



# Papakowhai School

Learning Together



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## PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

### **DISCO FEVER**

What a fantastic night at the Disco. Over 350 children danced the night away and loved purchasing the merchandise! Thank you to Kirsty Everett and all the Home and School Team and volunteers who made it such a great night. I really appreciate the way the community enables great events like this for the children.

### **READATHON**

We are nearing the end of our Readathon month. If you need a new Readathon booklet please call into or email the office ([office@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:office@papakowhai.school.nz)). I am encouraged to hear about kids who have really got into reading this month, challenging themselves to read more and have been trying new types of books. There is a prize for the child in each class who has read the most over the month of June. In the last week of term, we need you to return the signed Readathon booklets to the classroom teacher. The prizes for the best readers will be based on booklets returned before Friday 5 July.

Sponsorship money should be returned to the School Office by Friday 5 July. There will be a prize for the class that raises the most money (averaged over the number of children in each class). If you can pay the sponsorship money by internet banking that would make Heather's job so much easier. Our bank account number is 12-3140-0133108-01. Please clearly state 'Readathon' and the class your child is in. Or you can deposit cash at the office in an envelope labelled with 'Readathon' and your child's class.

There are still 10 days in June, it is not too late to start reading!

## **BIKE TRACK**

The fundraising from the Readathon will contribute to the installation of a bike track at Papakowhai School. In 2018 the BOT identified the lack of all-weather play space at Papakowhai School.

Our school of 500 students has one netball court, a tennis court sized AstroTurf, three small courtyards, a small basketball area and three playgrounds when the grass is closed. This contributes to lower well-being for staff and students during the winter months, including more playground upsets and frustration at the lack of play space. Our health and safety records show a spike in injuries when there is less play space available.

The BOT committed to funding up to \$34,000 for a 1.5m concrete track. Concrete was chosen for durability, less need for ongoing maintenance and the fact that scooters could also use the path.

Earlier this month Bikes in Schools made a donation of \$40,000 to further enhance our bike track project. This means we can include a fleet of 40 -50 school bikes (and a storage solution) as part of our project, we can widen the main riding track to 2m track and include a small challenge area (basically dirt track bumps) in the corner of the field.

The track will skirt the perimeter of the field so it will not impact on other sports. This is going to be a tremendous asset to the school and the community.

## **PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS**

These meetings will be held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July from 3:15 – 8 pm.

This is an opportunity to review and reset goals, discuss your child's learning and well-being and clarify anything raised in the report or shared in SeeSaw.

**Appointments to see the teachers are made via a website; [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) the log-in code is **e7y8a**.**

If you are not able to make a booking online, please phone or call into the office and one of our staff will make the booking for you.

On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July your child will receive their mid-year report.

**PUPIL SUPERVISION ON PARENT/TEACHER MEETING DAYS**

After School Care will be operating as usual between 3 and 6pm. You need to be a registered user of After School Care to use this service. Please contact the Office for more information.

Mark Smith

Principal

[mark@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:mark@papakowhai.school.nz)

**MATARIKI CELEBRATION 2019**

As part of our commitment as Tangata Whenua of Aotearoa, Papakowhai School will acknowledge Matariki by having an early morning celebration at school on Friday 28th June. Matariki signals the Māori New Year. It is a time of renewal and celebration in New Zealand that begins with the rising of the Matariki star cluster (the Pleiades or Seven Sisters).

The outline for the Matariki Celebration is as follows:

7.00am: Students and Whanau arrive and gather on court between Totara and Kauri

7.15am: Walk up the rainbow to watch the stars and sing Matariki song

7.30am: Kapa haka perform on Totara deck

7.45am: Karakia kai

7.50am: Breakfast (this will be provided)

8.25am: Breakfast concludes, Whānau and students are free to head off.

In preparation for our Matariki celebration classes have been learning the Matariki song. In addition to this, students will have the opportunity to make lanterns that they can bring along to the celebration.

