



# Papakowhai School

Learning Together



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## PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

### **FAREWELL FOR MR J**

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

There will be a farewell assembly for Mr J **tomorrow** at 2:30 pm 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 7 2019**

Today each family will receive a nomination form for the upcoming school trustees' elections.

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.

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

There is a BOT meeting in the staffroom on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May, from 7 pm. Please note the change of day.

### **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 Units 1 and 2 at least once.

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.
3. The screening form enables the KiVa team to decide if what has been reported is bullying or a conflict.
4. Classroom teachers are informed of conflicts and they work through these issues with the students involved. Parents are contacted if necessary.
5. If an incident is deemed as bullying, a teacher from the KiVa team will complete a second form.

This involves:

- Having a discussion with the student who is being bullied and identifying a buddy that can help them
- Contacting this student's parents
- Informing the classroom teacher of what is happening and who the student's buddy is

6. Two KiVa team teachers complete a third form.

This involves:

- Meeting with the student who has been reported as the bully and discussing their behaviour. They are not labelled as a bully at this meeting.
- Prompt this student to identify what they can do to change their behaviour

- Contacting this student's parents
7. After one week a KiVa team teacher will meet with both students (separately) to ensure that the behaviour has changed.

### **LIT QUIZ WINNERS!**

Papakowhai School are the Wellington Regional Lit Quiz Champions for 2019! In a nail biting sudden death finish, the Papakowhai A team of Avah Price, David Ayora, Aiden Harrison and Oliver Sue snatched victory. This means that they now go on to represent Wellington at the national final later this month. Congratulations also go to our Papakowhai B team of Ben Cory-Wright, Harold Sanders, Jack Jenkins and Emily Frater. A big thank you to Judy Munro for coaching the all children.



### **BOOK CHARACTER DRESS-UP DAY - UPDATE**

This year our Dress-Up day was due be held on Wednesday 29 May. This may be postponed as it might coincide with industrial action. We will update with further details next week.

### **POWHIRI FOR NEW FAMILIES**

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

## **HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

The Home and School Committee has some exciting events coming up. The 2019 disco is on Friday 14th June with an "Under the Sea" theme. The junior disco for students from Rata, Matai and Rimu and will run from 5.00pm to 6.30pm. The senior disco for students from Kauri and Totara will run from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. More information will be coming home with children soon.



Reusable produce bags will also be available soon for sale - \$15 for 5 bags. These are useful for reducing waste and avoiding plastic bags. Keep an eye on the Home and School Facebook page and future newsletters for more information about these activities and how to use the new Kindo payment system.

School hoodie orders are open again until 31 May. Sample sizes and order forms are available at the office and the order form is repeated at the end of this newsletter.

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.

## **QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND**

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

## **SWIM SPORTS FOR RIMU, TOTARA AND KAURI**

The swim sports for Rimu (Year 3/4), Totara (Year 5/6 – this includes the Year 6's in Kauri) and Kauri (Year 7/8) will be held at Cannons Creek pool from Week 5 of this term. Year 7/8's will be swimming on Tuesday 28 May, Year 5/6's on Wednesday 5 June and Year 3/4's on Wednesday 12 June. Events will start at 10am on each date.

## **DEVELOPING OUTSIDE PLAY SPACES**

There are exciting developments to our outdoor play spaces currently in progress. The BOT have undertaken these initiatives to enhance the play areas when the field is closed over the winter months.

We have built a new sandpit for our junior children at the top of the Rimu steps. This will be open when the new cover arrives.

We are making the “Rainbow Track” an all-weather track. The children love walking across the bank behind Kauri block. This is great in the summer, but when winter comes it all turns to mud. Due to the increased roll, several parts of the bank have also become eroded. The work currently being done will mean the children can use the track all year round and includes health and safety improvements.

The bank at the south end is also being shaped and flattened so that children can also play there all year round. The track and play area will have base course material put down to stop children slipping in the mud.

We are also going to put in a cycle track around the field. This will be a 1.5m wide track around the field perimeter. This will be a concrete track so it can be used for scooters and bikes.

The last project we are undertaking is the removal of the sandpit by the Rata playground and the old metal bars. This will be replaced by a new playground within the existing bark surround.

This is our preferred design.



We had also hoped to connect the two playgrounds on the bottom field with a new piece of equipment and new bark surround but this does not currently fit within our 2019 budget. If you have feedback on the playground or the bike track, please contact Mark Smith.

