



Papakowhai School

Learning Together



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PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 9 ● Term 1 ● 28th March 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers

AOTEA LAGOON SCHOOL PICNIC

We are holding our annual picnic at the lagoon on Thursday 5th April. The postponement day is Monday 9th April.

Children walk or bike (Years 6 -8 only have this option) to Aotea Lagoon, have a picnic lunch, engage in recreational activities with their whanau group and then return to school before 3pm.

Children wear their whanau colours (Kaka is red, Hoiho is yellow, Takahe is blue and Kereru is green), a sunhat, sunscreen, walking shoes and comfortable clothes and walk/bike to Aotea Lagoon for a picnic and a play. We ask that children do not bring any facepaint to school or write on themselves with coloured pens.

Children in Years 6-8 have the option of biking to and from the lagoon but **must complete the permission slip at the end of the newsletter and return it to the office by next Wednesday, 4th April**. Bikes and helmets will be checked on the morning of the trip. The bikes will be checked for a red rear reflector, working brakes, pumped up tyres and any obvious faults. Helmets will be checked to see that they fit firmly without any sloppy movement. If there are any issues the rider will need to walk to the Lagoon.

Children bring their own packed lunch and a water bottle. Ice-blocks will be provided at the lagoon.

At 11:00am whanau groups will assemble and get into buddies. Walkers will leave at approximately 11:45am and bikers at 12 noon. We would love adults to join us on the walk or on their bikes. Students will be buddied in older/younger pairs

and will be clearly informed of safety issues by their classroom teachers. Family members are also welcome to join us at the Lagoon from 12.30pm onwards.

When we arrive at the lagoon children will sit with their whanau group and eat their own packed lunch. It is really important that children have a water bottle too.

Each whanau group will then participate in four activities for 20 minutes each.

- 1- Games on the grass playing field
- 2- The adventure playground
- 3- Bike or walk around the lagoon.
- 4- Rest area and ice-blocks

We won't be using the splash pad.

We will leave the Lagoon to return to school at 2.15pm.

Please collect your child from school after the event, as we want all children to travel with their whanau groups and be part of the whole school experience.

Kind regards

Mark Smith

Principal

mark@papakowhai.school.nz

EASTER BREAK

We have had several enquiries about the Easter holiday and can confirm that the school will be closed on Tuesday 3 April as well as Good Friday and Easter Monday.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND

School will be closed on Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th June for the public holiday and mid-term break holiday.

Papakowhai School started a week earlier than some other local schools so we will still complete the required number of days before we finish on Tuesday 18th December.

HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

WOMEN'S CLOTHING GRAB

- FRIDAY 6 APRIL, 7.30 at

Papakowhai School Hall

\$25 Ticket price gets you a glass of

bubbles, light supper, wardrobe

tips and a chance to grab new clothes that work for

you. **Tickets are selling fast from the school office**

(cash or EFTPOS).

Clean out your wardrobe, drop off at Papakowhai

School office this week or next and pick up your

tickets.

Thank you so much to all the people that have

already donated items. We have sizes 8-18+ and fab

shoes, bags, scarves and jewellery. Some fantastic

labels including Charlo, Max, Silent Theory, KILT

etc. and some great staples are all yours for the

taking as part of your \$25 entry price. Everything you

donate will find a great home either with someone on

the night or donated afterwards to Women's Refuge.



Papakowhai School hoodies

Hoodie orders were delivered to children's classes on

Monday. Hats will follow within the next two weeks.

Further orders will be taken during the first few

weeks of Term 2 – look out for the order form!

If there are any queries, please email the Home and

School committee

homeandschool@papakowhai.school.nz

TIGER WORMS NEEDED

Does anyone have any tiger worms we can have to

add to our school compost bins? If you are able to

help, please contact Jill Clibborn, our lead enviro

teacher, on jill@papakowhai.school.nz

JUICIES ON SALE ON THURSDAYS

The Future Problem Solving (FPS) club will be selling

Juicies at \$2 each on Thursday lunchtimes. Sales will

begin at 1.15 pm.

PARUMOANA ATHLETICS RESULTS

Congratulations to all the students that took part in the Parumoana Athletics meeting last week. The following students achieved top 3 placings in their events:

Year 5	Travis Carnegie	Vortex – 3 rd
	Liandi Fourie	Long jump – 3 rd Vortex – 3 rd
	Liam Phelps	150 m – 2 nd 80 m – 3 rd
Year 6	Caleb Cam	High jump – 2 nd
	Charlie Nation	Quoits – 2 nd
Year 7	Gabriella Esterhuizen	Vortex - 2 nd
	Reweti Ngarimu	Long jump – 1 st Shot put – 1 st Discus – 1 st 100m – 1 st 200m – 2 nd Vortex – 2 nd
	Kristen Oliver	1500m – 2 nd
Year 8	Hadleigh Mundell	Long jump – 3 rd

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 will follow.

LOST PROPERTY

There is a lot of unnamed lost property at the moment that will be disposed of at the end of term. There is also a bag containing rugby boots, gloves, a top and water bottle. If you think this may be your child's please come to the office and tell us what colour the boots are.

PHOTO DAY FOR RIMU, TOTARA AND KAURI

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

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. 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).

PAPAKOWHAI KINDY FUNDRAISER

Papakowhai kindy are selling a great range of eco-friendly lunch box products including beeswax wraps, yoghurt pouches and reusable sandwich bags. Support our local kindy and save the planet! If you are interested email muir.sarah@yahoo.co.nz for more info.

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 he will send details out to you.

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

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A QUALITY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME?

April Holiday Programme @ Adventure School, 16 – 27 April 2018 BOOK ONLINE NOW: www.asfc.co.nz
The Holiday Programme is open from 8 am – 5/5.30pm. The quality programme offers exciting field trips by chartered bus (e.g. visit to Mission Inflatable, Roller Skating, Brookfield Camp, Swimming, Rimutaka Gym, Staglands and more), fun games, art & craft and sports activities for primary aged children. The experienced team members are looking forward to meeting your child. All staff trained and police vetted. For enquiries or more information please visit the website and choose your relevant Holiday Programme. The Programme flyer is attached there. The programme is approved by MSD and you may be eligible to receive an OSCAR subsidy. Everyone is welcome!

SWIMMING HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Ally Todd Swimming at Discovery School are now taking bookings for their April School Holiday Programme... swim for 30 mins every day for 5 days Monday 16th to Friday 20th April or Monday 23rd to Friday 27th April
Please complete an expression of interest form at the swimming pool reception or contact them at allytodds swimming@gmail.com
Bookings for the next school term are also open (Term starts Monday 30th April) Please visit www.allytodds swimming.co.nz for full details

TWIGLAND GARDEN CENTRE HOLIDAY CLASSES

On 17- 19 April (inc) from 9.30 – 11.30 am at Twigland Gardeners World, Middleton Road, Glenside. The classes cost \$20 each. For full details please visit their Facebook page Twigland Gardeners

World, call (04) 4774090 or email
mail@twigland.co.nz

SPOTLIGHT PERFORMING ARTS CLASSES

Does your child love to sing, dance and act?

Dance, Drama and Singing for students aged 4-16 yrs old. Led by London West End performer Sherene Clarke. Classes are held in schools in Aotea, Hataitai, Johnsonville, and Lower Hutt.

BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PLACE NOW!

www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz

JENNIAN WELLINGTON MOTHERS DAY 5k FUN RUN/WALK

Sunday 13 May, 10 am at Aotea Lagoon. All proceeds go to the Heart Foundation to help support research into the number one killer of Kiwi women.

Registrations – Complete an online registration at www.jennianmothersday.com and you will receive a Dick Frizzell designed t-shirt, couriered to you for free! Early Bird price only \$20.

Attractions - Lions Club miniature train running for the kids, Splash pad, coffee cart, food trucks and Mr Whippy

Parking - Free parking is available around Aotea Lagoon and at the Police College.

The event will go ahead on the 13 May, rain or shine!

SOME IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1

MARCH

Fri 30	Good Friday – school closed
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APRIL

Mon 2 & <u>Tues 3</u>	Easter Monday <u>and Tuesday</u> – 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: _____

CYCLING TO LAGOON PICNIC

I give permission for my child

..... in

class..... to ride to Aotea Lagoon with the school for the picnic. He/she is in Year 6- 8, in Totara or Kauri Block, is an able rider and has a road safe bike and helmet.

Medical conditions/medication we need to be aware of _____

I am/am not able to ride with a group of students
(please delete whichever does not apply)

Parent/Caregiver name:.....

Parent/Caregiver signature:.....