



Papakowhai School

Learning Together



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PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

The current focus for our social skills programme is **Tolerance**.

Teaching tolerance is important because people who learn to be open to differences will have more opportunities in education, business, and many other aspects of life. Success in today's world — and tomorrow's, depends on being able to understand, appreciate, and work with others.

No matter how different people look or act, we must always be kind to them. It takes time to really get to know people—beyond the way they look, talk, or act. Tolerance means respecting others and valuing the differences. Parents who demonstrate tolerance in their everyday lives send a powerful message to their children.

But does tolerance mean that all behaviours have to be accepted? Behaviours that disrespectful or hurtful to others, like being mean or bullying, or behaviours that break social rules, like lying or stealing, should not be tolerated. Tolerance is about accepting people for who they are, not about accepting bad behaviour. Tolerance also means treating others the way you would like to be treated.



Things that we can do to help our children learn tolerance include:

- Demonstrate an attitude of respect for others.
- Remember that children are always listening. Be aware of the way you talk about people who are different from yourself.

- Select books, toys, music, art, and videos carefully. These have a powerful effect on shaping attitudes.
- Answer children's questions about differences honestly and respectfully. This teaches that it is acceptable to notice and discuss differences as long as it is done with respect.
- Acknowledge and respect differences within your own family. Demonstrate acceptance of your children's differing abilities, interests, and styles. Value the uniqueness of each member of your family.
- Help your children feel good about themselves. Children who feel badly about themselves often treat others badly. Help your child to feel accepted, respected, and valued.

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GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION MEETING FOR PARENTS

Monday 12 November at 7pm

We are extremely lucky to have two speakers from Giftednz coming to our annual GaTE meeting for parents. Dr Tracy Riley, Associate Professor at Massey University, and Jo Dean, a PhD candidate, are coming to talk to us about the social and emotional needs of GaTE learners. There will be tea/coffee available, a chance to catch-up with other parents before the talk and some time for questions at the end. We'd love to see you there.

HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE QUIZ NIGHT



Fancy a night's stay at the James Cook and breakfast for two? You could go and pay for it yourself, or you could come along to the Papakowhai School quiz night, Saturday 3 November, and win it* That's just one of the amazing prizes we have on offer. So get your team of up to 8 people together (\$10 per person) and enter by emailing us at homeandschool@papakowhai.school.nz Please note that due to alcohol being sold this is an R18 event.

* We can't guarantee you'll win the James Cook prize, but we're pretty sure you'll have a great time.

Papakowhai School hoodies and hats - As you know, the school requires all students to wear wide brimmed sun hats during Term 4 and Term 1. The Home and School team have a limited number of hats available for sale at the office. They are \$22, come in either Navy blue or Yellow and are available in 3 sizes. Feel free to pop into the office and try one on.



Hoodies, which cost \$55, can also be ordered. Samples (to check out sizes) and order forms are available at the office.

SCHOLASTIC LUCKY BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Lucky Book club brochures came home last week. Orders can be made on-line through their LOOP system or dropped off, with correct cash payment, into the black tin by the office door before 3pm next Monday, 29 October.

SUBWAY LUNCHES

We have been notified by Subway that they will not be able to provide lunches this week or next. Orders that have been handed into the office will be returned to the children. Deliveries will recommence on Friday 9 November.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

The next school assembly will be held on Monday 12 November at 10 am in the school hall. Those classes sharing will be Rata 2, Rata 4, Rimu 2, Rimu 4, Rimu 6, Totara 2 and Totara 4.

PAREMATA SCHOOL SPRING GALA

This year's gala is being held on Saturday 27 October, from 11 am to 3 pm. There will be stalls, raffles and auctions, games and yummy food and drink. For further details, visit their website www.paremata.school.nz and select GALA 2018.

