the driveway for pedestrian access to the hall.

Kind regards

Mark Smith

PRINCIPAL

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**HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE
WOMEN'S CLOTHING GRAB - FRIDAY 6
APRIL, 7.30 PM**



How many women's clothing items and accessories do you have that haven't been worn in a while? Clean out your wardrobe, drop off at Papakowhai School this week and buy your tickets. We have lots of fantastic clothes donated already from size 8-18. Designers such as Jane Daniels, Kilt, Cue, Country Road, House of G, Max etc. are all yours for the taking as part of your \$25 entry price.

Tickets are \$25 and includes, bubbles, supper, coffee and taking home whatever clothes and accessories you find. A cheap ladies night out!

LAGOON PICNIC

Our Aotea Lagoon annual picnic has been postponed until **Thursday 5th April**. We are looking forward to this being a special whanau day together.

EMAILING OF BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL INVOICES

Thank you to those who have registered their interest in getting their before and after school care invoices by email. Unfortunately, there have been a few issues in getting this to work so, in the meantime, paper invoices will still be issued to all. We hope to have this issue remedied soon.

PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NETBALL TEAMS

Netball notices must be completed and returned to the school office by Friday, 16 March. Payment can be made online or by cash or EFTPOS at the office. There are spare notices at the office if your child needs to collect one.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY FOR RIMU, TOTARA AND KAURI

Due to a clash with the Robbie Fruean Rugby tournament we have moved the photograph day for Rimu, Totara and Kauri to Term 2; Tuesday 29 May.

Rata students, school teams and the Year 8's will have their photographs taken later in the year.

CAMP AND TECHNOLOGY FEES

School Camp payments

The school camp for Year 7 and 8's is during the last week of this term. Full payment of camp is expected by 30 March. A statement showing the amount still due will be issued shortly.

Technology Fee for Year 7 and 8's

Children in year 7 and 8 attend the Plimmerton Technology Centre on Friday mornings. During this time projects are completed and are either consumed at the centre or are brought home. The \$60 cost of these consumables is billed to us and we pass this on to parents. We do not add any of the other costs associated with the children attending the centre. We ask that the technology fee be fully paid by the end of Term 1. If you are still to pay the technology fee a statement for this will be issued next week.

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION TO STUDENTS

If your child requires any medication to be administered during the school day please come to the office, before going to class, as you will need to collect a medication notification form for the teacher. We do ask that, wherever possible, medication is administered at home.

TAX CREDIT FOR SCHOOL DONATIONS

The school donations qualify for the tax credit of 33.3 cents in the dollar. Amounts paid by 31 March 2018 will qualify for the 2018 tax credit. Payment can be made by direct credit to the school bank account 12-3140-0133108-01, or by EFTPOS or cash/cheque at the office. We have also extended the ability to pay through the MySchool website until 30th March which allows credit card payments. Receipts are issued for all donation payments. If you have lost

your receipt or need confirmation of the amount paid please email heather@papakowhai.school.nz.

FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVING CLUB FUNDRAISING

The Future Problem Solving (FPS) club will be selling Juicies at \$2 each on Thursday lunchtimes starting tomorrow, 15th March. Sales will begin at 1.15 pm and there will be 3 tables set up around the school; one outside Rata block for them, one in the Rimu playground and one for Totara and Kauri near the office.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

The ParePlim Cougars U9 Softball team were invited to the Top Teams tournament in Kapiti, and came away with 2nd place. The Cougars players from our school were **Easton Buck, Quinn Brittliff, Oliver Dixon, Roman Summerville-Murray, and Maya Rouse**. This team also took out 2nd place on the table for the whole season. Congratulations and well played!

NEW PUBLICATION

Papakowhai school parent, and local author, Rodney Strong has a new book out. *Murder in Paint* is a light-hearted murder mystery that centres on a man whose life is invaded by a spirit, a con woman, thugs, and little old ladies. Getting back to normal is easier said than done. The book is available from Paper Plus in Porirua and from Amazon.

HELPERS NEEDED

Rotary book fair helpers needed for this Friday, 16th March, to sort books at the NZ Kennel Club, Prosser St, Elsdon. Arrive anytime between 9 and 3pm on this Friday. Go in and say you're from Papakowhai School!

ONLINE SUBWAY LUNCH ORDERS

Subway are now offering an online ordering option at www.subwayexpress.co.nz You will need to register when you make your first order and then just log in for subsequent orders. Select 'Papakowhai School'

and follow the prompts to enter your child's name and class and create your sub. Payment online is only by credit card and you need to ensure that payment has gone through otherwise the order will not be sent to the store. If placing orders for multiple children each will need to be entered and paid for separately. Online orders must be completed before 8pm on Thursday to ensure delivery on Friday lunchtime. More information on the online ordering system is available from the school office.

Subway envelopes are still available from the office if you prefer to order that way (correct change only please). Please ensure your envelope orders are placed in the Subway lunch order box at the office by Thursday 9am at the latest.

GOODTIME MUSIC ACADEMY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Are you looking for a school holiday programme like no other in the Wellington region? Join in with the Goodtime Music Academy for an incredible musical experience. Learn how to play a range of instruments, join a giant band, travel to a different world using the green screen, make music videos, get crafty, and make loads of new friends. The programme is run by a fantastic team of professional music tutors who are ready to take you on an incredible musical adventure! Spaces are limited, so register today! www.holiday.gtma.co.nz

PUKERUA BAY SCHOOL VILLAGE FAIR

Pukerua Bay School are holding their Village Fair gala on Saturday, 17 March, from 11 am. There will be delicious food and drink, stalls, a bouncy castle and much more including live music from Kupe Renata.

AOTEA COLLEGE FUNDRAISING

Aotea College Association are selling the latest Entertainment book. Digital memberships are available too, at the same cost of \$65 (of which \$13 will go to the college). PRE SALES have started! TO 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!

DISCOVERY SCHOOL X GAMES

Please put Sunday 8 April in your diary for a family fun day, with 25 event stations ready to challenge your mind, senses, humour, singing, physical and mental abilities. Registrations are now open so get your team together, sign up online and start planning your costumes www.discoveryxgames.co.nz/online-registration

SOME IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1

MARCH

Weds 14	BOT meeting, 7 pm
Weds 21	Teachers Paid Union Meeting
Tues 27	Robbie Fruean Rugby tournament
Fri 30	Good Friday – school closed

April

Mon 2 & Tues 3	Easter Monday and Tuesday – school closed
Weds 4	BOT meeting, 7 pm
Thurs 5	Aotea Lagoon picnic
Fri 6	Women's clothing grab, 7.30pm, Papakowhai School hall
Tues 10 – Thurs 12	Year 7 & 8 Camp at Kaitoke, Upper Hutt
Fri 13	Last day of Term 1
Mon 30	First day of Term 2

EARLY FINISH PERMISSION FORM

I give permission for my child(ren) to finish at 1:30pm
on Wednesday 21st March.

Child(ren)'s Name(s)

Class(es) _____

Parent Caregiver Signature

DO **NOT** RETURN THIS FORM IF YOU NEED YOUR
CHILDREN TO STAY AT SCHOOL UNTIL 3PM