



# Papakowhai School

Learning Together

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## PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 3 ● Term 3 ● 8 August 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers

On Monday a letter from the Board of Trustees was sent home explaining details about the strike on Wednesday 15 August and the action the school will be taking (closing for instruction). There will also be no Before or After School Care that day. I would like to take this opportunity to shed some light on why the teaching profession is moved to take strike action and why we need your help and support.

Firstly, this is not only about pay, but about the quality of education that your child receives.

There is a serious crisis occurring in Education. We have teachers leaving the profession in droves; a large percentage of our workforce is about to retire (with others postponing retirement), fewer people entering teacher training and many graduates leaving the job in the first 5 years of teaching.

This is being called the 40% problem:

- **40% of teachers are due to retire in the next 10 years.**
- **40% less teachers are being trained!**

Up until recently, the crisis has been most serious in Auckland, but now other parts of the country are finding themselves in the same position that Auckland was in only few years ago. We have been very lucky recently with regards to filling teaching vacancies and were able to employ good quality teachers. The number of applicants for these positions was very low compared with previous years. Many schools are having to re-advertise jobs over and over and, in extreme cases when a vacancy cannot be filled, the class affected is distributed across other classes.

**When we take this aspect into account, along with the 40% problem, our profession is haemorrhaging teachers.**

## **What exactly is this 'crisis' the profession is concerned about?**

- **Significant groups of teachers are leaving in the first 5 years of teaching.** Teachers no longer stay in the profession for life. High workloads and stress, combined with comparatively low wages (with other professions) mean teaching is no longer a lifelong career choice for many.
- **There are fewer teachers applying for jobs.** In many cases, schools are getting NO applicants.
- **Support for children with learning and behavioural needs is under resourced.** We have increasing numbers of children arriving at school with significant learning and behavioural needs, and only the most severe of these are able to access additional resourcing, placing additional pressure and workload on teachers to manage the range of diverse needs in front of them. We are not trained social workers or counsellors, yet increasingly we are expected to perform these roles as well as teach.
- **Finding a classroom teacher is hard but, finding a reliever is even harder!** (those wonderful and essential people that come into our school to teach a class when the day to day teacher is sick or attending professional development). We are extremely lucky to have our wonderful relievers and are hanging onto them like gold.

## **So what exactly are we asking for?**

Our claim with the Ministry is not just about pay, but ensuring teachers work conditions are such that teaching once again becomes an attractive profession to join, and that once recruited, we are able to retain teachers in the teaching workforce.

- **More teachers** – so your kids can get more attention
- **More resources/specialist staff** to support children with additional learning needs
- **A pay jolt to salaries** for teachers to address the teacher shortage – so that your children will have a teacher in the future

It is **our students, the next generation, that are being impacted** right now by this crisis. It is only because schools are being creative that things are 'sort of' ticking along. It is a Band-Aid at best and that Band-Aid has run out of stickiness! **Teachers and leaders have had enough.**

The last time we went on strike as a profession was 24 years ago. We do not like causing disruption to our students and their families but things must change.

Please understand this is not just about pay, it's much deeper than that. This teacher shortage is serious, please understand that if we do not do something about making it affordable to teach in our cities, attractive to want to be a teacher and do something about ensuring our teachers and leaders have the time and resources to manage their workload – **then your child, your neighbour's child and all children are the ones that are going to be short changed.**

Please show your support for our teachers and to reiterate Papakowhai School is closed for students on Wednesday 15 August and there is no Before or After School Care

Kind regards

Caine Webster

Acting Principal

[caine@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:caine@papakowhai.school.nz)

#### **HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**Papakowhai School hoodies and hats - orders for this term will close on Friday**

**10 August** Information on ordering

hoodies and hats can be found on the

Skool Loop App, or forms at the

office. 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.

**Abacus art** - The artwork is available to view on your child's SeeSaw page. The order form is at the end of this newsletter 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.



## P2 PARKING ZONE

We would like to remind parents that the P2 zone outside the school is for drop off and pick up only between the hours of 8.30 – 9.15 am and 2.45 – 3.30 pm. At no point during those times should the driver leave the car and come up to the school.



## SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERS

Orders can be placed online at [www.schoolmemories.co.nz](http://www.schoolmemories.co.nz) or by returning the envelope with cash/cheque enclosed to the office. Please do not pay any money to the school account for photographs. All orders must be completed by Friday 17 August for delivery to school in mid-September.

## PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL PRODUCTION:

### Zander Lewis and The Blu-Ray of Doom

We are looking for sponsorship to help with the cost of printing the production programmes. If you are able to help with this please email Jill Clibborn, [jill@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:jill@papakowhai.school.nz)

Here is a little bit more information about the production

- Tickets will be \$20 each – more information about ticketing next week.
- Performances start at 6.30 pm each evening.
- There is no matinee performance this year.
- 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 performance on **Thursday 27th September** will involve Kauri 1, Kauri 3, Totara 1, Totara 3, Rimu 1, Rimu 3 and Rimu 5.
- You will be able to order a DVD from Glass Gecko. This will be a compilation of both nights.

## HEADLICE

We have had a case of head lice in Rata block. Please check your child's hair and treat the lice if found, as they spread very easily between the children.

## PRODUCTION PROPS AND SCENERY

We still need help with designing/creating the props for our production.

We are also looking for help with painting scenery/props on Wednesdays (from Week 5) from 2 – 4.30 pm. This would be suitable for students in Years 6-8, ex Papakowhai students from Aotea College, parents and families – all help gratefully received.

Please contact Sara Rich, [sarar@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:sarar@papakowhai.school.nz), if you are able to help at all.

## TERM DATES FOR 2019

The Board of Trustees have agreed on term dates for 2019.

Term 1 will begin on Thursday 31 January 2019. A table of all term dates, public holidays, and Teacher only days can be found below.

	START DATE	END DATE	HOLIDAYS
<b>Term 1</b>	Thursday 31 January	Friday 12 April	Teacher only days Monday 29 and Tuesday 30 January Public holiday: Waitangi Day, Wednesday 6 February
<b>Term 2</b>	Monday 29 April	Friday 5 July	Public holiday: Queen's birthday, Monday 3 June Teacher only day at QBW – date to be confirmed
<b>Term 3</b>	Monday 22 July	Friday 27 September	
<b>Term 4</b>	Monday 14 October	Tuesday 17 December	Public holiday: Labour Day, Monday 21 October

## KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE

The Keeping Ourselves Safe parent/caregivers and whanau information meeting is **tonight, Wednesday 8, at 6 pm** in the staffroom. For more information, you can access all the [KOS resources](#) here, or see the [frequently asked questions](#)

## BLACK RECYCLING BOXES/BINS

We would still like 10 more of the old black recycling bins.

If you would like to donate yours to the school, please email us at [office@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:office@papakowhai.school.nz)

## **KAURI BLOCK HELPERS**

As part of our continued efforts to raise the standards of literacy in school, we're hoping to encourage some parents to come in and help with reading in Kauri Block. Reading regularly to an adult has been shown to significantly increase the rate of progress that children can make with reading.

As there are many of you who bring your children to school, we're hoping that there would be some parents/grandparents/carers who would enjoy coming into school for the first 30 minutes of the morning to listen to some children read. Typically, you'd work one-to-one with two or three children: spending 10 minutes with each child talking about the book they're reading and listening to them read. You'd work with the same children each week, getting to know them and watching them progress. Ideally you'd be able to come in twice a week, but once a week would be fine too.

If you'd like some further information or to volunteer your help, please contact Debby Crawford-Jones

[debby@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:debby@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](mailto: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**

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.

### **ASB SCHOOL DONATION VOUCHER**

ASB are continuing to offer a special deal to schools. They will donate \$500 to schools that bank with ASB for every new home loan over \$250,000 taken out. A voucher needs to be presented directly to them or the offer must be mentioned during the home loan appointment. There are some terms and conditions to be met and these are fully disclosed on the voucher (the new voucher is currently being updated and it will be put into the newsletter when received).

### **AOTEA COLLEGE BARBERSHOP FUNDRAISER**

Aotea College Barbershop need your help to get them to the Nationals in Tauranga in September. Please head along to their fundraiser, eat dinner (they will have chop suey and chicken curry available to purchase) and be entertained by Mike Tana from 6 pm on Wednesday 15 August. Gold coin donation entry, raffles, auctions etc. All ages welcome!

