



Papakowhai School

Learning Together



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PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

LEADERSHIP AWARDS

The Rotary Clubs of Porirua, in conjunction with Porirua City Council, sponsor an annual leadership award for all Porirua primary schools. The criteria for the award is:

Give service (above self) – go the extra mile, participate and contribute, think about others, their needs and put those above their own, help & support other children in their learning, volunteer to do different ‘jobs’ in the school.

Demonstrate leadership – be part of a group who get involved in things like fundraising, are members of the school council, take leadership in the classroom or syndicate, belong to a leadership group, stand up in front of the school or lead an assembly and talk in front of others, and think about what needs to be done before being asked.

Be role models within school and/or the community, lead by example, show integrity, self-management, resilience, and co-operation, social and behavioural role models, relate well to others, and are looked up to by other children.

On Monday **Ava Jones** and **James van der Voort** were presented with the awards for Papakowhai School. We have included the reasons they were nominated.

Ava Jones - Ava is an exemplary student, who is a positive role model to others. She shows leadership, initiative and a growth mind set on a daily basis. She is a Whānau leader who is always willing to go above and beyond to help others, and gives up her time without expecting rewards. Ava is very involved in sporting and cultural activities at Papakowhai School.

James van der Voort - James is a strong leader in our school, often setting an example and upholding school values. He is a Whānau leader, who exhibits a positive, can-do attitude in the face of challenges and supports his peers to do the same. He is very involved in sporting, cultural and academic activities at Papakowhai School.

Kind regards

Caine Webster

Acting Principal

caine@papakowhai.school.nz

TRAFFIC/STAFF CAR PARK

We would like to remind parents that they should not be driving up into the school car park after 7.45 am or before 4.45 pm. Please use the path and walk around by the office to drop off/collect your children from BSC or ASC rather than walk up the drive.

Also, please do not allow your child to go into the car park without an adult. There have been 2 incidences recently where unaccompanied children have almost been hit by moving vehicles because they are in the carpark alone.

PARUMOANA SWIMMING SPORTS - YEARS 7&8

Congratulations to all our swimmers who took part in the swim sports this morning. Papakowhai School placed third overall – a great result! A big thank you to Rachel Jones for organising our teams over the last two weeks and to the parents who provided transport and supported our students at the events.

LOST PROPERTY

We have many items of un-named lost property at the moment, including Papakowhai School hoodies and a beautiful hand knitted pink cardigan. If your child has lost any clothing lately, please ask to check through our lost items. Also, we have had some hearing aid batteries handed in at the office so please come and see us if they are yours or your child's.

PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Congratulations to the Papakowhai basketball team who won the Division 2 final of the Rangikura basketball league last Wednesday. Thanks to Juan Singson for coaching the team this year. The uniforms will be collected after the team photos early next term.

SOCIAL MEDIA SAFETY – PARENT EVENING

Constable Sue Bush will be hosting a parents information evening to talk about Social Media safety: Tuesday 11 September at 6pm in the staffroom. Kauri classes will be receiving a lesson from Constable Sue on this subject next week as an extra part of Keeping Ourselves Safe.

PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL PRODUCTION:

Zander Lewis and The Blu-Ray of Doom

We have had some families contact the school about the number of tickets that can be purchased for the School Production, and raising concerns about their children performing on different nights.

We appreciate your concern and want to share with you some of the factors that have contributed to the organisation of the production.

- We wanted to include all the Rimu students, after feedback from the previous production. This has increased the number of students that will be performing, compared to previous years.
- We did explore larger venues but they were either too costly or unavailable.
- Students would be unable to sit through a long production, especially our younger students, if all the students were performing on the same night.
- The ticket price aims to cover our costs only.

We understand that for families, it is expensive to attend two nights. We are offering families the option to attend the dress rehearsals on Wednesday and Thursday for free. Both shows will be on the one DVD/USB to help reduce the cost of having to buy two.

We appreciate your feedback and we will consider it when planning our next production.

ONESIE DAY!

Onesie Day is back on Friday 7 September! Students can wear a Onesie to school and pay a gold coin donation to Wellington Free Ambulance; the only emergency ambulance service in the Greater Wellington and Wairarapa regions and the only one in the country which is free!

The whanau leaders are organising Onesie Day and will be promoting this event around the school. We are hoping to raise lots of funds to help towards new ambulances, life-saving equipment, advanced clinical training and research, and much more!

PARUMOANA TOURNAMENT

The Parumoana Tournament for Netball/Rugby is taking place in Week 8 this term, on Tuesday 11 September, with a postponement date of Thursday 13 September. It will be held at Ngati Toa Domain. We are just in the process of finalising teams for the event. A note will go home shortly to those students attending the tournament.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2019

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.

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 their website

www.whitbytennis.org.nz or on their Facebook page.

TAWA JUNIOR HOCKEY

Summer hockey registrations are now open. Teams this year will be organised as evenly as possible, with a mix of abilities and boys/girls in each team. This is to ensure that the competition is reasonably even.

Games will take place on a Monday for Years 1-4 and Wednesday for Years 5-8 at Elsdon turf. Cost per player is \$30 per block for individuals or \$230 for teams. (Block 1 Mid Oct- Early Dec 2018 and Block 2 Feb-March 2019). Registrations will close 21st September. Register at <https://www.tawajuniorhockey.org.nz/summer-hockey>

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

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Bookings are open for the Tawa Recreation Centre holiday programme.

Tawa Recreation Centre School Holiday Programme

Registrations are now open

Take advantage of our promotions

Early bird offer - register for the whole week and receive 20% discount when you book and pay online by 16 September 2018, pay only \$148 instead of \$185, day rates will apply to full week registrations after this date

Refer a friend - enter your friend's full name and email address when you book and pay online and you will both receive 10% off the next holiday programme offered by Tawa Recreation Centre

Go to our webpage <https://wellington.govt.nz/recreation/stuff-for-kids/school-holidays> for programme information, to register and for the promotion terms and conditions or call on 232 2260

OPEN DAY AT NGATITOA TENNIS CLUB

Open Invitation to existing and new members...

The Junior tennis season at Ngatitoa will kick off on Monday 17 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

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| Friday 31 | New Entrant enrolment details for 2019 (in or out of zone) must have been given to the office/Caine |
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SEPTEMBER

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| Tuesday 11 | Parent information evening, Social Media safety, 6 pm, staffroom |
| | Parumoana netball/rugby tournament, Ngati Toa domain |
| Wednesday 12 | Powhiri for new families, 9.30 am - more information next week |
| | BOT meeting, 7pm, staffroom |
| Thursday 13 | Parumoana tournament postponement day |
| 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 |