



# Papakowhai School

Learning Together



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## PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

### Maori Hui

Letters went home last week about our shared meal on Tuesday 2 April for our Maori parents/caregivers/whanau and students. We are meeting at 6 pm in the staffroom and soft drink, juice, cutlery, plates, cups and ice-cream for dessert will be provided.

From 7 to 8.30pm the adults will talk about our Maori students enjoying educational success at Papakowhai School. During this time, children are welcome to stay and listen, they can go through to the library to watch a movie or perhaps one parent might take the children home and the other stay.

Please RSVP to the office ([office@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:office@papakowhai.school.nz)) and let us know how many will be attending for dinner and how many will stay from 7-8.30 pm.

If you did not receive an invitation and believe that you should have, please contact the school office.

### What is KiVa?

KiVa is an anti-bullying programme from Finland. KiVa is Finnish for “kind” or “nice”. The definition of bullying that is used as part of the KiVa programme is - Bullying is behaviour that is deliberate, repeated and there is a power imbalance.

The KiVa programme is made up of two parts:

1. Classroom lessons - each class will complete lessons based on which syndicate they are in.
2. Reporting of bullying - Students report bullying to the KiVa team (Lesley Hodge, Karen Siwalette & Caine Webster) in the KiVa room at lunchtimes.

## [KiVa lesson overview](#)

Unit 1 is designed specifically for younger students - Rata, Matai and Rimu. Unit 2 is designed specifically for the older students - Totara and Kauri.

Rimu and Totara syndicates have been identified as areas of the school that would benefit most from completing all 10 lessons each year. Students in Rata, Matai and Kauri only complete 5 of the 10 lessons. As children move through the syndicates, they will cover all 10 lessons from both unit 1 and 2 at least once.

## [Reporting of bullying](#)

**1** Students report bullying to a teacher or visit the KiVa room (Office beside Library)

**2** When students report bullying, either the teacher or KiVa teacher completes a screening form - this provides the KiVa team with information regarding the bullying.

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After one week a KiVa team teacher will meet with both students (separately) to ensure that the behaviour has changed.

**3** The screening form enables the KiVa team to decide if what has been reported is bullying or a conflict.

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Classroom teachers are informed of conflicts and they work through these issues with the students involved. Parents are contacted if necessary.

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Two KiVa team teachers complete form 3. This involves:

1. Meeting with the student who has been reported as the bully and discussing their behaviour. They are not labeled as a bully at this meeting.
2. Prompt this student to identify what they can do to change their behaviour
3. Contacting this students parents



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If an incident is deemed as bullying, a teacher from the KiVa team will complete form 2. This involves:

1. Having a discussion with the student who is being bullied and identifying a buddy that can help them
2. Contacting this students parents
3. Informing the classroom teacher of what is happening and who the students buddy is

Caine Webster

Deputy Principal

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

## **PAID UNION MEETING NEXT WEDNESDAY**

**If you would like your child/ren to finish school at 1 pm next Wednesday, 20 March, please return the permission slip at the end of this newsletter by Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March.**

There is no need to return the form if your child will be staying until 3 pm or going on to After School Care.

## **HEALTH CONSULTATION WITH PARENTS & CAREGIVERS**

The evening will be held in the staffroom on Wednesday 20 March at 7:30 pm. (Yes, it is on the same day as the teachers' paid union meeting.)

**Please RSVP to [mark@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:mark@papakowhai.school.nz) if you would like to attend.** If you are not able to attend the meeting but would like to give feedback, you are most welcome to view the information, which was at the end of last week's newsletter, and then email your feedback to [mark@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:mark@papakowhai.school.nz)

## **TECHNOLOGY FEE FOR YEAR 7 AND 8'S**

Children in Year 7 and 8 attend the Plimmerton Technology Centre on Friday mornings. During this time projects are completed and are either consumed at the centre or are brought home. The \$70 cost of these consumables is billed to us and we pass this on to parents. We do not add any of the other costs associated with the children attending the centre. We ask that the technology fee be fully paid by the end of Term 1.

## **SCHOOL PICNIC AT AOTEA LAGOON**

Our annual school picnic is on Thursday 21 March. We will walk and cycle to the lagoon to show safe walking and cycling for Moving March. Parents/Caregivers and whanau are welcome to walk or cycle with us (walkers leave school at 11:40 am and bikers at 12 noon) or you could drive to the lagoon and join us for lunch at 12:30 pm. The children do a range of activities in their whanau groups, including sharing ice-blocks together. We head back to school at 2:15 pm. Please note all bikes will be checked by Constable Susan Bush and all bikers must be 10 years and older.

## **YEAR 7 & 8'S AT CAMP**

We have heard from the teachers at camp that they are all having a great time at Teapot Valley.

## **BOT MEETING – CHANGE OF DATE AND TIME**

Instead of tonight, as advertised last week, the next BOT meeting will be held at 7:30pm on **TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> March** – please note later time

## **MOVIN' MARCH**

It has been fantastic to see so many Papakowhai School students embracing active travel and getting involved in Movin' March. We are very impressed with the number of children who are walking, cycling and scooting to and from school! Well done to the students who have already filled up and handed in a WOW passport! We have a lot of great prizes up for grabs and to be in the draw, all you need to do is complete your WOW passport card and put it into the sparkly box in the office!

