



# Papakowhai School

Learning Together



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## PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 4 ● Term 1 ● 20 February 2019

Dear Parents/Caregivers

### SCHOOL TRIATHLON

Do you know the Home and School Committee are running a triathlon on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March? I would love to see you there. This is our welcome to 2019 community event, there is no start of year BBQ. Bring the whole family and make a morning of it.

The Papakowhai School triathlon is a fun, have a go event for all children and all abilities. Refreshments and BBQ food will be available for purchase. The registration fee is \$20 per child. If an adult from each family volunteers at the event the fee will be reduced to \$10 per child.

Entry forms and payment must be handed in to the office by **12 noon on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February**. You can download a registration form from the school website, [www.papakowhai.school.nz](http://www.papakowhai.school.nz).

### Start Times

- Year 1 & 2 10.30am
- Year 3 & 4 11.00am (approx.)
- Year 5 + 11.30am (approx.)
- Prize Giving 12.30pm (approx.)

### Distances

- Year 1 & 2 - 500m Run, 500m Bike, Swim 45 m (3 lengths of school pool)
- Year 3 & 4 - 1km Run, 1km Bike, Swim 90m (6 lengths)
- Year 5 + 1.5km Run, 1.5km Bike, Swim 135m (9 lengths)

Our school pool is shallow and less confident swimmers will be able to stand up if they need to.

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

As you may be aware Teapot Valley Camp is still in the Tasman Fire evacuation zone. Camps for February have

been cancelled and we are waiting further advice on the situation.

A decision on whether or not to postpone camp will be made by Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February.

If camp is going ahead **all payments need to be completed by Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February**. The balance owing as of 11<sup>th</sup> February was shown on the statement of account which was sent home last week.

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.**

## **TOTARA 2**

Mrs Shauna Cory-Wright has been on bereavement leave in the UK following the death of her father last week.

Shauna will be back at school on Tuesday and will be teaching the class from Wednesday next week. Thanks to Richard Johnson for doing a great job with Totara 2 while Shauna has been away.

Mark Smith

Principal

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## **PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS**

There are meetings **tonight** for Rimu 5 – Anne Bunton and Kauri 4 – Ben Jackson.

**All other staff have meetings on Thursday night** with the exception of Ben Jackson and Shauna Cory-Wright.

You can still make an appointment. Go to:

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

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

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

## **ACCIDENT WAITING TO HAPPEN**

We have been informed that a number of Papakowhai School students were crossing the road past the Countdown Supermarket in Aotea on Monday taking no notice of traffic or driveways. Cars needed to stop because they were walking while looking at their mobile devices. Please talk with your children about stopping or sitting down if they need to check their phone on the way home from school. Never cross the road while checking your device.

## **PAID UNION MEETING – WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

We have had notification of a teachers paid union meeting which will be held on Wednesday 20 March at 1.30 pm. As there will not be enough adult supervision at school to look after all the students, we would like as many children as possible to finish school early on that day. A notice will come home with your child soon with full details. There will be a permission slip to return to the office **if you would like your child/ren to finish school early** (there is no need to return the form if your child will be staying until 3 pm or going on to After School Care).

## **HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**Entry forms for the Triathlon on Sunday 3 March must be returned, with payment, by 12 noon this Friday, 22 February.**



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 next week.** We have sample sizes and order forms at the office. 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.

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

Papakowhai School hall on Wednesdays at 8.30 pm, from tonight, 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)

## **KIDS GO FREE AT STAGLANDS ON CHILDRENS DAY**

Staglands Wildlife Reserve will be celebrating Children's Day on Sunday 3 March by offering \*FREE ENTRY into the Reserve for all children. In addition to their usual attractions visitors can enjoy free off-road tractor-trailer rides. \*This offer is not available in conjunction with any other deals/offers. Children (0-16 years) must be accompanied by a paying adult. For more information visit [www.staglands.co.nz](http://www.staglands.co.nz)

## **YOUTH PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP**

The 19th annual Photo Competition run by the Guardians of Pāuatahanui Inlet (GOPI) is now under way.

To encourage young photographers to enter, a free 3-hour photography workshop is being offered on Sunday 10th March. The workshop is open to anyone under the age of 18. It will be taught by Destina Munro, photojournalism tutor at Massey University and Whitireia.

Registration is essential. You will find the registration form on the website [www.gopi.org.nz](http://www.gopi.org.nz). All the participants need to bring is a camera they are familiar with, a bottle of water and appropriate clothes (it can be muddy in the reserve). Please meet at Pāuatahanui Wildlife Reserve cottage at 4.30pm.

For practical reasons, participation numbers will to be limited to 20.

## **CARTOONING WEEKEND CAMP**

Danny Cohen and his team are returning to New Zealand with their exciting art workshops! Cartooning classes are being held on March 30 and 31 at 44 Silverstream Road, Crofton Downs. There are 6 classes over the weekend; 4 on

Saturday and 2 on Sunday. Each class lasts for 3 hours and costs \$25 per child. For full details or to book please visit [www.illustrating-man.com/camp/wellington-nz-30-31-march-2019/](http://www.illustrating-man.com/camp/wellington-nz-30-31-march-2019/)

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



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We are lucky enough to have Marty Ritchie and Micky Limmer from Harcourts Real Estate associated with Papakowhai School.

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## MUSICAL EDUCATION AT WELLINGTON CATHEDRAL

Are you interested in an opportunity for your children to gain a free music education and singing tuition at Wellington Cathedral of St Paul, an acknowledged centre of musical excellence, on Molesworth Street.

There are two junior choirs at the Cathedral: the Children's Choir is for children aged 5-8; members are taught basic musicianship and singing technique in a weekly rehearsal, and join with the Cathedral Choristers for a monthly Thursday evening service.

The Cathedral Choristers are a robed choir of 8-15 year old children, whose skills are developed in singing technique, music theory, public speaking and teamwork through two weekly rehearsals. They lead the weekly Thursday evening Evensong service, with choristers reciting the readings as well as leading all the sung components.

We currently have vacancies in both of these choirs. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Michael Stewart, organist and musical director, on 021 477 257 or at [dom@wellingtoncathedral.org.nz](mailto:dom@wellingtoncathedral.org.nz)

## SOME IMPORTANT DATES

### **FEBRUARY**

<b>Thursday 21</b>	Parent/teacher meetings, 3.15-8pm
<b>Tuesday 26</b>	School Assembly, 10 am in hall
<b>Tuesday 26</b>	Yr 7&8 camp – parents information evening, 7 pm, Kauri 2

### **MARCH Movin' March runs from 1- 29<sup>th</sup> March**

<b>Monday 11- Friday 15 inc</b>	Year 7 & 8 students on camp
<b>Wednesday 20</b>	Teachers Paid Union meeting – school finishes at 1 pm. Children that cannot be collected early will be supervised until 3pm/ASC
<b>Thursday 21</b>	School picnic at Aotea Lagoon