



Papakowhai School

Learning Together



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PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 2 ● Term 3 ● 1 August 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers

SOCIAL SKILL – PROBLEM-SOLVING



Social Skills

Problem-solving is one of the essential skills a child needs to learn. As teachers and parents, we are in the best position to teach children these skills. As adults, we often have a tendency to sort things out for our children in order to resolve issues. We tend to rush in and fix things up to make them feel better. It is much better if we can give our children the skills and processes to be able to work things out for themselves.

Children need to be able to stop, think, and make decisions and choices to help them resolve issues. Here are some ways to teach your child problem-solving skills:

- Don't be a helicopter parent – give your child some space and don't hover over them.
- Provide a range of possible solutions – allow your child to choose a solution for themselves.
- Make it fun – make some difficulties fun by using a positive attitude.
- Try some DIY together – learn together. Let your child see you in action solving problems for yourself.
- Teach them some basic problem-solving steps – Identify the problem, break it up into manageable parts and tackle the parts one at a time, until the problem is solved.
- Allow your child to experience failure – if we don't do this, we are unwilling for our children to learn. (excerpts taken from: Inspired Parenting Tips and 10 Ways to Teach Your Child to be Problem Solvers).

The next time your child comes to you with a problem, try some of these ideas out together.

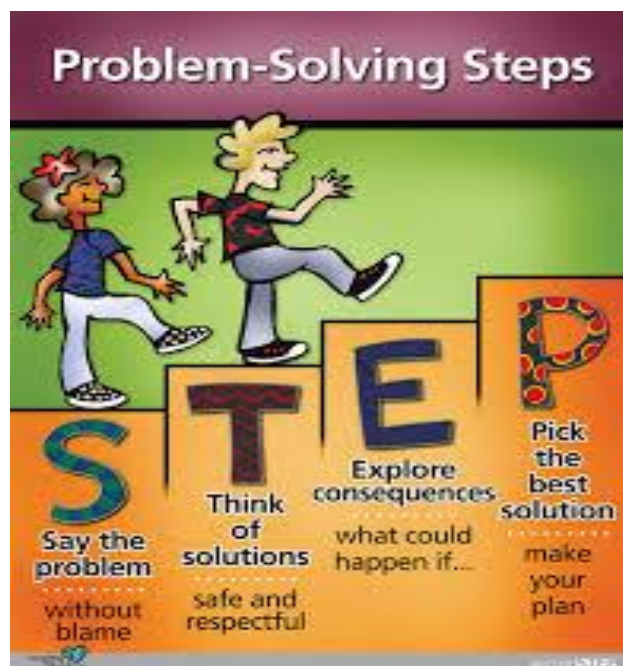
Happy problem-solving!

Kind regards

Lesley Hodge

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TERM 1 2019

Term 1 will start on Thursday 31 January, 2019. The school will be closed on Wednesday 6 Feb for Waitangi Day.

HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE



Papakowhai School hoodies and hats - Information on ordering hoodies and hats can be found on the Skool Loop App, or forms at the office. Hoodies \$55, Bucket Hats \$22. Orders for this term will close on **Friday 10 August** and

items will be delivered in early September. Samples to check out sizes are available at the office. Orders can be placed online, by completing the order form at the end of this newsletter or by filling in a form at the office.

It's Abacus art time again! The artwork is available to view on your child's SeeSaw page. Order forms were sent home on Monday (spare forms are available at the school office) and orders need to be returned to school by Wednesday 22 August. Rata 5 have not completed any art yet but there will be a chance for them to order later in the year.

Like our Facebook page to stay up to date with our latest events <https://www.facebook.com/PapakowhaiHomeandSchool>

TEACHERS STRIKE ACTION

You will have heard on the news or through social media that teachers have voted for a day of strike action on Wednesday 15 August. The Board of Trustees are deciding how this will affect Papakowhai School and we will share that information with you as soon as we have it.

SCHOLASTIC LUCKY BOOK CLUB ORDERS

All Lucky Book club orders need to be returned to the school by next Monday, 6 August.

SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERS

The photo order envelopes were given out this week.

Orders can be placed online at www.schoolmemories.co.nz in which case the envelope does not need to be returned to school, or by returning the envelope with cash/cheque enclosed to the office. All orders must be completed by Friday 17 August for delivery to school in mid-September.

PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL MAJOR PRODUCTION

Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th September

It is very exciting at Papakowhai School at the moment! We are in Week 2 and already in production mode and it is going to be an awesome show. The students are learning their class dance and discussing the costumes that they will need for the big night.

The actors are busy rehearsing their scenes with Mr Graham and Miss Street.

Look out for notices coming home from class teachers about production costumes and if you are able to help out in any way with the production, please let your student's teacher know.

Here is a little bit of information and more will come out as the term progresses.

- The venue is at Hosanna Church, Cannons Creek.
- This year there will be no matinee.
- Due to the growth in the school numbers we will have students performing on just one night. On the night of **Wednesday 26th September** Kauri 2, Kauri 4, Totara 2, Totara 4, Rimu 2, Rimu 4 and Rimu 6 will be performing.

- The Thursday night performance on **27th September** will involve Kauri 1, Kauri 3, Totara 1, Totara 3, Rimu 1, Rimu 3 and Rimu 5.
- A note will come home shortly about ticket prices and the ordering of tickets.
- You will be able to order a DVD from Glass Gecko - more information about this in the coming weeks.

PRODUCTION PROPS AND SCENERY

We are beginning to work through an initial plan for our school production and we are thinking about the artwork we will need to create to make our show look AMAZING! My name is Mrs Rich (Rata 4) and I am coordinating a group of people who can help us paint, create and build props Do you think you would like to help us with this? I am looking for a group of Year7/8 students AND parents or grandparents with an artistic flair who can commit to working on some artwork. I would love you to touch base with me if you can, please email me on

sarar@papakowhai.school.nz

I am looking at utilizing:

- Wednesday lunchtime from 1.00pm onwards
- Wednesday after school from 3.00pm for an hour or so
- AND alternate Saturdays if we need extra time around Week 6-8

PLASTIC FREE JULY - SAUSAGE SIZZLE

A very big 'Thank you' to all of you who supported our sausage sizzle last term.

It was an incredibly successful event, raising \$450 towards School Enviro Projects.

Special thanks also, to Nick Rutherford and his team at Countdown Aotea for supporting our cause.

BLACK RECYCLING BOXES/BINS

We would still like to receive more of the old black recycling bins. If you would like to donate yours to the school to give it a new lease of life as a planter box, please email us at office@papakowhai.school.nz

ENROLMENTS FOR 2019

To assist with planning for 2019 we need to check we have an accurate list of enrolments for next year.

A) If you fall into one of following categories, please contact the Office by August 31:

- i) You live in zone and have a new entrant child who turns 5 in 2019 and you have not already given pre-enrolment details to the Office.
- ii) You live in zone and currently have a child attending a different school that you intend to enrol at Papakowhai in 2019.

If you have a friend or family member that does not have a child currently attending Papakowhai School and you think that they may fall into one of the above categories, please get them to contact the Office also. If you are unclear about the boundaries of the school zone, please refer to our website.

B) If you fall into one of following categories, please contact Acting Principal Caine Webster, before August 31, by email to caine@papakowhai.school.nz

- i) You currently live out of zone (or will be out of zone from the January 1 2019 changes) but have children already attending Papakowhai School, have a new entrant child who turns 5 in 2019 and you have not already completed an enrolment form for 2019.
- ii) You have a child currently attending Papakowhai School and you are planning to enrol them at a different school in 2019.

Out of Zone Places for 2019

As an interim step while we await clarification about a proposed school at Aotea, there will be up to 10 out of zone places in 2019 for Year 1 siblings of current pupils. There will be no places for children who do not have a current sibling at school.

The process for this is as follows:

- Pre-enrolment of out of zone Year 1 children who have a sibling currently attending Papakowhai School will need to be received by August 31 2018.
- The BOT will determine from the pre-enrolments how many places are likely to be available in 2019 for out of zone Year 1 siblings of current students.
- On September 11, by notice in a newspaper, the BOT will advertise the number of out of zone places that the Board

has determined and seek applications by September 21, 2018.

- A ballot, if required, will take place on Wednesday 26 September.

KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE

During Weeks 5 - 7 of this term students will be participating in the Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme. Keeping Ourselves Safe [KOS] consists of a comprehensive range of resources to help students learn safety skills that they can use when interacting with others. The programme is delivered by classroom teachers with support from our Community Police Constable - Susan Bush, who will facilitate our parent/caregivers and whanau information meeting at school on Wednesday 8th August at 6.00pm. For more information, you can access all the [KOS resources](#) here, or see the [frequently asked questions](#)

BOOK LAUNCH

A reminder that parent and local author Rodney Strong is launching his new book on Sunday, 5 August, at 2.30pm in the school hall. 'Karmartha, The Last Garden' is aimed at 6-8 year olds and follows the adventures of a brother and sister who discover a hidden garden where animals, thought to be extinct, live. Copies of the book will be available to purchase (EFTPOS and cash sales \$15), and there will be activities, food, and the first 15 children to arrive can get their face painted. Contact Rodney at rodney@rodneystrongauthor.com for more information.

AOTEA COLLEGE FUNDRAISER TOMORROW NIGHT

Debate, Quiz, Alpacas? Oh my! Thursday, 2nd of August, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm, Te Manawa, Aotea College.

Koha entry with all proceeds going towards fundraising for 10 AC scholars (including an ex Papakowhai School student) to go to the Melbourne competition.

Get a taste of the World Scholars' Cup (WSC) experience, and support your local Aotea College (AC) teams in getting to the global competition across the ditch.

Activities will include:

- A debate showcase between the AC teams
- An exciting team quiz based on this year's 6 WSC subject areas. You can also bid for an experienced AC scholar to be on your team, as an advantage. There are prizes at stake!
- Bidding for a range of raffle baskets
- Chocolate and baked goodies for sale
- A fun challenge (involving alpacas) for all ages

PORIRUA BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION OPPORTUNITIES

Hoops Development Clinics for Years 3 and 4. Carrying on from the success of last term, Porirua Basketball Association (PBA) will run skills and drills sessions at Windley School on Tuesday afternoons from 7 August 2018 for six weeks – girls from 4.30 – 5.30pm and boys 5.30pm – 6.30pm. Please bring a drink bottle and suitable footwear. Cost is \$1/session or \$5 in total for 6 sessions. Please enrol at hypebasketball1@gmail.com

Hoops Development Clinics for Years 5 and 6. PBA will be running a Years 5 & 6 skills and drills sessions at Rangikura School starting Friday 24 August 2018 for 6 weeks from 4.30 – 6.30pm. Cost is \$10 for the term or \$2 per session. Please bring basketball (if possible), drink bottle and suitable footwear. Actual session times will be dependent on registrations and will be posted on the [Porirua Basketball Facebook page](#). Enrol at hypebasketball1@gmail.com

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

AUGUST

Wednesday 8	Keeping Ourselves safe parents meeting, 6 pm, staffroom
	BOT meeting, 7pm, staffroom
Tuesday 14	Yr 7 Boostrix vaccination, 9 am
Wednesday 15	Teacher strike action – more details to follow
Thursday 16	Music Bus catch up day

Wednesday 22	Yr 5/6 Parumoana Swim sports
Tuesday 28	Kauri 1 & 2 trip
Wednesday 29	Yr 7/8 Parumoana Swim sports
	Kauri 3 & 4 trip
Friday 31	New Entrant enrolment details for 2019 (in or out of zone) must have been given to the office/Caine

PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL HOODIE / HAT ORDER FORM

Student name and class _____

Parent name _____

Contact number _____

Hoodies are available in sizes 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14 (please enquire about the possibility of a larger size by emailing homeandschool@papakowhai.school.nz)

Hats are in sizes 55cm, 57cm, 59cm and 61cm.

Samples are at the school office to try on.

Orders need to be received by Friday 10 August and will be delivered to your child's class in early September.

Item	Price	Size	Quantity	Total
School hoodie	\$55			
School hoodie	\$55			
Bucket hat (blue)	\$22			
Bucket hat (yellow)	\$22			
Total order cost				

Please indicate how you have paid (circle and add date)

Online

Cash

EFTPOS

Payments can be made to the following account:

Papakowhai Home and School Committee

12-3478-0060954-00, please reference with 'Hoodie' and child's name please.

Payment must be made at time of ordering.

If ordering for multiple children, please use oldest child's name and class on order form.