Photo Competition: Another way to win some great prizes during Movin' March is the family photo competition. Snap a photo of your family's journey to school during March and post publicly on Facebook or Instagram using #movinmarch and you will be in the draw to win a family pass to a fun destination in the Wellington region.

## **HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

The Ladies Clothing Grab is on Friday 5 April at 7.30 pm. Please drop off your lightly used clothing to the office. See the information below on how to your buy tickets!



This year the Home and School committee is introducing an online ordering and payment system for events, hoodies, hats, etc.

You will need to register by following this link: <https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/>

Once you've signed up you can order tickets for the clothing grab coming up on April 5th, and pay via internet banking or credit card. You will receive an email confirmation which you can use as your ticket.

Please note that from now on no payments are to be made into the school bank account (either online or by EFTPOS) for Home and School events. If you have any issues registering or any questions about the new system please email [homeandschool@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:homeandschool@papakowhai.school.nz)

## **TAX CREDIT FOR SCHOOL DONATIONS**

The school donations qualify for the tax credit of 33.3 cents in the dollar. Amounts paid by 31 March 2019 will qualify for the 2019 tax credit. Payment can be made by direct credit to the school bank account 12-3140-0133108-01, or by EFTPOS or cash/cheque at the office. Receipts are issued for all donation payments. If you have lost your receipt or need confirmation of the amount paid please email [heather@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:heather@papakowhai.school.nz).

## **HEADING TO THE TRYATHLON ON SUNDAY?**

If you're going to Kilbirnie this Sunday for the Sanitarium Tryathlon then look out for the Papakowhai School gazebo. It will be up and ready before check in opens in the morning as a place to hang out before and after races. And remember this weekend is all about "trying" so let's support all the kids from school, and everyone have fun.

## **NEW AWARDS FOR GIFTED LEARNERS**

The government has just announced new funding opportunities for learners (or groups of learners) who are gifted or have exceptional abilities. These students can apply for awards to extend and challenge their learning and support their wellbeing. This could allow them to complete a particular project or activity in areas that may be quite different from their usual learning. Applications for the first round are now open and close on 22 March. There will be two rounds of awards each year.

For more information visit the TKI Gifted and Talented website

<https://gifted.tki.org.nz/further-support/awards/>

## **LITTLE WAGS IN-HOME DAY CARE**

Day care provision for your small pooch is now available in Papakowhai! Pick up and drop off services are available (in the Porirua area). Please visit [www.littlewags.care](http://www.littlewags.care), the Little Wags In-Home Day Care Facebook page or contact Natalie McCarthy on 021 0233 7389 or via email [littlewags2019@gmail.com](mailto:littlewags2019@gmail.com).

## **PAREPLIM JUNIOR RUGBY REGISTRATIONS**

Registrations are open online for new and returning players at [www.sporty.co.nz/parplimrugbyjnr](http://www.sporty.co.nz/parplimrugbyjnr) To complete registration you will also need to attend the club on either Thursday 14 March, 5.30 – 8 pm, Wednesday 20 March 5.30 – 8 pm (Hurricanes will be at the clubrooms) or Saturday 23 March, 9 – 11 am. As it is the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the club, each player will get a special commemorative t-shirt this year as part of their registration fee.

## **XGAMES AT DISCOVERY SCHOOL**

Discovery School are holding their XGames on Sunday 31 March from 11 am to 3 pm. Teams of 2 – 6 people work together to complete as many of the 25 activity stations around the course (there are mental, physical and even eating challenges!) This is not a competition; it's about family fun for all ages! Entries cost \$10 per person and you can register on-line at [www.discoveryxgames.co.nz](http://www.discoveryxgames.co.nz) or at their school office.

## **Are you looking for a Quality Holiday Programme?**

**April Holiday Programme @ Adventure School,  
15 – 26 April 2019**



**BOOK ONLINE NOW:** [www.asfc.co.nz](http://www.asfc.co.nz)

The holiday programme is open over the school holidays from **8 am – 5 / 5.30 pm**. The quality programme offers exciting field trips by chartered bus (e.g. visit to Laserforce, Nga Manu reserve, and more), fun games, art & craft and sport activities for primary aged children. All staff trained and police vetted and looking forward to meeting your child. For enquiries or more information please visit the website (the programme flyer is attached there). Approved by MSD and you may be eligible to receive a WINZ subsidy.

## SOME IMPORTANT DATES

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

<b>Tuesday 19</b>	Parumoana cricket
<b>Tuesday 19</b>	BOT meeting, 7.30 pm, staffroom
<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>Wednesday 20</b>	Health Consultation meeting in staffroom at 7.30 pm
<b>Thursday 21</b>	School picnic at Aotea Lagoon
<b>Friday 22</b>	Matai and Rimu Tryathlon

### **APRIL**

<b>Monday 1</b>	Rimu trip to Carter Observatory
<b>Tuesday 2</b>	Maori hui
<b>Tuesday 2</b>	Assembly, 10 am in school hall
<b>Friday 5</b>	Ladies Clothing Grab, 7.30 pm
<b>Tuesday 9</b>	Papakowhai School cross country
<b>Friday 12</b>	Last day of Term 1

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### **EARLY FINISH PERMISSION FORM**

I give permission for my child(ren) to finish at 1 pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

Child(ren)'s Name(s)

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Class(es) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Caregiver Signature

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**DO NOT RETURN THIS FORM IF YOU NEED YOUR CHILDREN TO STAY AT SCHOOL UNTIL 3PM**