



Papakowhai School

Learning Together



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PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 5 ● Term 2 ● 28 May 2019

Tālofa Lava

Warm Pacific greetings to you for Samoan Language Week!

READATHON

Last week we sent out a Readathon booklet. If you don't have one, 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.

Children need to keep a reading log throughout the month of June.

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.

VOTING FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Congratulations Papakowhai School Community, we have 10 nominations for our School Board elections! Thank you to all our candidates for putting their names forward.

This week you will receive voting papers in the mail for our BOT election. If you do not receive your voting papers by Friday 31st May please contact Diana Parker in the school office or email dianap@papakowhai.school.nz You will also receive statements from each of the candidates.

Voting closes at noon on Friday 7th June 2019.

If you are posting your voting paper, you must use the enclosed envelope, affix a stamp and post it to: Returning Officer, Papakowhai School, Spey Place, Papakowhai

5024. Your vote will not be counted unless the envelope is **postmarked before the day of the election, Friday 7th June**, and received by the returning officer not later than five days after the date of the election. Please post it as soon as possible as New Zealand Post has reduced the frequency of its mail delivery service.

If you are delivering your voting paper, please ensure that it is **delivered before noon on Friday 7th June** in the enclosed envelope. It should be placed in the B.O.T. votes box in the school office.

STRIKE ACTION ON WEDNESDAY 29 MAY - SCHOOL CLOSED

School will be closed tomorrow, Wednesday. There is no supervision for children at school. Our Before and After School Care service will not be running.

We greatly appreciate the community support that we have already received following the decision by teachers and principals to strike on Wednesday 29th May.

The decision to take further strike action was not taken lightly by any of us. For the first time, both primary and secondary teachers are striking together.

Teachers are striking for a significant pay jolt, improvements to workloads and more support for children with additional needs.

ENJOY THE LONG WEEKEND

Please also remember that Monday 3rd June is a public holiday and Tuesday 4th June is a teacher only day. School will be closed both days with no supervision for children at school. Our Before and After School Care service will not be running.

Tofa Soifua
Mark Smith
Principal

YEARS 5&6 (TOTARA AND KAURI) SWIMMING SPORTS

This event will be held at Cannon's Creek Pool on **Wednesday 5th June at 10am** for all our Year 5 and 6 students. Please make a note of this so children remember their togs, towels and goggles following the long weekend.

YEARS 7 & 8 SWIM SPORTS RESULTS

Year 7 & 8 students held their swim sports today, Tuesday 28 May, and the final results are recorded below.

Freestyle	1st	2nd	3rd
Year 7: Boys	James Willets	Connor Wilson	Raymond Wong
Girls	Hatti Jones	Anna Betham	Paytan Eastham
Year 8: Boys	Luke Weir-Smith	Aiden Harrison	Sean Byres
Girls	Jade Lin	Phoenix Schwalger	Avah Price
Breast Stroke	1st	2nd	3rd
Year 7: Boys	Raymond Wong	James Willets	Connor Wilson
Girls	Anna Betham	Ruby Simkin	Paytan Eastham
Year 8: Boys	Luke Weir-Smith	Aiden Harrison	Mac Manning
Girls	Jade Lin	Georgia Ropeti	Phoenix Schwalger
Back Stroke	1st	2nd	3rd
Year 7: Boys	Raymond Wong	Connor Wilson	James Willets
Girls	Anna Betham	Sarah Daniel-Bowers	Charlie Nation
Year 8: Boys	Luke Weir-Smith	Aiden Harrison	Oliver Sue
Girls	Jade Lin	Phoenix Schwalger	Grace Kairua
25 m Butterfly	1st	2nd	3rd
Year 7: Boys	Raymond Wong	James Willets	Levi Walmsley
Girls	Hatti Jones	Ruby Simkin	Ishani Choudhury
Year 8: Boys	Luke Weir-Smith	Aiden Harrison	
Girls	Jade Lin	Avah Price	

GARDENS AT SCHOOL

We are currently starting a programme of rejuvenating some of the gardens at school, starting with those closest to the buildings and then working on the area at the front of the school. Would you please get in touch with Mark Smith if you are interested in helping out on a volunteer basis or as a small part time job doing a specific project when required. The work is not easy in the initial stages as it will require removing plants from quite compacted soil and then digging in new topsoil and compost. We would appreciate your interest.

HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The 2019 Papakowhai School discos are 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. Please 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 close on Friday, 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.

SWIM SPORTS FOR YEARS 3-4

The Year 3/4's swim sports will be taking place at Cannons Creek pool on Wednesday 12 June. Events will start at 10am. All spectators are welcome.

KIDS LIT QUIZ NATIONAL FINAL

Congratulations to David Ayora, Avah Price, Oliver Sue and Aiden Harrison who represented Papakowhai School at the National Lit Quiz final on Sunday. They put in a lot of hard work and we are proud of their achievement. The final was won by Palmerston North Intermediate School. Thanks also go to Judy Munro for all her hard work coaching our teams.

ASSEMBLY THURSDAY 30 MAY

Our first Term 2 assembly will be held at 10 am this 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.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ORDERS

The Lucky Book Club orders were distributed on Monday. We have one order with no name on it (paid for in cash) so if you are missing your book please contact the office and let us know the title you ordered.

LOST PROPERTY

We have several unnamed items of outerwear at the office including a Polo Assn. jacket, Torpedo 7 jacket, Adidas jersey and a padded navy hooded vest with silver hearts on it. We also still have 4 Papakowhai School hoodies unnamed and unclaimed. If you think any of these items may belong to your child, please contact the office.

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.

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

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

aln@aotea.school.nz

NZ OPEN ONE DANCE CHAMPIONSHIP

Do you enjoy watching Dancing with the Stars? Come along to Te Rauparaha Arena this Saturday and Sunday, the 1st and 2nd June, to see some of New Zealand's best amateur ballroom and latin american dancers take to the floor at the NZ Open One Dance Championships. There are day sessions both days and an evening session on Saturday.

SPECIAL OFFER PRICE FOR CHILDRENS TICKETS – available on the day only. Head to the front counter at the Arena and mention the special offer and you can get under 16 entry to a day session for only \$5! Adult tickets are \$25 for the day session; from 10am – approx. 6 pm Saturday or 9am – approx. 5 pm Sunday and \$30 for the Saturday evening session from 6.30 – 11 pm. Children's tickets for Saturday evening are \$10 each for under 15 year olds. For further information please visit <https://terauparaha-arena.co.nz/events/upcoming-events/>

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 at school

Wednesday 29	Nationwide Teachers Strike
Thursday 30	Assembly, 10am, school hall
Friday 31	Voting papers for Board of Trustees election should have been received through the mail – please contact office if not
Friday 31	School hoodie orders for Term 2 close

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 Gardisil vaccination
Wednesday 5	Home & School committee meeting 7.15 pm, in the staffroom
Friday 7	Voting closes 12 noon for Board of Trustees election
Tuesday 11	Parumoana cross country
Wednesday 12	Rimu swim sports, Cannons Creek pool, from 10 am
Friday 14	Papakowhai School discos:- Rata, Matai & Rimu, 5-6.30pm; Totara and Kauri 7-9 pm

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'