### **KIWI CONSERVATION CLUB TRIPS**

**Fire fighting/plant I.D.** Saturday 18 August from 1:30pm  
(We will meet at 1.25pm at the Plimmerton fire station)

Woman fire fighter Leo will show us over the station and explain about firefighting on off shore islands such as Mana. Bring your trickiest questions and ask everything you wanted to know about fires on islands.

This will be followed by a walk to the local bush where plant expert Dan will tell you what is going on with the bush and planting round the new roads plus teach you to identify some native species. He will also let you know what can be done with them. For more details and to book please contact Sharyn on 021 1804 309 or email [kcckapiti@gmail.com](mailto:kcckapiti@gmail.com)

**BARK BINGO** Sunday 19 August, 10 am: meet on the deck of the Otari Skyline Loopwalk (the boardwalk to south of the main car park).

Please bring warm wet weather gear and snacks. We will likely go regardless of rain unless it's really bad as it will be pretty sheltered under the canopy.

This trip should take approximately 1.5 – 2 hours. If you want to come please email [conn.graeme@gmail.com](mailto:conn.graeme@gmail.com) with the number of kids and adults in your party. This trip is suitable for most ages but bear in mind that it is a walking trip and Otari is hilly. Hopefully you will leave a bit of an expert at identifying some trees from their unique bark.



## **SOME IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM**

### **AUGUST**

<b>Wednesday 8</b>	Keeping Ourselves safe parents meeting, 6 pm, staffroom
	BOT meeting, 7pm, staffroom
<b>Tuesday 14</b>	Yr 7 Boostrix vaccination, 9 am
<b>Wednesday 15</b>	Teacher strike action – school closed
<b>Thursday 16</b>	Music Bus catch up day
<b>Wednesday 22</b>	Yr 5/6 Parumoana Swim sports
<b>Tuesday 28</b>	Kauri 1 & 2 trip
<b>Wednesday 29</b>	Yr 7/8 Parumoana Swim sports
	Kauri 3 & 4 trip
<b>Friday 31</b>	New Entrant enrolment details for 2019 (in or out of zone) must have been given to the office/Caine

### **SEPTEMBER**

<b>Wednesday 12</b>	BOT meeting, 7pm, staffroom
<b>Monday 17</b>	Netball prizegiving, 6.30 pm
<b>Wednesday 26</b>	Production performance – Rimu 2, Rimu 4, Rimu 6, Totara 2. Totara 4, Kauri 2 and Kauri 4
<b>Thursday 27</b>	Production performance – Rimu 1, Rimu 3, Totara 1, Totara 3, Kauri 1 and Kauri 3

## 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](mailto: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			
<b>Total order cost</b>				

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.



# Turning your Child's Pictures into unique products!



## Calendars

High quality laminated A4 print of your Child's Artwork or Photo. Wire bound to a 12-Month tear off calendar. Includes public holidays & school terms.

## Cards

Display your Child's Artwork or Photo on a pack of 8 cards. Artist's name and age are printed on the reverse of Art products. Includes envelopes.

## Diaries

Hard cover print of your Child's Artwork or Photo. A5 size (148 x 210mm). Wire bound. Artist's name and age printed on the inside cover. Includes week view and year planner.

## Mouse Mats

Your child's Artwork or Photo print, heated on to a high quality neoprene mouse mat.

## Sketch Pads

Front cover features your child's Artwork or Photo. Wire Bound with 50 x A5 sized pages of blank art paper. Protected with plastic covers front and back.

Orders to be returned by:

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2018

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Fill out one form per child)

Room: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

	Calendars	Cards	Diaries	Mouse Mats	Sketch Pads	Total of each Row
	\$ \$14.00	\$ \$12.00	\$ \$18.00	\$ \$16.00	\$ \$14.00	
How many items are to be made from this Student's Art?						
How many items are to be made from Uploaded Photos? (instructions below)						
Total	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Payment Instructions:

Please make payment when this form is returned.

Payment to be made to Home and School Account. 12 3478 006 0954 00.  
Reference child's name and class. Cash accepted but no change given.  
Thank you.

### If you want to Upload Photos for your purchase

- 1 You can upload photos to create photo products by visiting [www.kidsartworks.com](http://www.kidsartworks.com) and using your School Entrance Code:
- 2 Once you have successfully uploaded your photos, you will be emailed & provided a Reference number. Please write that here:

School Entrance Code:

Papakowhai School K21993

The Reference Number kidsartworks.com gave me is: