



# Papakowhai School

Learning Together



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## PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 3 ● Term 1 ● 13 February 2019

Dear Parents/Caregivers

We have had such a great start to the school year. The children have come back with a really positive attitude to learning and old friendships are reconnecting and new friendships are being made.

I know that you want your children to have the best start to the year at school. Here are some ways I think definitely help:

- Meet your child's teacher informally or at the parent-teacher meeting next week. See below for details of how to book.
- Make sure they are getting into a good bedtime routine after a long summer of more flexible bedtimes.
- Closely monitor the time spent on digital media and the content of the media they are watching.
- Restrict social media use to children aged 13+.
- Send your child to school every day. Only keep them home when they are too unwell to be at school. It is also really important that children are at school for the start of the day. Aim to arrive at school between 8:30 and 8:45. (Did you know that being 30 minutes late to school everyday equates to about 20 days or 4 weeks of schooling missed?).
- Ask open ended questions about what they are learning at school and how they are feeling about school or friendships.
- Read with your children and help them learn their basic facts.
- Invite a friend over for a play date if they are struggling to make connections in their new class.
- Sign up for SeeSaw, the newsletter by email and Skool Loop to stay connected with what is happening at school. (Contact the office if you are unsure how to do this.)
- Encourage them to try new clubs or activities, at school and after school

- Come as a family to the Home and School Triathlon and sign your children up to participate. This will be a great community day.

Thank you for using the extended P2 drop off zone so well. This is really helping with traffic flow.

**Parents/caregivers are welcome to drive up the school driveway before 7:45am and after 4:45pm. At all other times we need you to park in the street and walk up.**

Have a really great week.

Mark Smith  
Principal

[mark@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:mark@papakowhai.school.nz)

### **HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

The first fundraising event of the year will be the school **Triathlon on Sunday 3 March**. Entry forms must be returned, with payment, by 12 noon next Friday, 22 February. **Please ensure online payments go to the Home and School account – 12-3478-0060954-00, referencing with ‘Triathlon’ and your child’s name.** For further details please email the Home and School committee on [homeandschool@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:homeandschool@papakowhai.school.nz)



Papakowhai School hoodies and hats are available; we have hats at the office which can be purchased directly for \$22 each. The hoodies need to be ordered; orders for this term close at the end of February. We have sample sizes and order forms at the office. Orders can also be placed by using the Google form at the bottom of the notice on Skool Loop. Hoodies are priced at \$55 each. Please ensure all Papakowhai School hats and hoodies are clearly named as it is impossible to return lost items otherwise.

**SAVE THE DATE - The popular Ladies Clothing Grab is back!**  
Friday 5th April at 7.30pm.

Decluttered your wardrobe? Drop your gently used women’s clothes and accessories off at the school office during the next fortnight. More information and ticket sales to come.

## **PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY**

School will finish at 3pm as normal. Each appointment is 15 minutes. Appointments to see the teachers will be done via a website. It is a simple, accurate system.

[www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) **The log-in code is nxnv2.**

Children are welcome to attend with their parents.

To book:

- enter your email address
- enter your name
- select the number of children you are booking for
- Enter the children's name/s
- Select the class and teacher
- Select the interview times you want

You will be sent an email confirming your booking details. You will control your bookings and can make them to suit you, though like any system the earlier you book the more likely you will get what you want. Changing or cancelling your booking can be done at any time. The booking website will close at noon on each interview day. If you are not able to make a booking online, please phone the school office.

**We would really like all our parents to come to this meeting.**

**Prior to the meeting you will receive** a sheet of all your contact details and your child's details which we would like you to check before the interview.

**What would we like you to share with us at the meeting?**

- We would like to know how your child is settling into school this year
- We would like to know about how your child learns best and what their strengths and weaknesses are
- We would like to know about your child's personality and how we can work best with them at school.

**Pupil supervision on parent/teacher meeting days**

After School care will be operating as usual between 3 and 6pm. You need to be a registered user of After School Care to use this service.

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

The first Board of Trustees meeting of the year will be held tonight, Wednesday 13 February, in the staffroom at 7 pm.

### **ASSEMBLY – being held on Tuesdays this year**

Our first assembly of 2019 will be held on Tuesday 26 February at 10 am. The classes sharing their work are Rata Toru, Matai Toru, Rimu Tahī, Totara Tahī and Kauri Rua. Certificates will also be presented to our new entrant children to welcome them to our school.

### **POWHIRI**

The school powhiri for all new families and staff will be held next **Tuesday, 19 February at 9.30am**, in the Hall.

