



# Papakowhai School

Learning Together



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## PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

### **SOCIAL SKILLS**

Within the context of Thinking, we are currently focusing on Confidence as a social skill at school.

Confidence is closely aligned with self-esteem, perseverance and growth mind-set.

High levels of confidence have been linked to better academic performance and social skills. We need to foster confidence in children by using lots of specific praise and encouragement. Just telling our children, “well done” or “great job” doesn’t build self-confidence; it’s the specific feedback to children that makes the difference. We certainly don’t want to over-do praise as it won’t feel sincere to children. Building your child’s confidence is one of the most important things you can do as a parent. Here are some ways that you can help grow your child’s confidence:



- Encourage their interests – Let your child embark on an activity that THEY want to do. Provide opportunities to do this.
- Demonstrate respect – don’t let your child hear you judging others – it makes your child wary of trying something new.
- Be involved – knowing parents are involved is powerful – your time and attention is valuable.
- Step back – Let your child show what they can do. Too much support to help a child accomplish a task, makes your child dependent on you.
- Comment on effort – not results.

**Confidence comes not from  
always being right but from  
not fearing to be wrong.**

- Peter T. McIntyre



Kind regards  
Lesley Hodge  
Assistant Principal

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### **ONESIE DAY!**

Thank you to everyone that made a donation to the Wellington Free Ambulance last Friday on Onesie Day. We collected a total of \$592.10 which was great!!

### **HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**Abacus art** - Rata 5 have completed their artwork and it is available to view on your child's SeeSaw page. There is also a second chance to order products for any other student in the school. The order form is attached as a separate pdf or paper copies are available from the office. Orders need to be returned to school by Friday 28 September (the last day of term) at the latest.



### **STUDENT FUNDRAISING FOR CANCER RESEARCH**

One of our students, **Kelso Keogh**, is raising money for the Cancer Society in Wellington. His goal is to reach \$1000. He may not reach it before he shaves his hair off because he is far too eager to do that, but donations can happen any time! Below is a link to his supporter page if anyone is interested in donating to his cause.

<https://bravetheshave-wellington.everydayhero.com/nz/kelso-braves-the-shave-for-kindness>

## **YEAR 8 LEAVERS DINNER – book the date!**

The Year 8 Leavers dinner will be held on Monday 3 December at Mana Cruising Club, Ngatitua Domain. Further details will follow next term.

## **SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS**

Last week the Rimu, Totara and Kauri school photo orders were given out. If you have a problem with your order, please contact School Memories directly on 0800 437447.

Rata and all school teams will have their photos taken on Tuesday 16 October, the second day of Term 4.

## **LOST – LIBRARY BOOK BAG**

On Friday, one of our students left his library book bag at the dairy. It is blue denim bag with Spiderman on the front, has a library book in it and was made for him by his Aunty so has sentimental value. If you remember seeing this or know of its whereabouts, please contact the school office.

## **PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL PRODUCTION:**

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

Notices will come home today with information about the times the children need to be at the venue on performance nights. There will also be return slips to let us know if you will be collecting your child/ren from the church on Wednesday or Thursday afternoons, after the dress rehearsals. Rata classes will be travelling to the church by bus on Wednesday 26 September to watch the dress rehearsal.

**Tickets are selling well so please remember that orders need to be completed by 3 pm next Monday, 17**

**September.** Additional tickets, if requested, will then be allocated and any remaining tickets will be available to purchase from the school office from Thursday 20 September. Please note that there will be no door sales on either night.

Tickets will be sent home with children on Monday 24 September.

### **THE PINK STAR WALK 2018**

The Pink Star Walk 2018 is on, at Frank Kitts Park in central Wellington, on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Walk for 5 or 10 kms to raise funds for breast cancer awareness, research and education. Tickets cost from \$40. Register online at [www.pinkstarwalk.co.nz/tickets](http://www.pinkstarwalk.co.nz/tickets)

### **TAKARO 2018**

Arepa Gamers Club have partnered with Porirua City Council during Maori Language week to create the first ever Te Reo gaming event. It will be held on 15 September in Porirua City Centre at 17a Hartham Place N, (between Curry Village & Hell Pizza).

