



PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 9 ● Term 2 ● 26 June 2019

Dear Parents/Caregivers

MATARIKI

Papakowhai School will acknowledge Matariki by having an early morning celebration at school on **Friday, 28th June, at 7am** on the Totara/Kauri court. 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).

There is NO Before School Care on Friday 28th June but your children are welcome to attend the Matariki Celebration from 7am. You are welcome to stay with your child or drop them off and go. There is NO CHARGE for BSC on Friday 28 June.

Please email Caine Webster, caine@papakowhai.school.nz if you are attending and let us know of any dietary requirements you may have.

The morning will begin at 7.00am with everyone assembling on the Totara/Kauri court.

1. Matua Rangi will do an opening karakia and then will sing “Whakataka te hau” waiata
2. After the karakia and waiata we will make our way to the rainbow from Rimu side
3. Once on the rainbow, a student will do a karanga, Matua Rangi will say a karakia and we will sing “E toru nga mea” waiata
4. After the waiata everyone will walk over the rainbow and down to the hall
5. Once in the hall Matua Rangi will say karakia kai
6. Students will collect their breakfast and find a seat on the floor and adults at tables

7. While everyone is eating breakfast a senior student will share the Matariki story with everyone
8. Kapa haka will perform a couple of waiata which will include the “Matariki” waiata
9. The morning will conclude with a closing karakia

REPORTS

Your child will receive their mid-year report on Monday 1st July. Please take time to read it with your child.

Celebrate the good things together and talk over the next steps and how you can work together to achieve these.

This year we have provided your child’s attendance as a percentage figure. I want you to notice:

- If your child is attending **more than 95%** that’s wonderful, it means your child has missed less than one week of school this year.
- If your child has attended **more than 90%** that’s pretty good, it means your child has missed less than two weeks of school this year.
- If your child’s attendance is **less than 90%** this is starting to be a concern; it means your child has missed more than two weeks of school this year.
- If your child’s attendance is **80% or less** that is a concern, it means your child has missed 4 weeks or more of schooling this year.

We only provide one printed copy per child. We hope that in most cases you can share the report with other parents/caregivers. If your family circumstances require us to provide an additional copy please contact me and will provide an additional copy.

PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS

These meetings will be held on Tuesday 2nd and Thursday 4th 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 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.

READATHON

Thank you for your support with our Readathon, especially encouraging the children to read! Next week, we need you to do two things:

1. **Return the signed Readathon booklets to your child's classroom teacher.** The prizes for the best readers will be based on signed booklets returned by Friday 5th July.
2. **Send Sponsorship money to the School Office.** There will be a prize for the class that raises the most money by Friday 5th July (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. Cash can be deposited at the office in an envelope labelled 'Readathon' and your child's class. We also have EFTPOS available at the office.

Mark Smith

Principal

mark@papakowhai.school.nz

FOUND

- 1) A small silver Pandora bracelet. If you have lost one, please come into the office and tell us about the charms that were on it.
- 2) A gold coloured Pulsar watch.
- 3) A gold coloured key.

Please come to the office if you think any of these items may be yours.

HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Have you got leftover merchandise tickets from the disco??? Keep them safe, as you will be able to use them to buy food at the end of year BBQ. The next event will be the Quiz. Save the date – **Saturday 17 August** - and start finding your team. Tickets will be \$10 and it is an R18 event. Tickets will go on sale soon through Kindo. Now would be a great time to ensure you have all the correct details for your children registered on Kindo <https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop>.



How to update your child's details in Kindo

Caregivers can do this themselves by clicking on their child's name in the side bar & then selecting new rooms:
Click on child's name in side bar:



Select correct room number from the drop down that appears:



If parents are signing in on a laptop or computer, the child's name will appear on the left hand side when they click into an event.

If they are signing in on a smart phone, then they will need to click on the 3 lines on the left hand side after first clicking on an event.

Next home and school meeting will be **Monday 29 July at 7pm** in the staffroom. Note that meetings will be held on Mondays at 7pm for the rest of the year.

INFLUENZA OUTBREAKS

Regional Public Health have notified us that several schools and early child education centres (ECCs) in the greater Wellington region have had influenza outbreaks. Influenza (flu) is a virus that spreads quickly from person to person through the air by coughing and sneezing as well as by hands, cups and other objects that have been in contact with an infected person's mouth or nose.

The main symptoms of flu are fever, coughing and sometimes vomiting or diarrhoea in younger children. If your child is ill with flu, please advise the school and keep them at home until they are feeling well and are symptom free (usually between 3 – 7 days). Children should also avoid sporting or social events so that they don't spread the illness to others.

It is important to make sure everyone covers their mouth and nose with tissues when coughing or sneezing and to regularly wash and dry their hands. There are good tips for looking after people with the flu www.rph.org.nz/influenza

ROTI AND BUTTER CHICKEN SAUCE FUNDRAISER -

Fundraising for Papakowhai STARS Year 7&8 Netball Team to go to the AIMS games.

The Papakowhai STARS netball team are fundraising to attend the AIMS games in Tauranga in September. To assist us with our fundraising, we are selling Jessie's Roti and Butter Chicken Sauce which is made locally, and is delicious!

Rotis come in packets of 10 pieces. They are fresh, but freeze well. The 480g Butter Chicken Sauce is fully cooked and comes frozen in punnets (each punnet is frozen as no preservatives have been added).

Option 1: Roti 10pk (\$15)

Option 2: Butter Chicken Sauce (\$5.50)

Option 3: 1x10pk roti and 1x Butter Chicken Sauce (\$20)

ORDERS - Please place your orders by Friday 5th July. Pick up will be early in Term 3 (date and place to be confirmed). Email orders to sue@papakowhai.school.nz stating which options you would like, and payment information will be forwarded to you.

ARTSPLASH – WEARABLE ARTS MATERIALS NEEDED

If you have spare lino offcuts or plastic milk bottle lids, could you please bring them in to either Kauri 1, Totara 3 or the school office thank you.

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.

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) or Sue Jenkins
(sue@papakowhai.school.nz) to purchase tickets.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

JULY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME @ ADVENTURE SCHOOL
8 – 19 July 2019, 8am – 5pm/5.30pm. BOOK ONLINE
NOW: www.asfc.co.nz



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. Bookings are made through their website www.natureschoolnz.co.nz or email leo@natureschoolnz.co.nz

DANCE, DRAMA AND SINGING

Does your child, aged 4-16 yrs old, love to
SING, DANCE and **ACT**?

Lessons, led by London West End performer!

AOTEA-JONSONVILLE-LOWER HUTT

Now taking bookings for TERM 3

BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!

www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz



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 or visit their Facebook page,
Sandartnz.

WELLINGTON NORTH BADMINTON

Term 3 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

JUNE – Our READATHON runs all month

Thursday 27	Netball sausage sizzle
Friday 28	Matariki celebration breakfast, 7am

JULY

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