



Papakowhai School

Learning Together



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PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 8 ● Term 2 ● 20 June 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers

PLASTIC FREE JULY

The Enviro Team at school wanted to take this opportunity to let you know that Week 10 of this term is the start of Plastic Free July 2018! The Enviro Leaders would like to promote this initiative at our school and to our community.

Plastic Free July started in 2011, as a local initiative driven by the Western Metropolitan Regional Council in Western Australia. It has now become a worldwide campaign and the quest is to refuse single-use plastic.

We would really like our community to participate in this challenge and spread the word. Please see the list of ideas at the end of this newsletter.

On Thursday, 28th June at 2pm we will have an Enviro Assembly to launch Plastic Free July to the whole school.

We have James Michael from the Compost Classroom coming to run an interactive session with students, including MC Hammer and Michael Jackson songs about composting and recycling and a fun Q&A session! Our Enviro Leaders will introduce and explain Plastic Free July to the school. They are also preparing a skit about how composting is going at our school.

The last week of term, Plastic Free July begins in our classrooms! The students will make pledges for Plastic Free July and activities will be carried out in classes.

Sausage Sizzle! On Thursday July 5th there will be a Sausage Sizzle at lunchtime. Pre-order forms will be sent home soon. Waste-Free lunch!

Tree Planting: The school has been given 100 free trees to plant for our awesome work with recycling. Mr Geary is

looking for students or parents to volunteer to help with planting these trees around the school. We are looking to plant these in Week 9 and 10. Please talk to Mr Geary to let him know if you can help him out or email the school office.

If you do any cool things for Plastic Free July, please let us know or share any photos etc! We would love to know about them.

We really appreciate your support!

Mrs Jill Clibborn and The Enviro Team!

jill@papakowhai.school.nz

TEACHER PAID UNION MEETING

NZEI have called a paid union meeting for teachers on Wednesday June 27th 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.

WHANAU HUI POSTPONED

Our shared meal, on Tuesday 26th June, for our Māori whānau has been postponed due to Mr Caine Webster having surgery for appendicitis. We will advise a new date at the start of Term 3. Mr Webster will be off work for a couple of weeks.

ENROLMENT ZONE FORMAL CONSULTATION

The Papakowhai School Board of Trustees is in the process of developing an amendment to the current enrolment scheme as directed by the Ministry of Education Under section 11H(1) of the Education Act 1989.

All students who live within the home zone shall be entitled to enrol at the school.

Details of the proposed amendment to reduce the home zone boundaries, the written description and the map can be found on our website www.papakowhai.school.nz

Please send any correspondence related to the proposed amendment **before June 25th** to: Board Chair, Papakowhai School or email correspondence can be sent to bot@papakowhai.school.nz

PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS

These meetings will be held on Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th July from 3:15 - 8pm.

This is an opportunity to review and reset goals, discuss your child's learning and well-being and clarify anything raised in the report or shared in SeeSaw.

Appointments to see the teachers are made via a website; www.schoolinterviews.co.nz the log-in code is 3x5mh If you are not able to make a booking online, please phone or call into the office and one of our staff will make the booking for you.

On Monday 2nd July your child will receive their mid-year report.

PARUMOANA CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all our Year 7 girls, **Milly O'Leary, Jade Lin, Emma Jenkins, Maia Tonkin and Matilda Grennell** who won the Year 7 Girls team trophy at the cross country event last week. We would also like to congratulate all the other students that took part in the Parumoana cross country races.

TRAFFIC ISSUES AROUND SCHOOL

Thank you to all the parents who use the P2 parking area as it is intended to be used and who respect our neighbours by parking with care during the beginning and end of the school day. Could we please remind everyone that the P2 area outside the school is for dropping off or picking up your children – there is no parking/leaving your car here. Also, please do not block driveways or double park behind cars outside the dairy/hairdresser or along Tweed Road or Spey Place.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to the following Papakowhai School students who were selected for the Western Bays representative rugby teams: **Reweti Ngarimu** and **Diontae Marsh-Beddie** (under 12s), **Hadleigh Mundell** (under 13s).

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Our next school assembly will be held on Monday 2 July (the last week of term) at 10 am in the school hall. Classes sharing their work with us will be Rata 3, Rata 4, Rimu 2, Totara 2, Totara 3 and Kauri 1. New entrants that have started with us since our last assembly, on May 28, will be presented with their welcome certificates. Please come along and join us.

HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Up in the Sky Discos - Papakowhai

School Hall - Friday 22nd June

Rata-Rimu Disco 5 - 6.30 pm

Totara-Kauri Disco 7 – 9 pm

Order forms for tickets and pizza

needed to be returned to the office by 3 pm today

Wednesday, 20 June. Tickets will be available to buy on the door on Friday night but it will not be possible to buy pizza.

If you want to request your favourite song, please collect a request slip from the office and return these ASAP.

Please like our Facebook page to stay up to date with our latest events:

<https://www.facebook.com/PapakowhaiHomeandSchool>



RIMU, TOTARA AND KAURI PHOTO DAY

Students in Rimu, Totara and Kauri blocks will be having their class and individual photographs taken on Tuesday 26 June. Order forms for family/sibling photos need to be returned to the office before Tuesday. If you would like a photo taken which includes siblings/family who do not attend Papakowhai School, the photographers will be available from 8.20 – 8.45 am or from 1.10 to 1.45 pm. Siblings that are both/all at school will have their picture taken during the day.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

AFTER SCHOOL FUN CLUB



Holiday Programme @
Adventure School, 9 – 20 July 2018

BOOK ONLINE NOW: www.asfc.co.nz

This Holiday Programme is open from **8 am – 5 pm / 5.30 pm**. For enquiries or more information please visit the website and choose your relevant Holiday Programme.