This event will have games for the entire family, such as Sports, Mario, Virtual Reality and a very unique Waka Fishing VR experience while encouraging the use of Te Reo Maori with these games. There will be plenty of spot prizes up for grabs and a big prize to be announced. Hangi will be provided by Ngati Toa and the best part is that it's all FREE!

### **WHITBY SCOUT GROUP**

Scouting offers fun and friendship, challenges and everyday adventure to over 15,000 girls and boys across New Zealand. At present there are spaces at Whitby Scout Group for Keas – ages 5-8, Cubs – ages 8-11 and Scouts – ages 11-14

The first 4 sessions are free as a taster, so please register your interest today! For more information please call 0800scout or email [LNI@scouts.org.nz](mailto:LNI@scouts.org.nz)

### **PAREPLIM SOFTBALL REGISTRATION**

Registrations are open for children and adults to join the Paremata Plimmerton Softball Club to play TeeBall, Junior Softball or Senior Softball in the 2018/2019 season .

Please register online via their website:

[www.pareplimsoftball.nz](http://www.pareplimsoftball.nz)

If you would like further information, or have any other queries, please don't hesitate contact them

at [theclub@pareplimsoftball.nz](mailto:theclub@pareplimsoftball.nz)

## 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>

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

**October Holiday Programme @ Adventure School, 1 – 12 October 2018**



**BOOK ONLINE NOW: [www.asfc.co.nz](http://www.asfc.co.nz)**

The Holiday Programme is open over the school holidays from **8.00 am – 5.00 / 5.30pm**. This quality programme offers exciting field trips by chartered bus e.g. Laserforce, Wellington Zoo, Lighthouse Cinema, Ice Skating, fun games, art & craft and sports activities for primary aged children. All staff are trained and police vetted. For enquiries or more information please visit the website and choose your relevant Holiday Programme. The Programme flyer is attached there. Approved by MSD and you may be eligible to receive a WINZ subsidy. Everyone is welcome 😊

## **KELLY SPORTS OCTOBER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME – PAREMATA/PLIMMERTON RUGBY/SOFTBALL CLUBROOMS NGATITOA DOMAIN (Yrs 5-13)**

The popular Kelly Sports Holiday Programme is back for the October Holidays at a new premises; Rugby Softball Clubrooms at Ngatittoa Doman.

They have created an Action Packed Programme including: ***Outdoor Survival Day, Amazing Race, Unique Sports Day, Team Challenges*** plus lots of other fun games and activities including 2 trip days.

To enrol go to [www.kellysports.co.nz/events/3073-Ngatittoa-Domain-Hall](http://www.kellysports.co.nz/events/3073-Ngatittoa-Domain-Hall) Please note – “Kelly Sports Porirua is under new ownership!” For full details visit [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz), call 04 972 7201 or email [adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz)

### **SOME IMPORTANT DATES**

#### **SEPTEMBER**

<b>Monday 17</b>	Netball prize giving, 6.30 pm
<b>Wednesday 19</b>	BOT meeting, 6.30pm, staffroom
<b>Wednesday 26 (Even classes)</b>	Production performance – <b>Rimu 2, Rimu 4, Rimu 6, Totara 2, Totara 4, Kauri 2 and Kauri 4</b>
<b>Thursday 27 (Odd classes)</b>	Production performance – <b>Rimu 1, Rimu 3, Rimu 5, Totara 1, Totara 3, Kauri 1 and Kauri 3</b>
<b>Friday 28</b>	Last day of Term 3

#### **OCTOBER**

<b>Monday 15</b>	First day of Term 4
<b>Tuesday 16</b>	Rata and teams photograph day

## TERM DATES FOR 2019

	<b>START DATE</b>	<b>END DATE</b>	<b>HOLIDAYS</b>
<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 28 October