



Papakowhai School

Learning Together



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PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 8 ● Term 1 ● 21st March 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

At the moment we are focusing on **FRIENDSHIP** as a social skill within the context of Relating to Others.



Friendship is about having friends and being a friend as well. Learning to be a good friend involves listening, sharing, taking turns, being helpful, kind and dependable. When children interact with their friends, they learn many social skills such as how to communicate, co-operate and solve problems. At times our children struggle with friendships, which can be heart-breaking. Here are some ideas if your child is having some problems.

- Read some books about friendship
- Watch a good movie together about friendship
- Encourage play-dates with children in the same class or the same age, so they can practice friendship skills
- Provide other opportunities to spend time with children
- Get involved in activities after school or in the weekend – sport, dance, art etc
- Let your child see you being a good friend
- Model correct reactions to different scenarios, showing them how to cope with problems. This teaches them how to handle difficult situations

As a parent, you play a crucial role in your child's social development. You can't make friends for your child but you can support them to make new friends. It's important that children are comfortable and happy with their friends at school. If you feel you need some support from your child's teacher as well, come and discuss it together so we can all support your child with this.

Kind regards

Lesley Hodge

Assistant 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.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY FOR RIMU, TOTARA AND KAURI – SECOND DATE CHANGE

Due to a double booking with the photographer the photograph day has been moved to Tuesday 26 June.

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.

HOUSEHOLD BATTERY DISPOSAL

Please bring your used batteries to the office as we have a parent who has very kindly offered to take them to be disposed of safely, rather than throwing them out with the general household waste.

ENTRIES FOR 2018 CEMNZ SCIENCE, ENGLISH AND MATHS PAPERS.

Once again, the University of Canterbury is delighted to offer the great Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science competitions for Primary, Intermediate and Secondary schools. The Kiwi competitions are written by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students and are based on the New Zealand curriculum. The online competitions will be run in the last 3 weeks of Term 2. All participating students will be awarded a certificate and prizes will be awarded to the top students in each year group. The cost for a student to participate is \$8.50 per competition entered. **Entries for all papers close next term, on Friday 11 May. The entry fee is \$8.50 per subject and students must return the signed permission slip, with payment, to sit these papers.** Please complete the slip and return to the Office. Payment can be made by cash, EFTPOS, cheque or internet banking (please see permission slip for details).

SWIM SPORTS, YEARS 1 & 2

The children in Years 1 and 2 will be using the swimming skills they learnt this term at their swim sports, at Tawa Pool, on Tuesday 10 April. Further details to follow.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Grace Fale travelled with her team to the National Marching Competition in Hamilton last weekend. Her team were very successful and placed 2nd in the National Under 12 Championship competition out of 19 teams. Many congratulations Grace!



WEETBIX TRYATHLON ENTRANTS Several Papakowhai School students took part in the Weetbix Tryathlon at Kilbirnie on Sunday. Congratulations to all who took part. Below is a picture from the day.



JUICIES ON SALE ON THURSDAYS

The Future Problem Solving (FPS) club will be selling Juicies at \$2 each on Thursday lunchtime. Sales will begin at 1.15 pm.

ANZAC DAY PARADE OPPORTUNITY

Hans Beyer-Rieger is a parent at Papakowhai School who is happy to co-ordinate a Papakowhai School group to participate in the Porirua Anzac Day parade at 9am on Wednesday 25th April. Please note this date is in the school holidays.

Please let Mark Smith know if you would like your child to participate in this opportunity and I will send details out to you. Please

email mark@papakowhai.school.nz by Thursday 29th March.

FAMILY EASTER TRAIL

Good Friday, 30 March, 2 – 4 pm. Starting at the Anchor Church, Whitby, follow the story of Easter through to St Mary's Anglican Church and finish up at North Porirua Baptist Church. There will be fun activities along the way, spot prizes and afternoon tea at the end of the trail. The trail is suitable for pre-school and primary school aged children.

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 (if your child is in years 1-6). Learn how to play a range of instruments, join a giant band, 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

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

WELLNESS WORKSHOPS

Held in the comfort of your own home, a chance to relax and sample some delicious super foods and 100% natural NZ health products. \$35 per person (free to host), minimum of 4 friends and a free hosting gift! For more information or to book contact Deanna on 0274773025 or visit www.wellnesscoach.co.nz

SOME IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1

MARCH

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	Year 1 & 2 Swim sports, Tawa pool
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

**CEMNZ ENTRY FORM for Science, English and Maths
papers (Year 5-8 students only)**

**Form and payment to be received by Friday 11 May
at latest.**

I give permission for my child/ren to participate in the
following 2017 NZCEM competitions:

CHILD'S NAME	CLASS	SUBJECT	Fee (\$8.50)

I enclose \$_____ (\$8.50 per subject)

OR

I have paid by EFTPOS on _____

OR

I have paid by internet banking (12-3140-0133108-01) on _____

Please state child's name and 'CEMNZ'.

Parent/caregivers signature: _____