



# Papakowhai School

Learning Together



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## PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 8 ● Term 1 ● 20 March 2019

Dear Parents/Caregivers

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

The evening to be held in the staffroom tonight has been **cancelled** due to only 3 RSVP's.

Parents and caregivers can instead give feedback online by going to:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PapakowhaiHealth>

The survey will be open until Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April. The survey takes about eight minutes to complete. It would be really helpful to gather your comments, questions and ideas particularly around sexuality education.

### **SCHOOL PICNIC AT AOTEA LAGOON IS ON TOMORROW**

Due to maintenance work at the Lagoon we will only be walking. There will be no bikes this year.

We will walk to the lagoon to show safe walking for Moving March. Parents/Caregivers and whanau are welcome to walk with us (we will leave at 11:45am) or you could drive to the lagoon and join us for lunch at 12:30 pm.

We will be meeting on the grass field by the playground. The children will do a range of activities in their whanau groups, including sharing ice-blocks together. We will head back to school at 2:15 pm. This event is about being and walking together so we ask that parents/caregivers collect children from school at 3pm and not from Aotea Lagoon.

Children will need:

- Lunch as normal
- A drink bottle with water
- Sunscreen
- Sunhat

- Walking shoes
- Whanau coloured clothing. Please check with your child's teacher if you are unsure of the whanau colour for your child.

It will be good to have a happy occasion to look forward to.

### **WHANAU CONSULTATION**

Please remember to RSVP to the office by Friday 29 March, [office@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:office@papakowhai.school.nz) if you are planning to attend our whanau meeting on Tuesday 2 April. We will meet at 6 pm in the staffroom for a shared meal and then from 7 to 8.30pm the adults will talk about our 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.

Kind regards

Mark Smith

Principal

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

### **RATA AND MATAI SWIM SPORTS**

The Year 1 and 2 students will be having their swim sports next week, Tuesday 26 March, at Tawa Pool. They will travel to the pool by bus; Rata will leave at 9 am (races will start at about 9.45 am) and return to school by 11.30 am. Matai will head to the pool at 10.30 am for their races to start at 11am and be back before lunch time. Parents are very welcome to head down to the pool and support the children – entry is free but please let the pool staff know that you are from Papakowhai School.

### **CROSS COUNTRY HEADS UP**

This year our cross country races are being held at the end of this term, on Tuesday 9 April. The races will begin after morning tea with our senior students and the younger students will be running after lunch. More details will follow soon.

## **PAPAKOWHAI WAKA AMA - "PAPAKOWHAI WAIRERE"**

For the first time Papakowhai entered a team into the Wellington Regional Waka Ama competition which was held at the weekend on the Porirua Harbour.

Representing Papakowhai were Phoenix Schwalger, Teuila Bennis, Georgia Ropeti, Georgia Alosio, Amelia Taatiti and Milly O'Leary. These awesome girls only had a few training sessions and two girls were new to waka ama. It was a great effort by all considering they were away on camp a week before the competition.

Massive shoutout to coaches Joseph & Sophie Ropeti and Asia Ropeti for your time and effort put into the girls. Also to Darren & Adele O'Leary for sponsoring Team Wairere!



## **RESPONSE TO FRIDAY 15TH MARCH**

A notice was sent home on Monday about this. If you want to talk further with your children, we recommend:

- Acknowledge that there had been a terrorist attack in Christchurch and that many people have been killed or injured.
- Acknowledge that many people will feel upset, angry, confused or overwhelmed by what happened.
- Ask your children how they are feeling and acknowledge that their feelings are normal and okay.
- Reassure them that they are safe at school. We cannot promise that terrible things will never happen but there are things in place to keep people safe at school.

- Acknowledge that the accused is in police custody and that the Police and emergency services did a fantastic job. Teachers and children in Christchurch school went into lock down and kept everyone safe in schools.
- Talk about positive actions to support people who are feeling sad or upset.

Please note if Papakowhai School had to go into lock down we will communicate with you on Skoolloop, email and Facebook. If you do not receive the school newsletter digitally, please urgently contact the office so we can help set that up for you.

