



PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 5 ● Term 3 ● 22 August 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Bee Healthy Dental Check Summary:

Bee Healthy Regional Dental Service visited Papakowhai School in Term 2. They provided us with a summary of their dental examination results.

Number of children examined	Number of children with tooth decay	Percentage of children examined with tooth decay
294	54	18%

How tooth decay affects children:

Pain	Infection	Orthodontic problems	Days off school	Learning & school performance
Speech	Eating & nutrition	Overall health & wellbeing	Self esteem	

Research has shown that children with oral health problems are more likely to have lower academic achievement and school attendance. One of the simplest and effective ways to reduce rates of tooth decay is to replace sugary drinks (such as fizzy drinks, energy drinks, sports drinks, fruit drinks/juices, flavoured milks or waters, powdered drinks or cordial) with **water or plain milk.**

Student absences

You may have noticed truancy or student absences have been in the media recently. This can be a sensitive topic, but it is a requirement for every school to monitor and report termly attendance to their Board of Trustees and the Ministry of Education. Regular attendance is defined

as attending 90 percent of half-days at school. For a standard term this equates to 45 full days out of 50. The most common reasons for students being absent from school are illness, medical appointments and family holidays. We understand that children get sick and that recovery time seems to be longer than it used to be. We also understand that family holidays sometimes need to be arranged around leave from work and that holidays are a lot cheaper during term time. We consider family holidays very important as they provide children with fun and meaningful lifetime experiences with their families. Ideally, however these should be taken during school holiday times.

It is important that we are mindful of the number of days that children are away from school. We also need to be aware how important it is for children to be at school on time. Many key messages, information and preparation for the day is done first thing in the morning. If your child arrives after the 8.55 am bell, please ask them to report to the office on their way to the classroom so that they can be recorded as present. Regular attendance is needed for children to continue learning and improving their basic reading, writing, maths and other skills they need. It also means they are likely to experience educational success.

Kind regards

Caine Webster

Acting Principal

caine@papakowhai.school.nz

HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The next Home and School meeting will be held on Monday, 27 August, at 7.15pm in the staffroom. New faces are always welcome to come along and learn more about the events we help organise.



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

The only school assembly this term is happening next week, Monday 27 August, at 10 am. The classes that will be sharing their work with us are **Rata 1, Rata 6, Rimu 3, Rimu 6, Totara 1 and Kauri 2.**

PARUMOANA SWIMMING SPORTS - YEARS 5&6

Congratulations to all our swimmers that took part in the swim sports this morning. Papakowhai School placed second overall – a great result, well swum team!

INFLUENZA IN THE GREATER WELLINGTON REGION

We have received notification from the Regional Public Health Department of an increase in outbreaks of influenza (the flu) across schools and early childhood education centres across the Wellington area. The information they have asked us to share with our school community is included at the end of this newsletter.

PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL PRODUCTION:

Zander Lewis and The Blu-Ray of Doom

We would like some help with the stage make-up for our main actors. If you are able to assist on either or both nights of the performance please contact Jill,

jill@papakowhai.school.nz

Here is a little bit more information about the production

- Performances start at 6.30 pm each evening.
- Order forms for tickets will be available later this week.
- 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.
- The DVD from Glass Gecko will be a compilation of both nights i.e. the dances of all the classes will be included on the one DVD.

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

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.

WRITERS EVENING, PAREMATA SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Head along this Thursday, August 23, to hear local writers read from their work. Bernard Beckett, Kate De Goldi and Katianne Balmer will be sharing readings, along with past and present students from Paremata School's writers' group. Doors open at 7 pm, evening starts at 7:30 pm. Tickets \$20 each (students free) and include supper. Teachers half price! Purchase by emailing paremataschoolpta@gmail.com, online at https://www.paremata.school.nz/1059/online_stores/1-shop-online, or inquire at the office. Door sales available, but no EFTPOS.

WHITBY TENNIS CLUB OPEN DAYS

Whitby Tennis Club in Solander Place will be holding fun, "Love Tennis" open days on Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 September, from 1 - 4 pm. There will be a free sausage sizzle, give-aways, and games/activities for all to participate in.

Programs on offer for the summer season for Adults and Children are shown on website www.whitbytennis.org.nz or on their Facebook page.

CRAFT WORKSHOP

A 'Sew a felt bag' workshop for 10+ years old is being held on Saturday 15 September at the Bluebell Club, Harbours edge, Porirua. The cost is \$35 per person and includes a platter, drinks and all materials. To book a place please email pip.hermansson@xtra.co.nz or text 027 2333108

OPEN DAY AT NGATITOA TENNIS CLUB

Open Invitation to existing and new members...
The Junior tennis season at Ngatittoa will kick off on **Monday 17th September** 2018.

New to tennis? Head along and give it a try. The first 2 sessions are free and there are rackets available to try.

There are three sessions:

3:30 - 4:30 - 5-8 yr olds and beginners;

4:30 - 5:30 - 9-12 yr olds;

5:30 - 6:30 - 13+ & Interclub players

Please email juniors@ngatitoatennis.org.nz for further info or turn up on the day.

SOME IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

AUGUST

Monday 27	Assembly, 10am, school hall
	Home & School meeting, 7.15pm staffroom
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

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 12	BOT meeting, 7pm, staffroom
Monday 17	Netball prize giving, 6.30 pm
Wednesday 26	Production performance – Rimu 2, Rimu 4, Rimu 6, Totara 2, Totara 4, Kauri 2 and Kauri 4
Thursday 27	Production performance – Rimu 1, Rimu 3, Totara 1, Totara 3, Kauri 1 and Kauri 3
Friday 28	Last day of Term 3

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND LOCAL SCHOOL COMMUNITY RE INFLUENZA OUTBREAKS IN SCHOOLS IN THE GREATER WELLINGTON REGION

Several schools and early child education centres in the Wellington region currently have an influenza outbreak. The main symptoms of influenza are fever, cough and

sometimes vomiting or diarrhoea in younger children.

These symptoms usually last 3-4 days but can be up to 7 days.

The following information will help reduce the spread of influenza and assist your school:

1. Advise a member of staff if your child has an illness as described above.
2. Check that your school has your correct and up-to-date contact details in case they need to contact you.
3. Keep sick children at home until feeling well and free from symptoms (usually 3-4 days but up to 7 days). Sick staff and students should not be at social or sporting events, school productions or camps. This is so they can rest and recover and don't spread illness to others.
4. It is important to use tissues to cover coughs and sneezes and to be very good about washing and drying hands thoroughly. An influenza brochure (link below) has some good tips for looking after people with influenza and stopping it spreading to other people at home.
5. If anyone in your family has influenza we ask that they don't visit hospitals or community care homes or see people who may be at high risk of serious illness, such as pregnant women, young babies, or anyone who has cancer, lung, and heart or kidney conditions.

If you are worried about your child's symptoms or they have long-term health problems (e.g. asthma, diabetes, kidney, heart or immunity problems), then you should phone their usual doctor or Healthline 0800 611 116 for further advice. Otherwise they should recover at home and see their GP only if the illness gets worse or is not improving.

Nga mihi nui

Dr Annette Nesdale,

Medical Officer of Health Regional Public Health

<http://www.rph.org.nz/public-health-topics/illness-and-disease/influenza/influenza-brochure.pdf>