



PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 1 ● Term 2 ● 2nd May 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers

ENROLMENT ZONE INFORMAL CONSULTATION

Thank you to people who have already provided feedback on the proposed zone changes. We acknowledge that this is an upsetting and anxious period for some families. The Board of Trustees are meeting tonight to review feedback from the informal consultation. This will allow the Board to refine the zone description for formal consultation in May. This needs to be submitted to the Ministry of Education for approval to formally consult. We will share with you details of the formal consultation as soon as we have MOE approval.

YEAR 3- 4 SWIM SPORTS

The children were amazing. So many children were able to confidently swim lengths of the pool we ended up needing semi-finals and finals. We did unfortunately run out of time for the fun races. The results of the length finals will be in next week's newsletter.

YEAR 5-8 SWIM SPORTS TOMORROW

Thursday 3 May from 10 am at Cannon's Creek Pool.

Students will be transported to the pool and back by bus.

All children must have the following:

Named goggles and togs

2 named towels

Morning Tea

Named water bottle

A plastic bag for wet togs

Parents and whanau are very welcome to attend and support the children. Entry is free but please let the pool staff know that you are from Papakowhai School.

TOTARA BLOCK BUILDING

Our building project has experienced a few delays with completion now expected on May 29th. Children in Rata 6 will remain inside the main Rata block until then. Totara classes will remain in their Term 1 location. The portacom on the court is being used for office space and storage until the end of May.

CYBER SAFETY

We encourage our parents to actively know what social media their children are using. Make sure you look regularly at their accounts and see who they are talking to online. We also encourage you to say no to social media requests from your children, guidelines for social media strongly recommend that children should be 13 years and older.

BEFORE SCHOOL

Please respect that children cannot be dropped off before 7:30am for Before School Care. We also ask that parents do not use the school carpark or driveway after 7:45am.

Children are welcome into classrooms from 8:30 and should not arrive at school before 8:15. If you need to drop your children off prior to this please consider using our Before School Care service.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND

School will be closed on Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th June for the public holiday and mid-term break holiday. School is open as normal on Friday 1st June.

Kind regards
Mark Smith
PRINCIPAL

HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The next Home and School committee meeting will be held next Monday, 14th May, in the staffroom at 7 pm.



Papakowhai School hoodies and hats

Information on ordering hoodies and hats can be found on the Skool Loop App and also on the Papakowhai School website. Orders for this term will close on Friday 18 May and items will be delivered in mid- June. Samples to check out sizes are available at the office. Orders can be done online or forms can be obtained from the office.

ENTRIES FOR THE 2018 CEMNZ PAPERS

The University of Canterbury offers English, Maths and Science competitions for New Zealand students that are based on the New Zealand curriculum. These competitions will be run in the last 3 weeks of this term. The entry fee is \$8.50 per student per subject and all entries must be in by Friday 11 May. Please return the completed permission slip, with payment, to the office. Payment can be made by cash, EFTPOS, cheque or internet banking (please see return slip for details).

PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL UKULELE GROUP

Your Kid's a Rockstar!

Send them to Uke Club.

Contact Shane for details. 027 27 37 47 5

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PORIRUA CITY AQUATICS (PCA) - LEARN TO SWIM TERM TWO

PCA is a friendly community focused Swimming Club for all children's swimming abilities. They swim at the heated indoor Cannons Creek Pool.

Learn to Swim for 5+ yr olds - Term 2 lessons start on Sunday 6 May - \$45 for seven lessons through to Sunday 24 June (no lessons Queens Birthday

weekend).

For all the detail check out swimporirua.co.nz,

Facebook, or call Viv Morton (President) on 234 7071.



MINDFULNESS SCAVENGER HUNT

Wairua Adventures are running a scavenger hunt around the Porirua area, for children aged 9 – 12 years, on Sunday 20 May. The day runs from 9 am at Camp Elsdon until 4.30 pm at Kenpo Karate studio and includes morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea, all activities and workshops and a goodie bag to take home! The cost is \$85 (with a \$5 discount if registered before 13 May) and spaces are limited. For further information visit

www.wairuaadventures.co.nz or, to register, email wairuaadventures@gmail.com

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

MAY – Bee Healthy dental van is at school until 28th

Thursday 3	Year 5 - 8 swim sports
Friday 11	Closing date for CEMNZ entries
Monday 14	Home and School committee meeting, 7pm in the staffroom
Tuesday 15	Year 3-4 Ripa Rugby Tournament
Wednesday 16	BOT meeting
Thursday 17	Papakowhai School cross country
Tuesday 22	Young Leaders Day trip

JUNE

Monday 4	Queen's birthday public holiday
Tuesday 5	Mid-term break

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 2018 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: _____