## **HEALTH CONSULTATION SUMMARY 2019**

Thank you to the parents who recently responded to our health survey. We had 49 responses.

### **Mental Health Education**

Overall satisfaction: 96% satisfied or neutral

Satisfaction with Kiva: 80% satisfied

#### *Key Comments*

- Parents want more information about how Kiva works
- Kiva doesn't seem to be effective when dealing with children who repeatedly hit other children
- Nasty talk needs more attention
- Mindfulness is positive but people don't want meditation
- Bullying is dealt with well by the school. Parents are pleased we are a KiVa school
- Some parents would like to see more of a punishment for bullying
- Anxiety is real and growing issue

### **Sexuality Education**

Satisfaction with the change to the new curriculum: 80% satisfied or neutral

Satisfaction with the change from a Year 7/8 programme to a Year 1- 8 programme: 80% satisfied or neutral

#### *Key Comments*

- Some concerns about the content for Year 5's. The Level 3/4 material is quite in depth for 9 year olds
- Would like to see boundaries around answering children's questions
- Need to equip parents to be part of the process – parents don't want to be excluded
- People were happy with stereotype discussions but not gender identity/confusion discussions
- People did not want an over emphasis on feelings as they can be unreliable

### **Food and Nutrition Education**

Overall satisfaction: 96% satisfied or neutral

#### *Key comments*

- Parents want some teaching on allergies
- Parents like brain food and cooking at school

- People don't want lollies being given as treats

### **Body Care and Safety Education**

Overall satisfaction 98% satisfied or neutral

#### *Key comments*

- Parents liked the Keeping Ourselves Safe information that was sent home last year
- People appreciate the road safety education we do
- People want a focus on sunscreen as well as sunhats

### **Physical Education and Sports**

Overall satisfaction: 96% satisfied or neutral

#### **Key comments**

- People recognise the growing strength and range of sports at Papakowhai
- Some do not value the Easy Swim programme
- Some variability in the amount of sport among teachers
- School events are well run
- Some parents would still like to see more sport and an increased range of sports

### **EOTC**

Overall satisfaction: 100% satisfied or neutral

#### *Key comments*

- Camps are awesome and the trips are well worth it
- Could be more engagement with the community and trips for younger students

## SOME IMPORTANT DATES

**MAY** - Dental van arrives on 1<sup>st</sup> May for 4 weeks

<b>Thursday 9</b>	Totara 2 & 4 trip to zoo
<b>Tuesday 14</b>	BOT meeting, 7 pm, staffroom
<b>Friday 17</b>	UCCAM entries close
<b>Wednesday 22</b>	Young Leaders Day
<b>Thursday 23</b>	Powhiri, 9.20 am, in school hall.
<b>Tuesday 28</b>	Kauri Swim sports (Year 7/8 only), Cannons Creek pool, from 10 am
<b>Thursday 30</b>	Assembly, 10am, school hall

## **JUNE**

<b>Monday 3</b>	Queen's Birthday – school closed
<b>Monday 4</b>	Teacher Only day – school closed
<b>Wednesday 5</b>	Totara + Kauri Year 6 swim sports, Cannons Creek pool, from 10 am
<b>Wednesday 12</b>	Rimu swim sports, Cannons Creek pool, from 10 am



**THE 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 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 next 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).

**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: \_\_\_\_\_



**PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL HOODIE/HAT ORDER FORM  
(ORDERS CLOSE FRIDAY 31 MAY)**

STUDENT NAME/S AND CLASS/ES

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PARENTS NAME AND CONTACT NUMBER

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ITEM	PRICE	SIZE/S	QUANTITY	TOTAL PRICE
SCHOOL HOODIE SIZE 6, 8, 10, 12, 14	\$55 EACH			
NAVY BLUE BUCKET HAT SIZE 55CM, 57CM, 59CM, 61CM	\$22 EACH			
YELLOW BUCKET HAT SIZE 55CM, 57CM, 59CM, 61CM	\$22 EACH			
			<b>TOTAL TO PAY</b>	

\$..... cash/cheque enclosed

\$..... paid by EFTPOS at the school office on  
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\$..... paid by internet banking to Papakowhai Home and  
School Committee 12-3478-0060954-00 on.....  
Please reference with your name and 'Hoodie order'