### **HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**Women's Clothing Grab, Friday 5th April**

**7.30pm at Papakowhai School Hall**

**For only \$25 you get a glass of bubbles, light supper and 'new to you' clothes and accessories to take home.**

Ladies, clean out your wardrobes, find those gently used items of clothing and accessories you don't use

(wrong size, fit or colour) and drop them in to Papakowhai School office between 8.30-5pm school days. Some fantastic labels and some great staples have already been donated with sizes from 8-18+. Everything you donate will find a home either with someone on the night or donated afterwards to charities.

**Tickets on sale now at** <https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/>

Register your name, select event and pay online. A ticket receipt will be emailed to you. On the night bring a bag to take your new finds home in and cash for Raffles and Silent Auctions of in-demand Designer Clothes. EFTPOS will be available on the night.

**Can you help? We need Baking and Clothing Racks for the night of Friday 5th April.** Please email

[ajandkristy@gmail.com](mailto:ajandkristy@gmail.com) if you can provide either.

### **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.



## **WELCOME TO OUR LATEST ENVIRO LEADERS**

We would like to introduce our latest enviro leaders, seen in the photo below with the Senior Lead Enviro team.



New leaders absent from this photo are Mena Bornemann-Santamaria, Libby Alexander, Emily Stewart and Nadia Wellings.

## **MEASLES ADVICE FROM REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH**

There are currently no measles cases in the Greater Wellington region, but the Public Health Department has issued the following advice regarding the high demand for measles vaccine. There are sufficient supplies to maintain the scheduled MMR immunisations at ages 15 months and 4 years across New Zealand – this regime is prioritised. If you are under 50, have not received any vaccination against measles and have not had measles in the past and want to be vaccinated now: you will be vaccinated as supplies are available. People who have had one dose of MMR vaccine and would like a second are being asked to wait a couple of weeks (95% of people after 1 dose will be protected against measles, the second dose increases this to 99%). If you have any questions around measles and vaccination, information can be found at the websites of Regional Public Health ([www.rpf.org.nz](http://www.rpf.org.nz)), the Ministry of Health ([www.health.govt.nz/measles](http://www.health.govt.nz/measles)) or the Immunisation Advisory Centre ([www.immune.org.nz](http://www.immune.org.nz)).

## **MOVIN' MARCH**

We are super excited about our picnic trip down to Aotea Lagoon tomorrow. It would be great if you could join us and get 'moving' too!

Art Challenge - Our students will be participating in the Movin' March Art Challenge! A street scene template of Jack the Kākā's journey to school has been designed for our tamariki to colour in – there's also space to get extra creative by adding in your own journey to school. Vouchers & Prezzy cards are up for grabs.

## **FUTURE PROBLEMS CLUB REGISTRATION**

Future Problem Solving (FPS) registration forms are available in the school office now. Please return them to school by Friday, 22nd March. Any questions, contact: [sarah.ayora@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.ayora@gmail.com)

## **KINDLING FOR SALE!**

Freshly chopped by Ngatio Toa scouts, kindling is available to buy on Saturday 23 March, 10 am to 4 pm, at the Ngati Toa Scout den on Ngati Toa domain. Come and pick up a pre-packed bag or box or bring your own container and pay for what you take – costs only \$1 per kilo. All proceeds go towards getting the troop to the New Zealand Jamboree in December.

## **WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME AN IN-HOME EDUCATOR?**

At **Barnardos Early Learning** they are passionate about children! The dedicated home-based Educators



**Barnardos**  
Early Learning

provide high quality education and care for children from 6 weeks - 5 years. They are looking for new Educators now and offer you free Level 4 training and many other resources. If you would like to become part of their dynamic team, and work from home as an Educator, please text or call Claire Pavitt, Early Learning Consultant, on 027 201 4165 or email [claire.pavitt@barnardos.org.nz](mailto:claire.pavitt@barnardos.org.nz). Claire will run through the process for you and can answer any questions.

## **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.

**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>Thursday 21</b>	School picnic at Aotea Lagoon
<b>Friday 22</b>	Matai and Rimu Tryathlon
<b>Tuesday 26</b>	Rata and Matai Swim Sports
<b>Tuesday 26</b>	Parumoana cricket tournament
<b>Thursday 28</b>	Kauri trip to Wellington

**APRIL**

<b>Monday 1</b>	Rimu trip to Carter Observatory
<b>Tuesday 2</b>	Whanau 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