



# Papakowhai School

Learning Together



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## PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 8 ● Term 4 ● 5 December 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers

We will be sharing our end of year reports with you next Friday. I am pleased to report that students at Papakowhai School continue to perform well above national norms and show high levels of achievement. The teaching staff have put in a huge effort supporting learners this year and have worked many additional hours this term assessing and writing reports.

### **Reading**

90% of children are at or above expected levels (47% are above).

Māori achievement is at 91% with a 10% gain over the past 5 years.

Boys and girls read at similarly high levels, there is no disparity between boys and girls reading levels at Papakowhai School.

Children in Years 6 - 8 continue to show strong reading achievement (93% at or above expected levels) with a 9% increase in achievement over the past 5 years.

### **Maths**

89% of children are at or above expected levels (36% are above).

Māori achievement is at 88% with a 19% gain over the past 5 years.

The same percentage of boys and girls achieve the Maths expectations, however there are more boys than girls in the above expectation band.

Asian students show strong Maths achievement (91% at or above expected levels) with an 8% increase in achievement over the past 5 years.

### **Writing**

82% of children are at or above expected levels (25% are above).

Boys writing has been identified as an area needing improvement in New Zealand. This year we achieved a 5% gain with 80% of boys writing at or above expected curriculum levels.

Children in Years 6 -8 continue to show strong writing achievement with a 16% increase in achievement over the past 5 years. We started to see a real shift in writing achievement following the introduction of BYOD in the senior school.

Girls achieve strongly in writing with 86% at or above expected levels (33% above).

Mark Smith

Principal

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## **HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

### **2018 END OF YEAR SCHOOL BBQ**

**Wednesday 12 December, 5 - 7pm**

Our end of year BBQ is next week!! Dinner will be available (from 5-7pm) including burgers (\$5), sausage in bread (\$2) and soft drinks (from \$2 - \$4). 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](mailto: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!



## **SCHOOL DONATIONS AND OTHER FEES**

If you are yet to pay the amounts requested for school donations and any other fees it would be very much appreciated if this could be done before the end of the year. If you need to find out what is owing, please contact Heather in the school office.

## **PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL UKULELE GROUP CONCERT**

Our ukulele group will be putting on a small concert in the hall from 9.15 am this Thursday, 6 December. Please come along and hear them play!

## **SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS**

Rata block, sibling and team photographs were given out earlier this week. If you have not received your order, please contact School memories on 0800 437447 or email [admin@schoolmemories.co.nz](mailto:admin@schoolmemories.co.nz)

## **SUBWAY ORDERS 2019**

Please note that only online orders will be taken for Subway in 2019. There will be no collection of order envelopes from the office.

## **LOST PROPERTY**

Please remember to check the lost property before the end of term as unclaimed items will be donated to charity over the summer holiday.

## **FUTUREFERNS YEAR 1/2 NETBALL 2019**

In Term 1 2019, Kapi Mana Netball will be running a 6-week Year 1&2 programme, commencing on Monday 4 March. We would need parents to run this and coach/manage the teams. There is a compulsory workshop to attend on 25 February (5 – 6.15 pm) with Irene van Dyk. If you are interested in coaching/running this programme for the school, please contact Caine ([caine@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:caine@papakowhai.school.nz)) for further details.

## **KIDS ON BOARD WEBSITE**

Do you need some ideas for things to do with the kids over the holidays? Perhaps you're going away and looking for a good playground, walk or cafe that's family friendly?

Everything listed on <http://kidsonboard.co.nz> has been tried, tested and LOVED by other families. Ask other families for their ideas on the Facebook page

[www.facebook.com/KidsOnBoardNZ](http://www.facebook.com/KidsOnBoardNZ)

## **PRIDE LANDS FUN HOLIDAY ADVENTURES**

Summer holidays at Otari School and Berhampore School  
17 Dec 2018 – 1 Feb 2019 from 7am-7pm daily. Interactive Activities and NO TV or Video Games, Kai Cubs Cooking and Life Skills Programme creating healthy breakfast, lunch and afternoon teas. One-on-one care and shuttle services available. Daily \$81/cub (child) per session or \$148 for two or more siblings per session. Weekly: \$239 per child/week or \$449 for two or more siblings/week.

WINZ subsidies are available for eligible families.

Please contact them 0800 PRIDE 4 U or register online: [www.pridelands.org.nz](http://www.pridelands.org.nz) or visit their Facebook page: [www.Facebook.com/PrideLandsChildcare](http://www.Facebook.com/PrideLandsChildcare)

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



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

**CHRISTMAS FUN DAY** on 21<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.asfc.co.nz) or for more information e-mail [office@asfc.co.nz](mailto:office@asfc.co.nz) or call 027-454-6975.

### **CODECAMP - SUMMER HOLIDAYS**

Primary and Intermediate aged groups held in Wellington, Petone and Porirua in December 2018 and January/February 2019.

CodeCamp allows kids to develop 21st century skills in a fun and action packed environment. Create games, apps & work with robots and electronic building blocks. For further information visit

<http://codecamp.co.nz/junior-holiday-codecamp/>

### **SQUASH KIDS (MANA SQUASH CLUB)**

Ngati Toa Domain from 14<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019. Phone: 027 276 4433 (Eva) or 0272358335 (Clair) or email: [squashkidsfun@gmail.com](mailto:squashkidsfun@gmail.com)

Quality childcare is provided in safe and fun surroundings for children out of school to do the things they love and enjoy in a supportive and encouraging environment. 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.

### **CHILDCARE NEEDED FOR 2019**

Hello Papakowhai School Community - I am looking for before school (from 7 am until school drop off) and after school (3 pm until around 5 pm) care for my two boys, aged 10 and 12, for term time in 2019 in the Aotea/Papakowhai area. I am open to care in my home or somewhere else. Please contact Anna, 021 042 3814, [johanna.k.dufresne@gmail.com](mailto:johanna.k.dufresne@gmail.com) for further details.

### **BANANA BOAT OCEAN KIDS SWIMSERIES**

The Banana Boat Ocean Swim series comes to Wellington on Wednesday 27 January 2019. There are 3 different distances for age groups 7 & 8 years, 9 & 10 years and 11 & 12 years (100, 200 and 300 m respectively). For further details and to enter please visit [oceankids.co.nz](http://oceankids.co.nz)

## **SAVE THE DATE – MARCH 3 2019**

The Plimmerton FunRun 2019 will be held on Sunday 3 March. Head to [www.plimmertonfunrun.com](http://www.plimmertonfunrun.com) or to Facebook @plimmertonfunrun to sign up. Participants that sign up before 31st December will go into draw to win a 50" Sharp TV worth \$1500!

### **SOME IMPORTANT DATES**

#### **DECEMBER**

<b>Wednesday 5</b>	BOT meeting, 7 pm, staffroom
<b>Friday 7</b>	Rata trips to Zealandia
<b>Wednesday 12</b>	Rata trip to Aotea Lagoon
	School BBQ, 5 – 7 pm
<b>Thursday 13</b>	Rimu trip to Aotea Lagoon
<b>Monday 17</b>	Kauri end of year trip
<b>Tuesday 18</b>	Last day of term. Final assembly 11 am, school closes at 1 pm today. There will be no ASC today.

#### **JANUARY 2019**

<b>Thursday 31</b>	First day of school
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#### **FEBRUARY**

<b>Wednesday 6</b>	Waitangi Day – school closed
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