ROSEMARY O'HARA POTTERY

An open studio sale weekend will be held at 8 Reserve Road, Plimmerton on Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 November. Rosemary's studio will be open from 10 am – 5 pm each day. EFTPOS will be available. To view the range of items available please visit her website, www.roseoharapots.co.nz

2018 ZONTA MANA COMMUNITY AWARD

Zonta Mana is offering a new community award of \$2000 to a local woman for a project that empowers women and/or girls. \$1500 is awarded to establish or further develop the project and \$500 for personal learning or development. The award will be given to recognise the woman's commitment to public service, community causes and encourage her participation in the voluntary sector. For further information and an application form, please contact Ruth 027 3721215 or Jenny 027 3544233. Applications close on 12 November 2018.

PAUATAHANUI SCHOOL LAMB AND CALF DAY

Pauatahanui School are holding their annual Lamb and Calf day on Saturday 3 November from 10 am – 2pm. The event will go ahead, rain or shine.

Community Walk 2018

Join the Aotea Residents Association for the second Aotea community walk and learn about the history of the place we call home.



The walk begins at Aotea Lagoon (by the Rose Garden). Neil Penman, co-author of 'A Portrait of Porirua', will speak about the origins of Aotea Lagoon and items of local historic interest. The walk is a round trip from Aotea Lagoon out to Papakowhai Lodge and back again.

Date: Sunday 18 November 2018

Time: 1.30 pm (rain or shine)

Meet at: Rose Garden, south end of Aotea Lagoon

For more information, email: Aotearesidents@gmail.com or check out the Aotea Community Group Facebook page.

BIGAIR GYMSPORTS TAWA

Cartwheels, walkovers, flips, kongs, handstands, barrel rolls- it's all at Bigair Gym! Kids love learning a vast range of skills in gymnastics (3&4 yr old and 5-15 yr old classes), trampolining, tumbling and parkour! These classes are designed to increase children's strength, flexibility, balance, co-ordination and fitness. Children also learn increased self-confidence, determination, listening skills, persistence, and pride as they achieve! Book your FREE Trial today at Bigair Gym Tawa on 2323508 or email office@bigairgym.co.nz

If you love dance, gymnastics & tumbling then cheerleading is for you - Bigair Gymsports annual Cheerleading Trials are in November, so if you are interested please inquire today by calling 2323508 or email office@bigairgym.co.nz

OLE' FOOTBALL ACADEMY

1) Skill Builders for ages 5-10 years, every Sunday from 5-6pm, at the Ole Football Academy, 22 Upper Main Drive, Kenepuru. For more information and/or to register please visit: <https://olefootballacademy.co.nz/term-4-skill-builders/> or email mattd@ole.co.nz

2) Samba Futsal Ages 7-11 years, Saturday afternoons at the Bishop Viard Indoor Facility. For more information and to register visit: <https://olefootballacademy.co.nz/futsal-2018-ole-samba-futsal-term-4-program/> or please email jed@ole.co.nz

SOME IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

OCTOBER

Wednesday 31	BOT meeting, 7 pm, staffroom
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NOVEMBER

Thursday 1	Totara trip to Pataka
Saturday 3	Home and School Quiz night, 7 pm
Monday 12	School Assembly, 10 am
Monday 12	Parent meeting for Gifted and Talented students, 7 pm
Wednesday 14	BOT meeting, 7 pm, staffroom
Wednesday 28	Papakowhai School speech finals
Friday 30	Parumoana Interschool speech finals
Friday 30	2 nd Gardasil vaccination (Year 7's)

DECEMBER

Monday 3	Year 8 Leavers dinner
Wednesday 5	BOT meeting, 7 pm, staffroom
Tuesday 18	Last day of term. Final assembly 11 am, school closes at 1 pm today.

TERM DATES FOR 2019

	START DATE	END DATE	HOLIDAYS
Term 1	Thursday 31 January	Friday 12 April	Teacher only days Tuesday 29 and Wednesday 30 January Public holiday: Waitangi Day, Wednesday 6 February
Term 2	Monday 29 April	Friday 5 July	Public holiday: Queen's birthday, Monday 3 June Teacher only day at QBW – date to be confirmed
Term 3	Monday 22 July	Friday 27 September	
Term 4	Monday 14 October	Tuesday 17 December	Public holiday: Labour Day, Monday 28 October