



Papakowhai School

Learning Together



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PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 1 ● Term 2 ● 1 May 2019

Dear Parents/Caregivers

PAID UNION MEETING MONDAY 6TH MAY

NZEI have called a paid union meeting for teachers on Monday 6th May. **We would like as many children as possible to be collected at 1pm.** Please see later in the newsletter for more details and the return form.

FAREWELL FOR MR J

After 28 years of service at Papakowhai School Mr Richard Johnson is finishing on Friday May 10th.

There will be a farewell assembly for Mr J on Thursday 9th May at 2:30pm in the hall. There will be a song played by our school band.

We are very grateful to Richard for the many years he has contributed to our school and community.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES TRIENNIAL ELECTIONS JUNE 7TH 2019

Every state and state integrated school in New Zealand is currently undergoing a trustee election process.

At our school we are looking for **FIVE** community trustees. Parents, caregivers and people from the wider community can put their name forward to be on a school board during the board of trustee elections.

The full list of who is ineligible to stand in the election as a candidate is on the nomination form.

If you require further information about becoming a trustee or to learn more about trustee elections visit:

www.trustee-election.co.nz or contact the NZ School Trustees Association on: 0800 353 284 or email electionsAdvice@nzsta.org.nz

Nomination forms will be sent home next week with the newsletter. Nominations close at noon on Friday 24th May 2019.

What is a school board of trustees?

Almost all state and state integrated schools in New Zealand have a board of trustees. School board membership includes parent representatives, a staff representative and the principal.

What do trustees do?

Trustees on a school board of trustees work together to make sure every child/ tamariki reaches their highest possible standard in educational achievement. As part of that key responsibility, here are some of the things boards do:

- Work with the principal and consult with staff, students and the community
- Set the educational goals and strategic direction of the school
- Monitor progress and let parents know how the school is progressing against its annual targets and how well students are achieving
- Decide how the school's funding will be spent
- Support the school's principal and support the development of all staff
- Oversee the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum and administration.
- Ensures that the educational needs and aspirations of Maori learners, Pasifika learners and learners with special learning and behaviour needs are identified, planned for and met.
- Fulfils the intent of the Treaty of Waitangi by valuing and reflecting New Zealand's dual cultural heritage.
- Appoints the principal and assesses their performance.

What skills do trustees need?

Trustees are active leaders in their schools and need to work well in a team, ask challenging questions and have good communications skills. Boards need a balance of skills and experiences around the table to ensure effective processes for planning, monitoring, reporting and reviewing of the school's performance are in place.

What help do school trustees get?

New Zealand School Trustees Association provides free advice around employment and governance, support and resources. NZSTA also provides a variety of professional development opportunities for trustees.

Kind regards

Mark Smith

Principal

mark@papakowhai.school.nz

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

There is a BOT meeting in the staffroom on Wednesday 15 May, from 7 pm.

PAID UNION MEETING MONDAY 6TH MAY

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We would like as many children as possible to finish school at 1 pm on the day of the paid union meeting.

We will provide supervision for those staying on for After School Care or who cannot finish at 1 pm. All children staying until 3pm will be in Rata block for the afternoon.

Rata children will only be released to parents. All other children with permission to finish early will be dismissed by their teacher at 1 pm.

If you need your children to stay at school until 3pm you don't need to do anything. If you are willing for your children to finish at 1 pm please return the permission slip from the end of this newsletter to the office ASAP or email office@papakowhai.school.nz

BOOK CHARACTER DRESS-UP DAY

This year our Dress-Up as your Favourite Book Character day will be held on Wednesday 29 May. This will coincide with our visit from Des Hunt who will be talking to Totara and Kauri Blocks.

POWHIRI FOR NEW FAMILIES

A powhiri for new families will be held at 9:20am on Thursday 23rd May. An invitation to new families will be sent home today with the newsletter. If you don't receive one please contact the office.

HOMEWORK POLICY

Thank you for your recent feedback on Homework at Papakowhai School. The Homework policy has now been updated.

Homework should supplement classroom learning and give teachers an opportunity to establish positive learning links with the home.

Be sufficiently flexible to be responsive to the needs of the learner

GUIDELINES

1. It is expected that all children at Papakowhai School will complete homework.
2. Teachers will be responsible for setting the homework and for checking it that it has been completed weekly or fortnightly.
3. If there is no homework set for a particular week, teachers should notify parents in writing.
4. Parents should notify the teacher if their child is unable to complete homework.
5. No child should be required to work longer than 30 minutes daily on homework.
6. If children do not complete their homework teachers will communicate this with the parents. There will be no other consequence or requirement to complete homework during break times.
7. Regular reading at home is the main activity for homework.

All students will:

- Read for 10-30 minutes, 4-5 times per week.
 - This can include reading silently
 - Reading to an adult
 - Being read to.
- Keep a reading log signed by parent or caregiver and return it to school for checking.
- Have the option to do online tasks such as Reading Eggs or Mathletics
- Have the option to do home based learning tasks

HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING.