This is to welcome our new students, their parents, families, and whanau. The Powhiri lasts about 20 minutes and will be followed by morning tea. Families are welcome to gather in the Staffroom between 9 and 9.30 am.

### **SCHOOL CAMP FOR YEAR 7 AND 8'S**

The camp for Year 7 and 8's is being held at Teapot Valley near Nelson from 11 - 15 March. Notices have gone out to those who still need to pay their deposit. All payments need to be completed by 28 February. The balance owing as of 11 February will be showing on the statement of account.

#### **Camp information evening**

There will be an information evening for parents wishing to find out more about the Teapot Valley camp in Kauri 2 (Mr Graham's classroom) on Tuesday 26 February at 7 pm.

**Parent helpers attending camp must attend this meeting.**

### **HALL FOR HIRE**

The school hall is now available for hire on Monday, Thursday and Friday evenings from 6 pm, Saturday afternoons and Sundays. If you know of a community group that are keen to hire the hall on a regular basis, please pass this information on. Further details can be obtained from the school office.

### **SCHOOL DONATIONS AND FEES**

This year the donations and fees being requested are:

School donation: \$290 per pupil (or \$72.50 each term). A tax credit of 33 cents in the dollar can be claimed from Inland Revenue for donations paid. Receipts are issued for all donations for this purpose.

Technology consumables fee: For Year 7 and 8's who attend the Plimmerton Technology Centre. The fee is \$70

and covers the costs of items brought home. It would be appreciated if this could be paid by the end of Term 1.  
Mathletics, Math Seeds and Reading Eggs: These fees are charged according to which class your child is in. Each programme costs \$22.

Hapara: This fee of \$7 is for a programme which enables the teachers to monitor all activity and aids keeping your children safe on their devices.

Magazine fee: This \$10 will show in your statement but is optional should you wish to receive a school magazine at year end.

At times there will be other fees on a user pays basis. Fees for activities such as chess, future problem solving club etc are only charged to those who enrol.

A statement requesting donations and fees is being issued to every family this week.

#### Payments made to school

Our preferred method is via our school bank 12- 3140- 0133108-01- we ask that all transactions are referenced with child's name and a description of what for e.g camp. We also have two boxes in the office - one solely for forms and the other for cash. It would be appreciated that any cash be in an envelope clearly named with a description of what it is for. We also have an EFTPOS machine at the office (no credit cards).

#### Payments by instalment

We are happy for all fees and donations to be paid on an instalment basis e.g. fortnightly, monthly or termly. Please contact the office for further details if necessary.

### **MOVIN' MARCH 1-29 MARCH 2019**

This year Papakowhai School is participating in Movin' March - a month long event run by the Greater Wellington Regional Council that celebrates the benefits of walking, scooting and biking to school with lots of great prizes up for grabs!

#### Why walk or wheel?

Research shows walking and biking to school can improve students':

- Physical health
- Confidence
- Independence

- Decision making
- Communication
- Sense of community

### Live too far away?

Try dropping your children further away from school so they can walk part of the way. You'll avoid any chaos at the school gate and your children will enjoy the fresh air and exercise.

### WOW (Walk Or Wheel) Passport Challenge

All students will receive a WOW passport card to be stamped each time they walk, bike or scoot to and from school during March - even if it is for part of the way. At the end of March, WOW passport cards will be collected by the Enviro Team and entered into the Movin' March prize draw to be in to win a \$300 Avanti voucher!

### Parent Photo Competition

Snap a photo of your family's journey to school during Movin' March. Post your photo on Facebook or Instagram with the hashtag #movinmarch to enter into the draw to win family passes to fun destinations in the Wellington region.

Thanks for your support. We are looking forward to an awesome and active month!

Papakowhai Enviro Teachers

Jill Clibborn, Carol Dacre, Hetty Boonen and Kelly Parker

### **BEGINNERS BALLROOM & LATIN DANCE COURSE**

Papakowhai School hall on Wednesdays at 8.30 pm, from 20 February, for 8 weeks. A fun form of fitness for the mind, body and soul! \$135 per person or \$20 per person casually – SPECIAL 2 FOR 1 OFFER RUNNING AT THE MOMENT! For full details or to book, please contact Tanya Scherzer 0274807645 or email [Tanya.scherzer@gmail.com](mailto:Tanya.scherzer@gmail.com)

### **HOW TO EARN \$500 FOR OUR SCHOOL!**

We are lucky enough to have Marty Ritchie and Micky Limmer from Harcourts Real Estate associated with Papakowhai School. If you list and sell a house through Marty and his team at Harcourts and nominate Papakowhai School, the school can earn \$500 as a donation!