All Papakowhai Whānau are welcome to attend our Matariki celebration. For catering purposes could you please fill out the Google Form so that we are aware of numbers [Matariki Celebration Google Form](#)

If you have any questions please contact Caine - [caine@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:caine@papakowhai.school.nz)

**Matariki lanterns** - Miss Henderson is looking for glass jars for Matariki lanterns (they don't need lids). If you have any that you don't need we would greatly appreciate them! Please drop off to Totara 3 or the office.

### **ASSEMBLY – CHANGE OF DATE**

Due to events that took place this term, we have decided to postpone our next assembly until Tuesday 30 July (Week 2 of Term 3). The classes that will share their work then will be **Rata 1, Rimu 2, Rimu 5, Totara 2 and Kauri 4**. New entrants that have started since our last assembly on 30 May will be presented with their welcome certificates by Mr Smith.

### **HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

#### **Home and School meeting CHANGE OF DATE.**

Due to parent teacher interviews we will now be holding the meeting on Tuesday 25th June 7.15pm in the staffroom. See you there!



We'd like to thank everyone for making this year's disco another successful event for our students. We're always looking to make these events better and this year we introduced some new ways of doing things. Whenever new systems are implemented there can be some wrinkles and we appreciate the patience shown from the junior disco parents.

As you know we are using Kindo to help manage events and we pre-sold 337 tickets this way which was amazing. That, combined with door sales, meant that over 350 students came to the two discos. That's a fantastic turnout! We know parents understand that with that number of students trying to get into the hall there are always delays, however this year at the junior disco they were longer than expected for which we apologise.

This first use of Kindo was a learning experience for us and parents, e.g. we all learnt how important it is to have the correct classroom listed for a child. This year we also introduced a cashless system where students bought tickets to use at the various tables. The feedback we had

was very positive which was great, as it was simpler for students, parents, and disco helpers. We plan to change some things from this year's event which we know will make future events run more smoothly.

We will be using the Kindo cashless based system for both the calendar art in Term 3 and the end of year BBQ in Term 4 so, if you haven't registered or need to check your children's details are correct, now is a great time to do so. A big thank you to Kirsty Everett and Cherie Phelps for taking the lead on the disco and to all the parent and whanau helpers on the night for making this another fantastic night that our children enjoyed.

Any questions or feedback, please email [homeandschool@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:homeandschool@papakowhai.school.nz)

### **STUDENT SUCCESS**

**Sofia Nguyen** took part in the Kapi-Mana Music Festival at the beginning of this month and she placed 2nd in the Year 6 to 8 solo piano under grade 3 event. Sofia is currently in Year 2 so this was an amazing achievement against older competitors. Furthermore, she gained her Grade 2 Trinity with distinction last month. Well done Sofia!

### **RIMU, TOTARA AND KAURI PHOTO DAY**

Children in Years 3 through to 8 will be having their class and individual portrait photos taken next Tuesday, 25 June. Please complete and return family/sibling order forms to the office by this Friday, 21 June, if you would like a family photo taken. Family photos with siblings from outside school can be taken from 8.40am or between 1.15 and 1.45 pm. If all siblings are at Papakowhai School, they will be called for their photo after the eldest child has had their class photo taken.

## **NETBALL SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

**Orders close this Friday, 21 June.** Please ensure your child's name and class are clearly written on the form. Orders, with correct money, need to be put in the marked box in the office by 3.15 pm on Friday.

## **FOUND – PANDORA BRACELET**

A small silver Pandora bracelet has been handed in at the office. If you have lost one, please come in and tell us about the charms that were on it.

## **KAURI ROCKET CHALLENGE-RESOURCES NEEDED**

Kauri need some 1.5L plastic bottles to make rockets! The bottles that are most useful are the Coca-Cola product ones; L& P bottles are an excellent shape too. They also need 2L plastic ice-cream container lids (square ones). Thanks, The Kauri Team.

## **MOVIE NIGHT FUNDRAISER FOR AIMS GAMES**

Sunday 14 July, 7.30 pm, Pauatahanui Lighthouse Cinema  
Come along to a screening of "Yesterday" and support our Papakowhai Stars netball team as they fundraise to compete at the Aims games.

