



Papakowhai School

Learning Together



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PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Our current social skill at school is Responsibility.



Our children learn important lessons from us. We want our children to grow up to be responsible adults. Responsible people act the way they do regardless of who is watching them. They do it because they know it is right. Teaching responsibility can begin when they are young and is one of the best values for children to possess.

Quite often we find ourselves doing the work around home and problem-solving for our children. Basically when we take over for them, we are telling them that they aren't capable of doing it themselves. When their rooms get messy, we step in and clean it up for them. Once again we are sending them a message that they can't do it themselves. Equally - deciding when it is appropriate to step in and give your child support and when it is more effective to let go and give the child space to do it his way will depend on your child.

Here are some ideas to help children learn about taking responsibility:

- Give children clear and positive instructions for doing the task and plenty of time to complete it.
- Avoid doing things for your child that they can do for themselves. Children must learn from their experiences through trial and error, and by taking the time to figure it out.

- Ask children instead of ordering. Children will be willing to help out when they feel they are needed and are made to feel they can do the job.
- Use consequences. It is important that parents explain what the consequences will be for breaking a limit; this helps children develop a sense of accountability for their actions.
- Be a good role model. Children are learning by watching and imitating what they see their parents do. Parents need to model appropriate behaviours, such as keeping promises, sharing, cooperating, helping, taking care of their belongings and being responsible.

Excerpts from Nina Chen, Ph.D., CFLE, former Human Development Specialist

Kind Regards

Lesley Hodge

Assistant Principal

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Class Organisation 2019

A special newsletter was sent home via email and SkoolLoop about 10 days ago, with information about class organisation for 2019 (if you did not receive this 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

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PAIN RELIEF AT SCHOOL

If your child has an injury/broken limb or has had an operation and is likely to need pain relief during the day we would be very grateful if a supply could be sent to the office for your child to use, with a note confirming the dosage and time the medicine is needed. We do have Pamol available for emergency use only.

PLANNED ABSENCES/APPOINTMENTS

If you know that your child will be away from school, please ensure that you inform the office. If the teacher is then sick or on release, it saves the office staff having to call you to check why your child is away.

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!!**



2018 END OF YEAR SCHOOL BBQ Wednesday 12 December 5 - 7pm

The year is flying by but before we go off on our summer holidays it's time to come together as a community and celebrate another successful year at Papakowhai School!

There will be live entertainment in the school hall from 6-7pm from our talented:

- School choir
- School band
- Theatrical dancers
- Sally White cheerleaders

We need your help!

As always, to enable the Home and School Committee to make this event a success volunteers are needed between 4 - 7.30pm for event setup, food prep and service and clean up. If you are available to lend a hand please contact the H&S Committee by texting Niki on 021 551979 or emailing homeandschool@papakowhai.school.nz with the time you are available (from and to) and your contact phone and/or email. All help is much appreciated!

Dinner menu (available from

5-7pm)

Burgers	\$5
Sausage in bread	\$2
Chippies	\$2
Coke/Sprite	\$2
Lemon, Lime & Bitters	\$4
Ginger Beer	\$4



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.

SUBWAY ORDERS

Please remember that you can now order Subway on-line. If you placed an on-line Subway order for last Friday it will be delivered this Friday (as school was closed last week).

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. Year 5 children will only use school provided devices. All Year 6 children, regardless of the syndicate they are in will be BYOD. Return slips need to be back to school by Friday 23 November. If you need a copy of the letter please contact the office.

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.

FOUND – BABY G WATCH

A baby-G watch has been handed in at the office. If you have lost one please come and tell us what colour it is.

PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL SPEECH FINALS

Totara and Kauri students will be presenting their speeches early next week. The finalists for the Year 5&6 and Year 7&8 speeches will present their speeches to the school on Wednesday 28 November at 11.30 in the school hall. All are welcome to come along and listen. The Parumoana Finals will be held at Aotea College on Friday 30 November.

PLASTIC BAGS

We would be grateful to receive any plastic supermarket bags that you do not want as these are useful to send home wet clothes etc. Thank you in advance.

BOOK LAUNCH

Parent and local author Rodney Strong is launching his next book at Paper Plus in Porirua. Murder in Mud, a cosy murder mystery, is the follow up to Murder in Paint. The launch is at 2pm this Saturday, 24th November.

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.**

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

GOODTIME MUSIC ACADEMY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Goodtime Music are celebrating 10 years of music making with a celebration on Saturday 24 November at Hutt City Baptist, High Street, Lower Hutt. There will be concerts from 10 am – 12 pm, 1 pm – 3 pm and 4 pm – 6 pm with the band after party (for everyone!) from 7 pm – 9 pm. The cost is \$10 for adults and children are free.

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.

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

JANUARY HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

KELLY SPORTS – NGATITOA DOMAIN, 7 Jan – 1 Feb 2019.

The hugely popular Kelly Sports Holiday Programme is back for the January 2019 Holidays for children aged 5-13 years. Join the Kelly Sports coaches for the best in sports coaching, and arts and crafts fun! They have created an Action Packed Programme including World Cup Touch Rugby, Outdoor Survival Day, Team Building Challenges, and trips to Silverstream Railway, Staglands plus Bumper Ball is coming to Kelly Sports!

To enrol email adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz visit the website www.kellysports.co.nz/events/3073-Ngatittoa-Domain-Hall or call 04 972 7201

SQUASH KIDS MANA SQUASH CLUB, Ngati Toa Domain from 14th to 23rd January 2019. Phone: 027 276 4433 (Eva) or 0272358335 (Clair) or email: squashkidsfun@gmail.com

They believe in giving children opportunities to do the things they love and enjoy in a supportive and encouraging environment. Quality childcare is provided in safe and fun surroundings for children out of school. The holiday programme provides squash training daily for those who want it, playing games of squash, creativity, games and exploring the local surroundings safely, all while providing space and time to relax and unwind in a friendly environment.

SOME IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

NOVEMBER

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 Gardisil vaccination (Year 8's)
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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, 5 – 7 pm
Tuesday 18	Last day of term. Final assembly 11 am, school closes at 1 pm today. There will be no ASC today.

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')