



Papakowhai School

Learning Together



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PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

STRIKE ACTION - PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY 16TH NOVEMBER.

The NZEI has advised the Papakowhai School Board of Trustees that all teaching staff at our school will be taking strike action for the full day on Friday 16th November.

The Board of Trustees is not able to provide childcare during the strike action. It is important that you make alternative arrangements for the care of your child/children on the day of the strike.

Teachers will be rallying at the Te Rauparaha park in Porirua at 12 noon on Friday. Parents and children are welcome to attend the rally if they would like to.

PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL ZONE

Grandparent Zone Clause

The term **grandparent clause** is a provision in which an old rule continues to apply to some existing situations while a new rule will apply to all future cases. Those exempt from the new rule are said to have grandparent rights or acquired rights, or to have been grandparented in.

It does not apply to children living with their grandparents.

The Papakowhai School BOT and the Ministry of Education have approved the following grandparenting clause. This clause is effective immediately but cannot be added to the official zoning wording until 1 May 2019. It gives certainty of enrolment to siblings of current students in streets that were excluding in the recent zoning change.

The grandparent zone clause only applies to students living in:

- Routeburn Street, odd numbers 1 -9 inclusive

- Aotea Drive, odd numbers 1-23 inclusive
- Sommerset Retirement Village
- Te Puia Drive, odd numbers 1-39 inclusive
- Tararua Close
- Tirowhanga Road and its side streets, and Seascape Views.
- Fiordland Place and Abel Glen.
- Okowai Road, Frances Brown Ave and its side streets.
- Queen Charlotte Drive and its side streets.
- Manapouri Lane
- Glenorchy Way
- Kaiteriteri Close
- Baxter's Rise and its side streets.

This clause only applies to new entrant students who were living at the named addresses prior to 1 January 2019 and continue to live at that address until the child starts school.

These students must also have had an older sibling who was enrolled at Papakowhai School prior to the amendment on 1 January 2019, and who is still a current pupil.

These students will be able to enrol as "in zone".

This clause is in effect from 1 January 2019 and covers new entrant children starting school before 31 December 2023.

If you would like further clarification on this grandparent clause, please contact me.

Class Organisation 2019

On Friday a special newsletter was sent home via email and SkoolLoop with information about class organisation for 2019.

If you did not receive this information or need another copy please email the office.

We have a parent input process where parents/caregivers may submit a feedback form to share concerns or issues

that may impact placement. This information will be kept confidential. The parent input process is not intended to offer the opportunity to request a specific teacher. Consideration will focus on the student need identified.

To guarantee that your request informs the process we are using, please complete the following Google form <https://goo.gl/forms/ECDlvbXHvsa61oT22> no later than Friday 23rd November. If you cannot complete the form online, please contact the office and we will provide you with a paper copy.

Special considerations may be based on the following challenges:

- Social
- Learning
- Emotional
- Physical
- Past personal history with individuals (students or adults) that may substantially impact your child.

Requests for dealing with these special considerations should take the form of identifying:

- A teaching strength that may be needed to support your child
- A class level that would better meet your child's needs
- A peer that is requested as a positive support to directly address the special need
- A past experience that should not be repeated.

Mark Smith

Principal

mark@papakowhai.school.nz

SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERS

All orders for Rata and team photographs need to be completed by next Tuesday, 20 November. If you have lost the order envelope, please contact the office for your child's shoot key code.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ORDERS

The books were distributed on Monday. Those orders that were noted as gifts are now available for collection from the office.

HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The next Home and School Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 27 November, at 7.15 pm, in the staffroom. All are welcome to attend! **Please note change of date!!**



Book the date: End of year school

barbeque – this year’s BBQ will be held on Wednesday 12 December. Further details to follow.

Papakowhai School hoodies and hats - 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.

