



Papakowhai School

Learning Together



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PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Social Skill – Friendship

Everybody needs friends. To have friends you have to be a good friend. Making friends (and keeping them) are important life skills to have.



Social Skills

Friendship is a skill that can and should be taught at a young age. Children are not born with social skills, so they need your help to teach them how to interact successfully with their peers. Friendships help children to develop emotionally and morally. When interacting with friends, children learn many social skills, such as how to communicate, co-operate and solve problems.

What can whanau do to help their children make friends?

- Provide your children with opportunities to spend time with other children. Invite children to your house to play or let your child participate in clubs, classes, or teams. Older children may want to talk with their friends on the phone, social media or through messaging. Always set rules for using these methods of communication with your child.
- Help your child learn sports and games. This is important for school-age children as it makes it easier to join in and have fun if they already know the basic skills and rules.
- Explain what good friends do, such as being trustworthy, spending time with each other, they cheer you up when you are sad.
- Discuss tough friendship situations – children sometimes find themselves in situations where they

don't know how to behave. Being able to manage feelings and solve problems are important skills of getting along with others.

- Be a good role model – children learn from their parents about how to interact with other people.

Kind regards

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ROBBIE FRUEAN SHIELD CHAMPIONS

Well done to the Papakowhai School team who won the Robbie Fruean Shield Competition today. This is a Porirua wide competition. Our team were amazing! Thank you to John Schwalger and Clint Phelps for coaching the team.



SUBWAY – FRIDAY 29 March

Due to a breakdown there will be NO Subway orders this week. If orders have already been placed they will be kept for next week. Subway apologise for the inconvenience.

BOOK THE DATE - CROSS COUNTRY

This year our cross country races are being held 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.

HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Women's Clothing Grab, Friday 5th April
7.30pm at Papakowhai School Hall.

Have you got your tickets yet? The Ladies Clothing Grab is on next Friday!

For only \$25 you get a glass of bubbles, light supper and 'new to you' clothes and

accessories to take home. Ladies, find those gently used items of clothing and accessories you don't need and drop them in to Papakowhai School office.

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



scan the QR code to buy. Everyone who purchases tickets before Thursday 4th April will go in the draw to win an awesome Moana Road Bag!



Can you help? We need Baking and Clothing Racks for the night of Friday 5th April. Please email ajandkristy@gmail.com if you can provide either.

We'd also like to thank our amazing businesses that have donated raffle and auction prizes including Louis Sergeant Sweet Couture, Elements Hairdressers, Room of Beauty Aotea, The Bodyshop Porirua, Body by Science, Magpie at Paremata, Whitby Co-Op, Mana Pharmacy, Lighthouse Cinema Pauatahanui, Parka Insurances, Norwex and Scentsy. Also Marty and Paula Ritchie from Harcourts for sponsoring the event.

Check out our H&S FB page for more updates and information

HEALTH CONSULTATION WITH PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

Parents and caregivers can give feedback online by going to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PapakowhaiHealth>

The survey will be open until Friday 5th 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.

WHANAU CONSULTATION

Please remember to RSVP to the office (office@papakowhai.school.nz) by this Friday, 29 March, if you are planning to attend our whanau meeting on Tuesday 2 April at 6.00 to 8.30pm. Copies of the notice are available in the office.

ASSEMBLY NEXT WEEK – TUESDAY 2 APRIL

We are holding a school assembly on Tuesday in the hall from 10 am. The classes sharing their work with us are Rata 2, Matai 1, Rimu 2, Totara 3 and Kauri 1. New entrants that have joined us since the 26th February will be presented with their welcome certificates by Mr Smith.

SCHOOL SORES (IMPETIGO)

We have had a confirmed case of school sores in Rata. This is a common bacterial skin condition that is very infectious and spreads rapidly. It can be easily treated with antibiotics. The infection starts through a break in the skin (scratch, graze or insect bite) and causes blisters that burst, leaving a red, weeping wound that crusts over. The fluid is very infectious so frequent handwashing is encouraged to reduce spread. Children are infectious for as long as there is fluid weeping from the sores but can return to school after 24 hours of starting antibiotic treatment.

