



PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 10 ● Term 2 ● 3 July 2019

Dear Parents/Caregivers

NORTH PORIRUA KĀHUI AKO

I have been appointed to the role of the North Porirua Kāhui Ako/Community of Learning Leader for a fixed term 18-month period, commencing Term 3 2019. **I will still continue to be the principal of Papakowhai School, continuing to take overall responsibility for Papakowhai School.** I will be responsible for the daily management of the school three days per week. The other two days I will take a lead role in planning, coordinating and facilitating the work of the Community of Learning as a whole, as well as the across schools and within school teacher roles. Caine Webster will be responsible for the daily management of Papakowhai School two days per week.

The North Porirua Kāhui Ako comprises ten schools, including Aotea College, the Whitby primary schools, Rangikura, Plimmerton, St. Theresa's and Pukerua Bay, Pauatahanui and of course Papakowhai.

The role of the North Porirua Kāhui Ako leader is to provide leadership in building productive collaboration, facilitate the ongoing development and implementation of the Community of Learning achievement plan, support the professional growth of Community of Learning principals and teachers and provide leadership in the use of professional expertise across schools to meet the Community of Learning achievement challenges.

We have an excellent Deputy Principal in Caine Webster who capably ran the school during Term 3 2018. The Community of Learning is in an exciting phase, moving

from foundation laying to taking action that makes a difference for teachers and learners.

I will be based at Papakowhai School Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. Caine Webster will be Acting Principal on Wednesdays and Thursdays. I will be available by email at any time and will be at Papakowhai on Wednesdays and Thursdays if urgent or important matters arise.

I am excited about this new role and the opportunities it will provide for our school and the schools in our community.

Mark Smith

Principal

mark@papakowhai.school.nz

PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS

Thursday 4th July from 3:15 – 8 pm.

There are still a few slots available if you need to make an appointment to see your child's teacher tomorrow.

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.

REPORTS

You should have received your child's mid-year report on Monday. If you didn't receive a report or your family circumstances mean that you need a duplicate report please contact mark@papakowhai.school.nz

CHILDREN PLAYING AT SCHOOL IN HOLIDAYS

During the holidays there will be some construction work happening around the school. All children must have adult supervision if coming up to school to play over the holidays because of the dangers this may cause.

READATHON

We have already received over \$6000 in sponsorship money and lots of very full reading logs. Thank you for all your support with encouraging your children to read and to contributing to our new bike track.

We need you to do two things before Friday:

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.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE INVOICES AND STATEMENTS

If you normally get your BSC and ASC invoices and statements emailed and have missed getting the last few, could you please let us know.

DAMAGE TO CAR IN SPEY PLACE YESTERDAY

One of our staff members had their car damaged yesterday (Tuesday 2 July) while parked in the layby at the dairy end of Spey Place. The car is a black electric car with the number plate WATTME. It looks as if someone has reversed into the car and dented the front bumper and number plate.

If anyone knows anything about the incident could you please contact the school office, 233 8321 or email office@papakowhai.school.nz Thank you.

MATARIKI CELEBRATION

Thank you to everyone who came to our Matariki breakfast on Friday. It was fantastic to have the support of our community and celebrate the Maori new year together.



HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE UPDATE

An important part of the Home and School committee's role is fundraising to help contribute to those little extra things in the school that help make Papakowhai School a great place for both the kids and teachers. We are thrilled that this term we will be using the money raised from this year's events (triathlon and disco) to purchase 24 new sports balls, and fund the cost of replacing the netball hoops. Keep an eye out for these great additions to the school.

We have some great feedback on how awesome the School hoodies and shirts look on the kids when we are represented at interschool events. The committee will be helping subsidise the teachers, so they can also wear the school colours with the same pride that the kids do.

This year the committee has been overwhelmed by the large teacher turnout at the triathlon and discos and we wanted to say how much we appreciate their attendance. The kids always love seeing the teachers at these events, so the Home and School committee will be providing the staff with a morning tea on the last day of term to say a huge 'thank you' to them on behalf of all parents.

Upcoming events

The next event on the calendar is the **Quiz. Save the date - 17 August** and start finding your team. Tickets will be \$10. R18 event. Tickets will go on sale soon using KINDO. So now is a great time to ensure you have all the correct details for your children registered.

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

Shopping night stall holders wanted..... November 8, 7-9.30pm. If you are interested in having a stall at this year's shopping night please fill in the google form https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc49OgQ_fQiqOAurpHcFoVwX6XClqImzjEXroXMxqKEpmmbcg/vi/wform?usp=pp_url or email Bernice and Tyroll at Papakowhai.shopping.night@gmail.com. More details are available on the Home and School Facebook page.



WELLINGTON REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY

Yesterday 12 students from Papakowhai School travelled to Queen Elizabeth Park in Paekakariki to compete at the Wellington Regional Cross Country. This event brings together the very best cross country runners from the wider Wellington region - Otaki/Kapiti, Parumoana, Porirua, Wellington, Lower Hutt, Upper Valley, Wellington Intermediates and the Wairarapa. All of our students represented both Parumoana and Papakowhai School extremely well and they should be very proud of their efforts against some pretty tough competition.