SCHOOL POWHIRI – WEDNESDAY 21 NOVEMBER

New students and their families/whanau will be welcomed to Papakowhai School with a powhiri next Wednesday, 21 November, at 9.30 am. Letters were sent home yesterday with full details.

BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Christmas party - ASC & BSC are holding their Christmas party on Wednesday 5 December, 3 – 5.30 pm. Any children who do not usually attend on a Wednesday and those who attend BSC are very welcome to come along. Please let Susan know by Friday 30 November, at the latest, if your child/ren will be attending (027 2339403). Please note that standard fees will apply.

FOUND

A dark red/burgundy coloured jewellery box has been found at school. If you think it could be yours, please come and describe to the office staff the piece jewellery inside it.

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD) MEETING

We are holding a BYOD Information meeting on Wednesday 28 November at 5.30 pm. In 2019 all students in Years 6 to 8 will be working in a BYOD environment. This will mean that Totara syndicate will be a blend of school devices and BYOD. Year 5 children will only use school provided devices. All Year 6 children, regardless of the syndicate they are in will be BYOD.

The meeting is intended more for current Year 5 students and families but students and families in Years 6 and 7 are very welcome.

A separate notice has come home today and reply slips need to be returned to the office by Friday 23 November.

KAURI ECO-FAIR MARKET DAY

This term Kauri has been studying Enterprise and Innovation with a view towards sustainability as part of our Inquiry. The **Eco-Fair Market Day** is a culmination of this and will be held on Tuesday of next week, 20th November. Products will cost between 50 cents and \$5. It would be helpful if children paid using coins. No notes please as these can get lost easily. We would also prefer that your child's money comes in a small named envelope/zip lock bag - this should be handed to their classroom teacher before school. There will be no IOU's. Products must be paid for on the day.

We organised the Eco-Fair Market Day so that Kauri Syndicate would sell to our buddy classes.

Rata 1, Rata 5, Rimu 1, Totara 1 will be visiting Kauri Tahiri
Rata 2, Rata 6, Rimu 2, Totara 2 will be visiting Kauri Rua
Rata 3, Rimu 3, Rimu 5, Totara 3 will be visiting Kauri Toru
Rata 4, Rimu 4, Rimu 6, Totara 4 will be visiting Kauri Wha

Any profits will go towards the Kauri Block end of year Funday and a percentage will be donated to the Paekakariki Surf Lifesaving Club.

YEAR 8 LEAVERS DINNER (for Year 8 students and their parents/caregivers only)

The Leavers Dinner, to celebrate the end of our Year 8's primary schooling, will be held on Monday 3 December at Mana Cruising Club, Ngatitōa Domain, Paremata. Arrival time is from 6.30 pm, with the buffet style meal beginning at 7 pm. The cost will be \$35 per person (the students also need to pay and they **must** be accompanied by an adult).

Please complete the slip at the end of this newsletter and return to the office with payment **by Tuesday 27**

November, indicating the number of people attending, any dietary requirements and payment method used.

CHAMPIONS CHRISTMAS ROAD SHOW

The Champions Christmas Show is coming to Papakowhai School, as it has done for the last 3 years, on Thursday 29 November. It is a fun show for all ages that shares the Christmas Story in a light hearted way. There are references in the show to the first Christmas and the central message is about how Christmas is a time for giving rather than just receiving. **If you do not want your child to attend this show or would like to see a copy of the script, please contact Mark (mark@papakowhai.school.nz).**

There will be an alternate programme arranged for them.

PLIMMERTON SCHOOL GALA

This year's Gala is being held this Saturday, 17 November, between 11am and 3pm. Stalls will include food, cakes and sweets, white elephant, and there will be bubble soccer and car & motorbike rides.

COMMUNITY WALK 2018

Join the second Aotea community walk on Sunday 18 November at 1.30 pm (rain or shine)

The walk begins at Aotea Lagoon (by the Rose Garden), out to Papakowhai Lodge and back again. For more information, email: Aotearesidents@gmail.com or check out the Aotea Community Group Facebook page.



BOOK LAUNCH – BELLA’S FRINGE

Head along to the Community Centre on Cambridge Terrace, Tawa on Saturday 24 November, at 11 am to help launch a new children’s book. For further details, please visit www.nanasshed.co.nz

RAILEX MODEL TRAIN SHOW

The largest model train show in the Lower North Island is being held at the Walter Nash Centre, Taita, Lower Hutt on Saturday 24 November, from 10 am to 5 pm, and Sunday 25 November from 10 am until 4 pm. There will be over 40 train layouts and displays including Lego exhibits. For further details, please visit www.railex.org.nz

FOSTERHOPE CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE

Many children enter into emergency service facilities during the Christmas period and Foster Hope is collect new, unwrapped gifts (for children aged 1 – 18 years) so that they have a little cheer during a difficult time. Donations would be appreciated by December 10. Please check out their website, www.fosterhope.org.nz for further information and drop off locations.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME @ ADVENTURE SCHOOL, 20-21 Dec 2018



DAY TRIP TO BROOKFIELD CAMP on 20th December 2018
Flying fox, Kayaking, Games, Smores around the camp fire and more.

CHRISTMAS FUN DAY on 21st December 2018

Make a Star Suncatcher and Christmas goodies to eat or to take home. Then relax and enjoy the latest blockbuster movie @ Lighthouse Pauatahanui.

BOOK ONLINE NOW: www.asfc.co.nz or for more information e-mail office@asfc.co.nz or call 027-454-6975.

DO YOU NEED CHILDCARE OVER THE SUMMER?

Do your kids like cooking, dancing, arts and crafts (plus I'll clean up!) trips to the playground, pool or splash pad at the Aotea Lagoon?

I am Em and I am available for whole day childcare over summer from the 21st November to early February 2019. I have lots of experience babysitting, from babies through to older kids. I am 18 years old, have a full licence and my own car. References are available.

Please contact Em Ives for details on 0220496118

GOODTIME MUSIC SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Registrations are now open for the week of **17th- 21st of December**. The programme runs at 50 Victoria Street in Alicetown, Lower Hutt and is perfect for both complete beginners and passionate young musicians. Kids who attend will learn and experience a range of instruments, make green-screen music videos and hang out with some of the coolest people in the world doing all sorts of creative activities that are not on offer anywhere else! For further details please call 04 568 2237 or email Holiday@gtma.co.nz

SOME IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 14	BOT meeting, 7 pm, staffroom
Friday 16	Teacher strike action – school closed
Tuesday 20	Rata/team photo orders close today
Wednesday 21	Powhiri for new families
Tuesday 27	Home and School committee meeting, 7pm, staffroom
Wednesday 28	Papakowhai School speech finals
	BYOD information meeting, 5.30 pm
Friday 30	Parumoana Interschool speech finals
Friday 30	2 nd Gardasil vaccination (Year 8's)

DECEMBER

Monday 3	Year 8 Leavers dinner
Tuesday 4	Wellington Regional athletics
Wednesday 5	BSC/ASC party from 3 pm
	BOT meeting, 7 pm, staffroom
Wednesday 12	School BBQ – details to follow
Tuesday 18	Last day of term. Final assembly 11 am, school closes at 1 pm today. There will be no ASC 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

RETURN SLIP FOR YEAR 8 LEAVER'S DINNER

(\$35 per person)

Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

There will be _____ attending this dinner on Monday 3 December (*this should include your Year 8 child*) at a cost of \$35 per person.

Dietary requirements e.g. vegetarian, gluten free, dairy free etc and how many people this affects -

Please indicate how paid:

	\$..... cash/cheque enclosed
	\$..... paid by EFTPOS at the school office on.....
	\$..... paid by internet banking to 12-3140-0133108-01 on..... (please reference with your name and 'Leavers Dinner')