If you are interested in selling your house talk to: Marty Ritchie 0800 DO IT NOW, [www.martyritchie.com](http://www.martyritchie.com)

## KEY FOUND

A key was found in Kinloch Place. It has one purple house key attached to a garage door remote control with the word 'Merlin' on it. If it is yours, please contact the office.

## ARTY FARTY KIDS LTD ART CLASSES FOR TERM 1

Saturdays 10 am – 12 noon Exploring Mexican Art.  
Payment will be for a term, the cost for Term 1 is \$160.  
Term 1 will begin on Saturday 23rd February.

Also - Thursday adult class Drawing, 7pm - 8.30pm.

Venue to be confirmed. Please contact Sara for further details [office@artyfartykids@gmail.com](mailto:office@artyfartykids@gmail.com) or 0221748558

## ASB SCHOOL DONATION:

The ASB Supporting Success \$500 School Sponsorship offer is still available this term for new lending over \$250,000.



**Supporting success  
in your school.**

If you are a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate to your chosen participating school:

**\$500**

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ONE STEP AHEAD

Lending criteria and terms apply to home loans. Fees may apply. Eligibility criteria: documentation of the facility agreement must be done by 30 June 2019; mention of this promotion must take place during the home loan application process to ensure eligibility. Only applicable to loans which are secured by residential owner-occupied property with a minimum of 20% equity required; excludes lending through brokers; Limited to one donation per customer. Donation will be made to chosen school on complete draw down of the home loan. For full eligibility criteria, exclusions and further details see <https://www.asb.co.nz/promotions/supporting-success-in-your-school.html>

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## ANZ Olympic Schools Programme

The ANZ Olympic Schools Programme is working well for Papakowhai School. For every successful ANZ home loan over \$50,000 drawn down by someone connected to Papakowhai School, the school will receive 800 credits (equivalent to \$400) to spend on a range of items from sports equipment to computers from the ANZ Awards Centre. Just remember to tell the home loan specialist which school you are supporting. For more information, call Rangi Kelly, Branch Manager, Porirua 04 436 5100

## **PRIMARY YEARS PARENTING COURSE (5 – 9 YEARS)**

Toolbox courses inspire and equip whānau. The Primary Years Toolbox will support you to develop a strong and loving bond with your child, and build your confidence as a parent/caregiver. This Toolbox covers a range of topics, including the importance of love and connection, different parenting styles, understanding your child and their big feelings, discipline, boundaries, play and lots more.

**Wednesdays - 20 February to 3 April 2019, 7.30 – 9.30pm**  
**St Andrews Church hall, 11 Steyne Ave, Plimmerton**

Bookings are essential. Cost: \$75 per person, \$110 per couple (subsidies available just ask).

For more details, contact Tania Roberts-Thomson  
0212971706 or email [jamtartnz@gmail.com](mailto:jamtartnz@gmail.com)

## **WANT TO PLAY FOOTBALL?**

Registration for **PUKERUA BAY SOCCER CLUB** for grades 5 (children turning 5 in 2019) to 14 is now open:

- Registrations close 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019.
- Low Registration Fees: \$50 for grades 5&6, \$90 for grades 7-12 and \$100 for grades 13&14 (mixed competition), \$100 for Sunday girls' competition. Includes Nike shirt and shorts.
- Practices potentially in Pukerua Bay and/or Plimmerton (or wherever most suitable for team).

To register or for more information visit

[www.pukeruabaysoccer.org.nz](http://www.pukeruabaysoccer.org.nz), email  
[pkb@pukeruabaysoccer.org.nz](mailto:pkb@pukeruabaysoccer.org.nz) or call **Iain Maclean**  
(0274203056) or **Neil Snowling** (0212291739)

## **SOME IMPORTANT DATES**

### **FEBRUARY**

<b>Wednesday 13</b>	BOT meeting, 7pm, staffroom
<b>Tuesday 19</b>	Powhiri, 9.30 school hall
<b>Tuesday 19</b>	Parent/teacher meetings, 3.15-8pm
<b>Thursday 21</b>	Parent/teacher meetings, 3.15-8pm
<b>Tuesday 26</b>	School Assembly
<b>Tuesday 26</b>	Yr 7&8 camp – parents information evening, 7 pm, Kauri 2

### **MARCH Movin' March runs from 1- 29th**

<b>Monday 11- Friday 15 inc</b>	Year 7 & 8 students on camp
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