The next Home and School meeting will be held in the staffroom on Tuesday May 7th at 7.15pm. We love to see new faces, so if you are interested in seeing what we are about please come along and join us.



QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND

School will be closed on Monday 3rd June for the public holiday and Tuesday 4th June for the mid-term break.

SWIM SPORTS FOR RIMU, TOTARA AND KAURI

The swim sports for Rimu, Totara and Kauri will be held at Cannons Creek pool from Week 5 of this term. Kauri will be swimming on Tuesday 28 May, Totara on Wednesday 5 June and Rimu on Wednesday 12 June. Events will start at 10am on each date.

2019 GREAT KIWI ENGLISH, MATHS AND SCIENCE PAPERS.

The University of Canterbury Centre for Assessment and Monitoring (UCCAM) is again running the great Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science competitions for Primary, Intermediate and Secondary schools. The Kiwi competitions are written by New Zealand teachers and are based on the New Zealand curriculum. The online competitions will be completed during the last 3 weeks of Term 2 and the first week of Term 3. All participating students will be awarded a certificate. The cost is \$9 per competition entered. **Entries for all papers close on Friday 17 May. The entry fee is \$9 per subject and students must return the signed permission slip, with payment, to sit these papers.** Please complete the slip and return to the Office. Payment can be made by cash, EFTPOS, cheque or internet banking (please see permission slip for details).

ARTY FARTY KIDS - CLASSES FOR TERM 2

Monday evenings (starting 6 May) – ‘Cartooning fun!’
Sunday afternoon (starting 19 May), parent and child class – ‘Getting confident with colour’

To book or for further details please contact Sara on office.artyfartykids@gmail.com or 022 174 8558. Limited places are available so get in quick!

PARENT FEEDBACK ON MOVIN'MARCH

Movin'March was a month-long event organised by Greater Wellington Regional and local Councils to encourage students to walk or wheel to school. To help them improve the programme, please complete Greater Wellington's **parent survey** before it closes on **Monday 20th May**. Respondents can go in the draw to **win a \$100 Prezzy card!** The link for the parent survey is: http://inform.gw.govt.nz/MM_parentsurvey2019.aspx

Your help is appreciated as your comments will help them to encourage more students to walk and wheel to school.

SEA SCOUTS QUIZ NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Some of our students belong to the Ngati Toa Sea Scouts group and are fundraising to get to the Scout Jamboree at the end of the year. The group are running a quiz night at the 1841 Bar & Restaurant this Sunday, 5 May, from 7-9.30pm. \$15 per ticket. Come along and be part of a team!

Please contact Seren at seren.graeme@xtra.co.nz if you would like tickets. Thank you for your support.

WELLINGTON NORTH BADMINTON

Term 2 programmes for juniors, from beginners through to more experienced players, are open for bookings. For full details on the programmes or to book you can visit their website and find the information under Junior Programmes / Clubs at: <https://wnba.org.nz/programmes-events/junior-badminton/>

SOME IMPORTANT DATES

MAY - Dental van arrives on 1st May for 4 weeks

Monday 6	Paid Union meeting, school finishes early at 1 pm
Tuesday 7	Home and School meeting, 7 pm, staffroom
Wednesday 8	Totara 1 & 3 trip to zoo
Thursday 9	Totara 2 & 4 trip to zoo
Wednesday 15	BOT meeting, 7 pm, staffroom

Friday 17	UCCAM entries close
Wednesday 22	Young Leaders Day
Thursday 23	Powhiri, 9.20 am, in school hall.
Tuesday 28	Kauri Swim sports, Cannons Creek pool, from 10 am
Wednesday 29	Book Character Dress-up day
Thursday 30	Assembly, 10am, school hall

JUNE

Monday 3	Queens Birthday – school closed
Monday 4	Teacher Only day – school closed
Wednesday 5	Totara swim sports, Cannons Creek pool, from 10 am
Wednesday 12	Rimu swim sports, Cannons Creek pool, from 10 am

UCCAM ENTRY FORM for Science, English and Maths papers (Year 5-8 students only)

Form and payment to be received by Friday 17 May at latest.

I give permission for my child/ren to participate in the following 2019 UCCAM competitions:

CHILD'S NAME	CLASS	SUBJECT	Fee (\$9)

I enclose \$_____ (\$9 per subject)

OR

I have paid by EFTPOS on _____

OR

I have paid by internet banking (12-3140-0133108-01) on _____

Please state child's name and 'UCCAM'.

Parent/caregivers signature: _____

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EARLY FINISH PERMISSION FORM**

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EARLY FINISH PERMISSION FORM

I give permission for my child(ren) to finish at 1 pm on Monday 6th May.

Child(ren)'s Name(s)

Class(es)

Parent Caregiver Signature

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