



Papakowhai School

Learning Together



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PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 4 ● Term 2 ● 22 May 2019

Dear Parents/Caregivers

RAINBOW REOPEN!

We are excited to announce the Rainbow track is re-opened. You are welcome to come in the weekends and enjoy it. Please remember there is no digging in the banks and no bikes. (The bike track on the field is coming in July!)



READATHON

Today you will receive a Readathon booklet. If you don't, please contact your child's teacher or the school office. Papakowhai School is holding a Readathon for the month of June to raise money for a new bike track. We are aiming to raise \$15,000 towards the bike/scooter track and the remainder will be paid from BOT funds.

The Bike track will be constructed in the July School holidays. The Board of Trustees have committed \$100,000 to upgrade outdoor play spaces in 2019. This includes: a new sandpit, improved Rainbow track, outdoor seating, all-weather access to grass bank play areas, a new junior playground and a bike/scooter track.

Children need to keep a reading log throughout the month of June. If they fill out a reading log in their homework or communication book I would appreciate it if you could take a moment to fill in both logs.

You can choose how you want to sponsor.

- A set amount
- An amount per book read
- An amount per time spent reading

There will be a prize for the top reader in each class and the class that raises the most money.

Please return the completed reading log and money to the office by Friday 5th July.

STRIKE ACTION WEDNESDAY 29TH MAY

The Papakowhai School Board of Trustees need to advise you that, unless there is a breakthrough in the Teacher collective contract negotiations, **school will be closed on Wednesday 29th May for the whole day. There will be no After School or Before School Care available on these days.** Please make alternative child care arrangements. Teachers in all primary and secondary school across New Zealand will be taking industrial action on this day.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE PAKOWHAI SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES TRIENNIAL ELECTIONS NEED TO BE AT SCHOOL BY NOON THIS FRIDAY, 24TH MAY.

If you need more information or a nomination form please contact Diana Parker in the office or email dianap@papakowhai.school.nz .

Kind regards
Mark Smith
Principal

SEESAW JOURNALS

We hope that you are all enjoying your children's SeeSaw journals so far this year. Thank you to all those of you who regularly read announcements and make comments on your children's work - we really appreciate it.

At the moment as teachers we are working on embedding the language of learning in our classrooms, particularly around Writing. Children are being encouraged to caption their posts (either written or verbally) with a statement about what they have been focusing on and what they would like to achieve next. Many classrooms have been using sentence starters to help with this.

To make further progress with this we would love **your** help. As the audience for our journals, it's important that we are engaging in learning conversations with you as well. We would appreciate it if whānau could respond (particularly to Writing posts) with specific feedback for children. We even have sentence starters for you to help with the process!

"My favourite part of your writing was..."

"I love how you have been working on..."

"I am proud of how..."

"I was wondering if..."

"I can't wait to see..."

"Have you thought about..."

If you can think of a question to ask which your child could then answer, that would be fantastic too - it will keep the conversation alive!

Hopefully, with your support, we can continue to deepen learning conversations both in-class and at home. Thanks for your help with this.

POWHIRI FOR NEW FAMILIES

A powhiri for new families will be held tomorrow, Thursday 23rd May. Please meet in the staffroom at 9 am.

PINK SHIRT DAY

Our school raised \$428.90 for the Pink Shirt Day held last Friday. Thank you everyone.

HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The 2019 Papakowhai School disco is on Friday 14th June with an "Under the Sea" theme. The junior disco is for students from Rata, Matai and Rimu and will run from 5.00pm to 6.30pm. The senior disco is for students from Kauri and Totara will run from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. Go to mykindo (<https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop>) to purchase tickets, food, and merchandise. Parent help is needed to make this night great for the students so please also register on mykindo your offer to help.



School hoodie orders are open 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.

The next Home and School Committee meeting is Wednesday 5th June at 7.15pm in the staffroom. Anyone is welcome to attend.