GOODTIME MUSIC

Goodtime Music are running a holiday programme in Alicetown, Lower Hutt, from 9 – 19 July. for primary school aged children. For full details please visit their website, GTMA.co.nz

KELLY SPORTS JULY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME – NGATITOA DOMAIN (Yrs 5-13)

The hugely popular Kelly Sports Holiday Programme is back for the July Holidays at Ngatitoa Doman. They have created an Action Packed Programme including: **Football World Cup Day, American Sports Day** plus lots of other fun games and activities including 2 trip days. To enrol go to <http://www.kellysports.co.nz/events/3073-Ngatitoa-Domain-Hall>, email adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201


OUR SCHOOL BAND IS PERFORMING AT:



TALENT FOR CHARITY

SHOWCASING
TALENT WITHIN OUR
COMMUNITY WHILE
SUPPORTING
PORIRUA WITHOUT
VIOLENCE!


ALL PROCEEDS GO TO
PORIRUA LIVING WITH
OUT VIOLENCE
ALL TICKETS ARE
\$5
DOOR & ONLINE
SALES ARE
AVAILABLE
LINK BELOW



**THURSDAY
JUNE
21
6:30PM**

AOTEA COLLEGE GYM
Okowai Rd, Aotea, Okowai 5024

WORKING IN COLLABORATION :
PORIRUA, AOTEA & MANA COLLEGES



New Beginnings
Porirua Living without Violence

[HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.CO.NZ/GR](https://www.trybooking.co.nz/GR)
There is a 30c booking fee for ordering online. So: Tickets \$5 plus 30c booking fee

Buy Tickets Online: <https://www.trybooking.co.nz/GR>

BACK TO THE 80's

Aotea College's Senior Performing Arts class bring you "Back to the 80's", the totally awesome musical written by Neil Gooding, by arrangement with David Spicer Productions www.davidspicer.com.au

When: Friday 29th June at 7pm, Saturday 30th June at 2pm and 7pm **Where:** Te Manawa, Aotea College

Cost: \$5 (+ 30c booking fee)

Buy Tickets Online: <https://www.trybooking.co.nz>

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

JUNE

Friday 22	School discos, 5-6.30pm and 7-9pm
Tuesday 26	Photo day – Rimu, Totara and Kauri
	Whānau Hui (postponed to Term 3)
Wednesday 27	Paid Union meeting
Thursday 28	Enviro Assembly for Plastic Free July 2pm

JULY

Monday 2	Assembly, 10 am, school hall Reports come home
Wednesday 4	Parent/teacher meetings
Thursday 5	Sausage sizzle lunch
	Parent/teacher meetings
Friday 6	Last day of Term 2
Monday 23	First day of Term 3

PAID UNION MEETING EARLY FINISH PERMISSION FORM

I give permission for my child(ren) to finish at 1:30pm on
Wednesday 27th June.

Child(ren)'s Name(s)

Class(es) _____

Parent Caregiver Signature

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

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP IN PLASTIC FREE JULY?

- Try and get your family involved, your group of friends or your workplace!
- To get you started try the Challenge Choices below. You can choose what you want to refuse this Plastic Free July. They are prioritised items that are the easiest to do whilst having the biggest potential impact further down.

PLASTIC FREE WHAT TO AVOID /HOW TO AVOID IT

- Filling up the recycling bins/Avoid as much plastic packaging as you can
- Pre-packed fruit and veg/Choose loose products (skip the little plastic bag or put in a reusable bag)
- Lightweight plastic bags/Remember your reusable shopping bags or use a cardboard box
- Personal care products containing plastic microbeads/Check the products you buy for microbeads (polyethylene, polypropylene, nylon) visit beatthemicrobead.org
- Bottled cleaning products/Opt for refills, bulk store products or make your own alternatives. Choose glass or cardboard packaging
- Bagged dry foods/Buy from a bulk store (fill your reusable container) or opt for cardboard boxed product
- Pre-packed meat or fish/Shop at the deli counter or butcher or fish shop for paper wrapped cuts or BYO reusable container
- Takeaway drink straws/Refuse plastic straws (opt for a paper straw if they have them). BYO reusable straw
- Takeaway coffee cups/Bring your reusable cup or sit and enjoy a real cup
- Takeaway utensils and containers/Support vendors offering compostable alternatives (bamboo or card), BYO reusables or sit and enjoy 'dine-in'
- Bottled water/Fill a reusable bottle from the tap
- Bottled soft drinks/Reduce the amount (helps your health), or make your own with a Sodastream or choose glass bottles (and recycle)
- Bin liners (or 'reusing' plastic shopping bags)/ Have a sealed container for 'wet' scraps and compost or freeze until bin day. Line the kitchen bin with paper

- Scooping your pet poo in plastic bags/Buy cornstarch based compostable bags online or at a pet suppliers or consider a dedicated pet poo composting system at home
- Milk containers (plastic)/Choose waxed card or glass bottled brands (depending on your local glass recycling). Make your own nutmilk
- Plastic food wrap for leftovers and sandwiches/ Use a reusable lunch box to store food, store food in containers or use beeswax wraps
- Littering: cigarette butts, balloons/Dispose of cigarette butts in the bin (they are plastic and wash into the ocean environment) Avoid releasing balloons (what goes up, must come down)
- Ignoring other people's litter/Pick up that plastic bag blowing in the street, empty food containers, straws etc.