The results of Papakowhai students:

Year 4 Girls (field of 68):

- Anae Mundell - 15th
- Zaria Phelps - 35th

Year 4 Boys (field of 69):

- Toryn Hazelhurst - 35th

Year 5 Girls (field of 62):

- Charlotte Harrison - 15th
- Olivia Dilks - 36th

Year 5 Boys (field of 68):

- Roman Summerville-Murray - 36th
- Wyatt Perkins - 52nd

Year 6 Girls (field of 72):

- Nadia Wellings - 23rd

Year 6 Boys (field of 71):

- Blake Hansen - 14th
- Liam Phelps - 41st

Year 8 Girls (field of 65):

- Jade Lin - 27th
- Emma Jenkins – 49th

NETBALL SAUSAGE SIZZLE FUNDRAISER

Thank you very much for the communities support and Rutherford and Bond Toyota, Porirua for their sponsorship with last week's Sausage Sizzle. We raised \$663 towards purchasing the new dresses. We will hold another Sausage Sizzle again next term.

PLASTIC FREE JULY



Sustainable Communities

In a sustainable community we try to live in a sustainable way - looking after the planet and ourselves - eg: we think about our waste. We encourage others to join us and we are models for the people around us. We can make good decisions that will help us to live on our planet for many generations to come.

Plastic Free July was a huge success in 2018 and a great way for Papakowhai School to practise being a sustainable community. It was fantastic to see so many children following through on their pledges to reduce their use of single-use plastic.

We would love to have feedback about any ongoing positive changes in our school community since our campaign in 2018.

Here is a link where you can share your feedback:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XCK3CCT>

This week classes are making a collaborative pledge for Plastic Free July.

Please look in your child's classroom to see their class pledge.

Here are some ideas to discuss with your child and try at home.

WHAT TO AVOID /HOW TO AVOID IT

Ocean/Landfill/Global warming

- Filling up the recycling bins. Avoid as much plastic packaging as you can
- Pre-packed fruit and veggies. Choose loose products (skip the little plastic bag or put in a reusable bag)
- Lightweight plastic bags. Remember your reusable shopping bags or use a cardboard box

- Personal care products containing plastic microbeads. Check the products you buy for microbeads (polyethylene, polypropylene, nylon) visit beatthemicrobead.org
- Bottled cleaning products. Opt for refills, bulk store products or make your own alternatives. Choose glass or cardboard packaging
- Bagged dry foods. Buy at from a bulk store (fill your reusable container) or buy cardboard boxed product
- Pre-packed meat or fish. Shop at the deli counter or butcher or fish shop for paper wrapped cuts or BYO reusable container
- Takeaway drink straws. Refuse plastic straws (or use a paper straw if possible). BYO reusable straw
- Takeaway coffee cups. Bring your reusable cup or sit and enjoy a real cup
- Takeaway utensils and containers. Support vendors offering compostable alternatives (bamboo or card), BYO reusables or sit and enjoy 'dine-in'
- Bottled water. Fill a reusable bottle from the tap
- Bottled soft drinks. Reduce the amount (helps your health), or make your own with a Sodastream or choose glass bottles (and recycle)
- Bin liners (or 'reusing' plastic shopping bags)/ Have a sealed container for 'wet' scraps and compost or freeze until bin day. Line the kitchen bin with paper
- Scooping pet poo in plastic bags. Buy corn starch based compostable bags online or at a pet store or consider a dedicated pet poo composting system
- Milk containers (plastic)/Choose waxed card or glass bottled brands (depending on your local glass recycling). Make your own nut milk
- Plastic food wrap for leftovers and sandwiches/ Use a reusable lunch box to store food, store food in containers or use beeswax wraps
- Littering: cigarette butts, balloons. Dispose of cigarette butts in the bin (they are plastic and wash into the ocean environment) Avoid releasing balloons (what goes up, must come down)
- Ignoring other people's litter. Pick up that plastic bag blowing in the street, empty food containers, straws, etc.

**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.

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

SKIDS, PAUATAHANUI

Growing awesome kiwi kids since 1996, sKids provides dedicated, affordable supervised out-of-school care for kids. For full details please call 027 6162639 or 022 3450085, visit www.skids.co.nz/locations/pauatahanui/ or email pauatahanui@skids.co.nz

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

JULY - REMEMBER IT'S PLASTIC FREE JULY!

Thursday 4	Parent/teacher interviews
Friday 5	Last day of Term 2
Friday 5	AIMS games Roti orders in by today
Friday 5	Last day for handing Readathon forms to teachers and delivering sponsor money to office
Monday 22	First day of Term 3
Monday 29	Home and School meeting, 7 pm, staffroom
Tuesday 30	Assembly, 10 am in hall