ASSEMBLY THURSDAY 30 MAY

Our first Term 2 assembly will be held at 10 am on Thursday 30 May in the school hall. The classes sharing their work will be **Rata 4, Matai 2, Rimu 4, Totara 4 and Kauri 3**. The new entrants that have joined us this term will also be presented with their welcome certificates.

PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL ART

Schools across the Parumoana Region were asked to submit a range of art for an exhibition at Pataka last term. These children had their art chosen from our school: Dana Shpilman, Charlie Stratford, Sacha Herd, Grace Beets and Charlie Nation. Also represented were past pupils Emily Bunton and Hannah Coulston. Charlie Nation's art has also gone on to be displayed at the Ministry of Education for Term 2.

The art has now been returned and may be viewed on the wall in the school office. Well done to these children.

SWIM SPORTS FOR RIMU, TOTARA AND KAURI

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.

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.

CHILD SITTING

Former Papakowhai school students Jennifer (15) and Rebecca (16) are keen to help with child-sitting in the Papakowhai/Aotea area. They are reliable and really good with younger kids – Jennifer is very musical and Rebecca very artistic and an illustrator.

Available weekend evenings and some week evenings. Also available for the teachers strike day on 29th May!

Please contact either: Mark - 029 283 0859 or Andrea - 021 058 3934

AOTEA COLLEGE OPEN EVENING

Aotea College are holding their open evening on Wednesday 12 June. There will be 2 sessions; 3.30 – 5 pm and 6 – 7.30 pm.

Due to pressure of numbers, a limit of 10 out of zone places are available for Year 9 enrolments for 2020.

Please note the following important dates for out of zone enrolments for 2020:

Out of zone applications must be received by Monday 29th July 2019 to be included in the ballot.

A ballot, if required, will be held on Friday 9th August. Parents will be notified of results by Wednesday 14th August.

For further information, phone the enrolment officer, Debbie Allan, on 2373166 ext 822 or email

aln@aotea.school.nz

NATHAN WALLIS – ENGAGE YOUR BRAIN

Nathan Wallis, host of the documentary “All in the Mind” and co-host of the TV Series “The Secret life of Girls” is coming to Adventure School, Whitby to give a presentation about play based learning and children's brain development on Monday 27 May, 7.30 – 9 pm. Tickets will be in demand and are available to purchase from www.eventfinda.co.nz/2019/engage-your-brain-whitby/porirua-mana

TOPP TWINS 'GO COUNTRY' AT STAGLANDS WILDLIFE RESERVE

On Monday 3rd June, Queen’s Birthday Weekend, NZ icons, the Topp Twins, ‘Go Country’ at Staglands Wildlife Reserve as part of an Expressions Exhibition that Staglands are proudly supporting! Head along to The Barn from 12-2pm for a meet & greet, fabulous photo opportunity and some general shenanigans! Normal admission charges to Staglands apply. Further details available on their website www.staglands.co.nz/latest-news/staglands-wildlife

SOME IMPORTANT DATES

MAY - Dental van arrives on 1st May

Thursday 23	Powhiri, 9.20 am, in school hall.
Friday 24	Nominations for Board of Trustees must be received by 12 noon today
Tuesday 28	Kauri Swim sports (Year 7/8 only), Cannons Creek pool, from 10 am
Wednesday 29	Nationwide Teachers Strike
Thursday 30	Assembly, 10am, school hall

JUNE – Our READATHON runs all month

Monday 3	Queen's Birthday – school closed
Tuesday 4	Teacher Only day – school closed
Wednesday 5	Totara + Kauri Year 6 swim sports, Cannons Creek pool, from 10 am
Wednesday 5	Year 8's – first Gardasil vaccination
Wednesday 5	Home & School committee meeting 7.15 pm, in the staffroom
Tuesday 11	Parumoana cross country
Wednesday 12	Rimu swim sports, Cannons Creek pool, from 10 am

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

STUDENT NAME/S AND CLASS/ES

PARENTS NAME AND CONTACT NUMBER

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			
			TOTAL TO PAY	

\$..... cash/cheque enclosed

\$..... paid by EFTPOS at the school office on

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