



# Papakowhai School

Learning Together



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## PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 3 ● Term 4 ● 31 October 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers

### Strike Action

Teachers and principals have decided not to accept the Government's latest collective agreement offer because they feel it does not address teacher recruitment and retention, workload and pay claim issues.

NZEI members have voted for an unprecedented second strike, to be held next month. There will be nationwide rolling strikes over a week, and our region will be striking on **Friday 16 November**.

**Our school will be closed on that date. We regret the inconvenience we know this will cause.**

NZEI are asking for:

- Smaller classes, so our children can get more one-on-one attention
- More resources and staffing to adequately support children with additional learning needs – this will benefit all children because teachers will be freed to spend more one-on-one time with every student
- A significant increase in teachers' salaries so that they are properly valued for their qualifications and responsibilities, and as a country we can recruit and retain teachers.

We appreciate your continued support on this issue. For more information, please go

to <http://campaigns.nzei.org.nz/time/>

Mark Smith

Principal

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## HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE QUIZ NIGHT

This Saturday, 3 November, in the school hall. You can buy your ticket on the night and we can put you into a team if you don't have one. Only \$10

and there will be drinks, food, and so many prizes they're taking up half my house (which is a big exaggeration but there are a lot of them). This promises to be a fun filled night of quizzing, laughter, and fun.

Email [homeandschool@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:homeandschool@papakowhai.school.nz) for more details. Please note that due to alcohol being sold this is an R18 event.



**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.

## SUBWAY LUNCHES

We have been notified by Subway that they will not be able to provide lunches this week. Deliveries will recommence on Friday 9 November.

## **LOST!**

Raptors Club hoodie size 10, named on tags. Please check at home and if found return to school office. Thank you.

## **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**.

## **GIFTED AND TALENTED MEETING FOR PARENTS**

Due to unforeseen circumstances the speakers from Giftednz have had to postpone their visit. The new date will be advertised as soon as possible.

## **AOTEA COLLEGE FUNDRAISING EVENT**

Six Aotea College students, including a past pupil of Papakowhai School, are fundraising to enable them to attend the World Scholar's Cup Tournament of Champions at Yale University, Connecticut. To help raise the funds, they are holding a debate showcase on Friday 2 November from 6:30 -8 pm which will involve live debates, a team quiz, raffles, prizes and food. Tickets cost \$5 each, please contact the college office for more details, 2373166.

## **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.

## **PUKERUA BAY SCHOOL EVENT**

Pukerua Bay School are hosting TV Chef, Michael Van de Elzen, on Thursday 8 November from 6.30 pm, during his New Zealand tour to promote his new kids cookbook 'Good from Scratch'. Tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for children for the evening of cooking demonstrations, Q&A session and book signing and can be purchased by calling Christine on 239 9744. Tickets are limited to 150 and are sold on a 'first come, first served' basis.

## **ROSEMARY O'HARA POTTERY**

Rosemary O'Hara, who frequently teaches at Papakowhai School, invites you to her Pottery Studio Open Weekend 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, which includes Raku decorative ware and terracotta cookware, please visit her website, [www.roseoharapots.nz](http://www.roseoharapots.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. For further information and an application form, please contact Ruth 027 3721215 or Jenny 027 3544233. Applications close on 12 November 2018.

## **NEURODIVERSITY INFORMATION EVENING/WORKSHOP**

Sarah Sharpe (Neurodiversity Education Consultant and Teacher in Charge of Neurodiversity Education at Kāpiti College) is running an information evening/workshop for all families interested in neurodiversity, focusing on **dyslexia, dyspraxia, dysgraphia, and dyscalculia.**

It is on Tuesday 13 November, from 7-8 pm at 21 Tongariro Street, Paraparaumu and costs \$20/head or \$30/family.

**For more information, and to register interest visit :**

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1885014414952897/>

To find out more about Sarah and her work, visit [sharpe-minds.com](http://sharpe-minds.com)

## **COMMUNITY WALK 2018**

Join the Aotea Residents Association for the second Aotea community walk on Sunday 18 November at 1.30 pm (rain or shine) 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. For more information, email: [Aotearesidents@gmail.com](mailto:Aotearesidents@gmail.com) or check out the Aotea Community Group Facebook page.

### **SOME IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM**

#### **OCTOBER**

<b>Wednesday 31</b>	BOT meeting, 7 pm, staffroom
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#### **NOVEMBER**

<b>Thursday 1</b>	Totara trip to Pataka
<b>Saturday 3</b>	Home and School Quiz night, 7 pm
<b>Monday 12</b>	School Assembly, 10 am
<b>Wednesday 14</b>	BOT meeting, 7 pm, staffroom
<b>Friday 16</b>	Teacher strike action – school closed
<b>Wednesday 28</b>	Papakowhai School speech finals
<b>Friday 30</b>	Parumoana Interschool speech finals
<b>Friday 30</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Gardasil vaccination (Year 7's)

#### **DECEMBER**

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

## 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 Tuesday 29 and Wednesday 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