NORTH PORIRUA ART EXHIBITION

A number of Papakowhai children have work on display at Pataka. If you are down in the city centre pop into the gallery to have a look.



Northern Porirua Kāhui Ako
Warmly invite you to celebrate the
opening of the exhibition:

Porirua, My Place

on **Thursday 21st March at 4.30pm**
Mihi Whākatau from 4:30pm

The exhibition runs from
22 March – 28 April 2019

Bottle Creek Gallery, Pātaka Art + Museum
Cnr Norrie and Parumoana Streets,
Porirua City

Artwork images courtesy Northern Porirua Kāhui Ako

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Cnr Norrie and Parumoana Streets,
Porirua City, www.pataka.org.nz

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LOST PROPERTY – SCHOOL HOODIES We have 4 un-named Papakowhai School hoodies at the office; two size 8's, one size 10 and one size 12. Please check if your child has theirs and please name them as we cannot return them if not named.

MOVIN' MARCH

This is the last week to complete your WOW passport and pop it into the box in the office to be in to win prizes. You can hand in your passport even if you have not completely filled it.

The colouring competition is also closing on Friday so please make sure you get your entries in – there is a box in the office for these too. All passports and colouring competition entries must be handed in by next Monday (1st April) at the latest to be eligible for prizes.

Kirsty Barr from Greater Wellington Council joined us last week when we had a fun time walking to Aotea Lagoon for our school picnic. It was a great way to celebrate Movin' March and promote it to our neighbourhood. Below are a few pictures from the day.





PUKERUA BAY SCHOOL GALA

The annual Pukerua Bay School gala is being held on Saturday, 30 March, from 11am – 3 pm. Head along to enjoy crafts, a bouncy castle, ride-on animals, delicious food and more.

BELLYFUL PORIRUA FUNDRAISER

Bellyful Porirua are running a scavenger hunt, throughout the month of April, around Porirua and Tawa. Complete 10 free fun activities and go into the draw to win one of 3 great kids prize packs. Pre-order your family ticket (only \$15) by emailing fundraising.porirua@bellyful.org.nz or purchase (from April 1) at the Plimmerton Deli, 15B Steyne Ave or from the Get Fixed Bicycle café at the harbour's edge in Porirua. For further information please visit their Facebook page, Bellyful Porirua.

TAWA JUNIOR HOCKEY REGISTRATIONS

Registrations for Kiwi Hockey 2019 are now open. Please fill in the form at the following link

<https://goo.gl/forms/UNnK9jGYKf8MPe8Q2>

Registrations will close at the end of Term 1

Any questions or for further information , please contact

info@tawajuniorhockey.org.nz

FREE GIRLS CRICKET

Cricket Wellington is running a free girls cricket programme at Mana Indoor Cricket Centre on Monday 1st and Monday 8th of April from 4 – 5 pm. It is aimed at girls of all abilities who are aged 8-14 years. The aim is to get girls active, have fun and try out a new sport in a social, safe environment. For more information please visit www.yeahgirls.nz, or contact Bridget Marston 0278486655 or email bridget@cricketwellington.co.nz

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES
ADVENTURE SCHOOL, 15 – 26 APRIL 2019



BOOK ONLINE NOW: 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.

WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL APRIL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Looking for things to do over the school holidays? WCC have school holiday programmes at Tawa Recreation centre and the ASB Centre in Wellington and various other sites throughout the Wellington region, including the Botanic Gardens and Otari-Wilton Bush. For further information on the programmes and how to book, please visit www.wellington.govt.nz/recreation/stuff-for-kids/school-holidays

SOME IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH Movin' March runs from 1- 29th March

Thursday 28	Kauri trip to Wellington
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APRIL

Monday 1	Rimu trip to Carter Observatory
Tuesday 2	Whanau hui 6pm staffroom
Tuesday 2	Assembly, 10am in school hall
Thursday 4	Year 7 vision screening
Friday 5	Ladies Clothing Grab, 7.30 pm
Tuesday 9	Papakowhai School cross country
Wednesday 10	BOT meeting 7pm Staffroom
Friday 12	Last day of Term 1
Monday 28	First day of Term 2