Tickets are \$20 and include a light supper. Doors open at 6.45pm.

Please get in touch with Adele O'Leary ([adele@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:adele@papakowhai.school.nz)) or Sue Jenkins ([sue@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:sue@papakowhai.school.nz)) to purchase tickets.

## **PLIMMERTON KINDY MIDWINTER DIP**

The annual fundraiser for Plimmerton Kindergarten takes place this Sunday, 23 June.

This year swimmers go into the draw to win spot prizes, there is a best-dressed competition and plenty of yummy food to buy. There will be numerous activities on the day for the kids including a beach dig and sand castle building. Plus, if there is no emergency, the local fire brigade will be there! This year's raffle, with tickets for sale on the day, includes fantastic prizes such as the Travel Pack (Interislander vouchers, plus 1 night's accommodation in the South Island for 2) which is worth more than \$700!

## **PASIFIKA SPECTACULAR!**

The National Library in Wellington are hosting a day of workshops, crafts, music, dance and food on Saturday 29 June from 9 am – 3 pm. There will also be the chance to look at some of the fabulous items from the library's Pacific collections.

## **HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES**

**July Holiday Programme @ Adventure School, 8 – 19 July 2019, 8am – 5pm/5.30pm. BOOK ONLINE NOW: [www.asfc.co.nz](http://www.asfc.co.nz)**



The quality programme offers exciting field trips by chartered bus, fun art & crafts and sports activities for primary aged children. For enquiries or more information please visit the website and select your Holiday Programme.

## **BUSH SPROUTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

Nature School NZ Trust are running their Bush Sprouts holiday programme, 8th - 12th July, from 9-3pm each day at Battle Hill farm park. This offers child-led freeplay in nature, new friends and new skills like making fires, shelters, navigation and whittling. Bookings are made through their website [www.natureschoolnz.co.nz](http://www.natureschoolnz.co.nz) or email [leo@natureschoolnz.co.nz](mailto:leo@natureschoolnz.co.nz)

## **DRAMA CLASSES**

Join after school drama classes for children aged 5-17 years.

The international curriculum will help overcome shyness, develop positive self esteem, grow imagination, make new friends, develop performance skills, creativity and have lots of fun! Classes run in Whitby, Tawa, Khandallah and Lower Hutt. For further information visit [www.helenogradynz.co.nz](http://www.helenogradynz.co.nz) or call 0800 161 131.



- HELEN O'GRADY -  
DRAMA ACADEMY

## **SAND ART**

Do you need an activity for a party that is fun and easy to manage? Sand Art party kits are available and are easy to use, quick to set up and allow children to create their own art work to take home. For full details please visit [www.sandartnz.co.nz](http://www.sandartnz.co.nz) or visit their Facebook page, Sandartnz.

## **GIRLGUIDING NEW ZEALAND**

There are some places available in the local girl guides group in Whitby. Guiding is a place where girls can learn new life skills, build confidence, contribute to their community and make new friends. For further information, please visit [girlguiding.org.nz](http://girlguiding.org.nz) or call 0800 222292.

### **SOME IMPORTANT DATES**

#### **JUNE – Our READATHON runs all month**

<b>Thursday 20</b>	BOT meeting 7.15 pm
<b>Friday 21</b>	Orders close for sausage sizzle
<b>Tuesday 25</b>	Rimu, Totara and Kauri photo day
<b>Tuesday 25</b>	Home & School meeting, 7.15pm, staffroom
<b>Thursday 27</b>	Netball sausage sizzle
<b>Friday 28</b>	Matariki celebration breakfast, 7am

#### **JULY**

<b>Monday 1</b>	Mid-year reports sent home
<b>Tuesday 2</b>	Wellington Regional Cross country
<b>Tuesday 2</b>	Parent/teacher interviews
<b>Thursday 4</b>	Parent/teacher interviews
<b>Friday 5</b>	Last day of Term 2
<b>Monday 22</b>	First day of Term 3
<b>Tuesday 30</b>	Assembly, 10 am in hall