



Papakowhai School

Learning Together



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PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Our current Social Skills focus at school is **Listening**.



Active listening is one of the most important communication skills we can have. It is essential for communication with others and for learning. By helping to teach children listening skills, we can develop their academic and real-world success, right through to how to become a friend and experience real friendships.

One of the best things you can do as a parent is to be a good role model and develop your own active listening skills. As parents you can help your child to develop active listening skills and provide your child with foundation communication skills that will last a lifetime.

Children need to learn that it means more than just hearing words; they need to be thinking about the message that they are hearing. Listening is something we have to do actively because "listening" to something and "hearing" something are two very different concepts. The passive nature of hearing is very different from the active nature of listening.

Your child's success at school is dependent on many things and listening is one of them. Remember to connect with your child in activities that are engaging and interesting to them so they will be motivated to listen to what you have to say.

There are many activities and games that you can play with your child to develop good, listening skills:

Use a song: Playing a song can help develop and sharpen their listening skills.

Play list games: Read a list of 5 or 6 words and they try to remember each one. Start off with simple words and increase the difficulty as they get better at it.

Read stories: Read stories and ask questions about the characters and the plot. Pause often and ask various questions to ensure your child is listening to the details in the story.

Play story CD's or audio books:
These stories have no pictures so it encourages active listening to gain meaning.

Play a musical instrument:
Children are hearing and copying different rhythms and patterns.

Cook together: Find a recipe and read the instructions out loud to your child.

Kind Regards
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Assistant Principal
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PLASTIC FREE JULY

Tomorrow, Thursday 28th June, at 2pm we will have an Enviro Assembly to launch Plastic Free July to the whole school. Plastic Free July begins in our classrooms next week! 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!

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Our next school assembly will be held on Monday, 2 July, 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.

PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS

These meetings will be held next week 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 mid-year report or shared in SeeSaw. The mid-year report will be given to your child on Monday, 2 July. We issue a single printed copy for parents to share. If it is not possible to share the report please request an additional copy by emailing mark@papakowhai.school.nz

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.

SPARE CLOTHING

We have a few requests around spare clothing for children as they may get muddy/wet during the winter playtimes at school.

1. Could we please ask that, if your child has come home in borrowed clothing from the school, it is laundered and returned to the office as soon as possible for others to borrow.
2. We would be very grateful for donations of trousers, leggings or jeans etc that your child has grown out of. Please drop them into the office.
3. Please consider putting some spare clothing in your child's bag, just in case they get wet, as some children prefer to change into their own clothing.

REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY

We would like to congratulate the following students whose placings in the Parumoana Cross Country event has led to their being asked to represent the Parumoana cluster of schools at the Regional Cross Country competition on Tuesday 3 July; **Ryan de Villiers, Olivia Dilks, Milan Hansen, Jade Lin, Troy Neil, Milly O'Leary, Liam Phelps, Josh Scott, Roman Summerville-Murray, and Sami Widlof.** Good luck for Tuesday!

IMPORTANT NOTICE re AFTER SCHOOL CARE (ASC)

Due to ASC reaching capacity most days, we will be changing our cancellation and attendance policies with effect from Term 3, 2018.

CANCELLATIONS: The current policy allows a child's attendance to be cancelled up to 2.30 pm on the day they attend. From Term 3, any cancellation must be **notified by 12 noon. The cancellation needs to be communicated directly to the Supervisor by texting/calling 0272339403.** If this is made after 12 noon, you will be charged a fee equivalent to 1 hour's attendance.

ATTENDANCE: Any parents/caregivers that would like their child to **attend** on a day that they are not enrolled for needs to **let the Supervisor know by 6 pm on the previous day, at the very latest. Only in emergencies will we be able to be lenient on this.**

Hopefully these changes will enable us to accommodate all ASC requests. If you have any queries about these changes, please contact Susan on 027 2339403 or speak to her at ASC.

LOST JACKET

On Monday 11 June, or thereabouts, a pink hooded jacket with a butterfly clasp on the belt was lost at Before School Care. It has a white woollen edging around the hood and is named. If you have picked this jacket up in error, please drop it into the school office so it can be returned to its owner.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

ALLY TODD SWIMMING at Discovery School are now taking bookings for their July School Holiday Programme. Swim for 30 mins every day for 5 days for only \$80. Monday 9th to Friday 13th July or Monday 16th to Friday 20th July. Please complete an expression of interest form at the swimming pool reception or contact them at allytodds swimming@gmail.com They are also now taking bookings for Term 3 lessons which start on Monday 23rd July.

CHILL OUT AND READ

The July school holidays may be cold, but Porirua Libraries have a cosy school holiday programme steaming your way, to which you are warmly invited.

The *Chill Out and Read* holiday programme has activities for pre- and primary schoolers at the City Centre, Cannons Creek and Whitby Libraries, and a very special visit from the acclaimed author of the new Gecko Press novel *The Mapmakers' Race*, Eirlys Hunter. You can also pick up a *Chill Out and Read Mini Winter Reading Challenge* from any branch, to be in to win prizes. For the full timetable please visit the What's on page of the Library's website; <http://porirualibrary.org.nz/What-s-On>

BUSH SPROUTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Nature School NZ is running a Bush Sprouts holiday programme at Battle Hill during the second week of the school holidays, on the 16th, 18th and 20th July. This is a holiday programme for kids who want an awesome adventure; cooking on fires, swinging, nature play, creating and challenging themselves outside in a supportive environment. To enquire or register please email bookings@natureschoolnz.co.nz or see the flyer at www.natureschoolnz.co.nz or visit the Nature School NZ Facebook page.

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

The hugely popular Kelly Sports Holiday Programme is back for the July Holidays at Ngatittoa 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-Ngatittoa-Domain-Hall>, email adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201

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

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>

DRAMA CLASSES

Helen O'Grady - The international curriculum used by Helen O'Grady will help your child to help explore performance skills, creativity, overcome shyness, develop positive self-esteem, grow their imagination, interact with adults, make new friends, and have lots of fun!

Fun after-school classes, for ages 5 – 17 years, held in Khandallah, Tawa, Lower Hutt, and Whitby

To enrol please call 0800 161 131 or visit their website.

www.helenogradynz.co.nz



SPOTLIGHT
PERFORMING ARTS

Spotlight - 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. **AOTEA-HATAITAI-**

JOHNSONVILLE-LOWER HUTT

TERM 3 BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz

MAD FOR MARSHMALLOWS AT STAGLANDS

Make sure you visit Staglands these July School Holidays and enjoy free marshmallows to toast on the fire down at the barn. Don't forget they'll also be running their, very popular, free tractor trailer rides (circumstances permitting). Bring the kids and the adults too and immerse yourself in this classic kiwi childhood experience. For further information please visit their website

www.staglands.co.nz

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

JUNE

Thursday 28	Enviro Assembly for Plastic Free July 2pm
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JULY - REMEMBER IT'S PLASTIC FREE JULY!

Monday 2	Assembly, 10 am, school hall Reports come home
Tuesday 3	Regional cross country
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