



PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 1 ● Term 3 ● 24 July 2019

Dear Parents/Caregivers

NEW PLAYGROUND



The new playground was installed over the holidays. The children are loving it. Before school and during morning tea and lunchtime it is just for Rata and Matai children to use. After school, other children are welcome to use it with adult supervision.

After school, if children are waiting for parents/caregivers to collect them, or you want to stay as a family and catch up with friends, it would be great if you could use the Rata playground area rather than the playgrounds on the field. We have nearly 100 children at After School Care and our After School Care staff would really appreciate it if the Astroturf and playgrounds on the field were just for ASC kids.

SUPERVISION BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

Before School Care will be available from 7:15 am daily from Monday, 29th July, due to growing demand. The fees for BSC will be reviewed later in the year. Until then there will be an extra 15 minute charge (\$2.05) for parents

signing in between 7.15am and 7.30am. Please contact Susan or the office if you would like more information about this. After School Care is available until 6pm. Last term a number of children were at school very early and playing unsupervised at school for long periods of time. Children not attending Before School Care should not be on site unsupervised before 8:15am

Children are welcome to play at school after 3pm with adult supervision. Parents of children playing unsupervised at school for extended lengths of time will be contacted to collect their children. Children not attending After School Care should be collected from school or walk home by 3:15pm.

BIKE TRACK

Unfortunately, due to heavy rain over the holidays, the bike track was not installed. It is now scheduled for the October School holidays. Thank you to our wonderful community who raised over \$15,000 for the new bike track. We are looking forward to opening this new play area as soon as we can.

NORTH PORIRUA KĀHUI AKO

Today is my first day in the role of the North Porirua Kāhui Ako/Community of Learning Leader for a fixed term 18 month period. I will still continue to be the principal of Papakowhai School, continuing to take overall responsibility for Papakowhai School. I will be based at Papakowhai School on 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.

Mark Smith

Principal

mark@papakowhai.school.nz

READATHON UPDATE

Our Readathon was very successful with over \$15,800 being raised to go towards the new bike track. **Rata 4** were the class that raised the most money (per capita) and the following children were the top readers in their class:-

Rata 1 – Madeleine Ives

Rata 2 – Tristan Forrester

Rata 3 – Imogen Stanley

Rata 4 – Emily Scherzer

Matai 1 – Poppy Childs

Matai 2 – Jamie Overdevest

Matai 3 – Grace Collins

Rimu 1 – Chetana Surpaneni

Rimu 2 – Ashley Overdevest

Rimu 3 – Lucy Bunton

Rimu 4 – Ian Mason

Rimu 5 – Sacha Herd

Totara 1 – Cameron Hope

Totara 2 – Harold Sanders

Totara 3 – Ryan de Villiers

Totara 4 – Easton Buck

Kauri 1 – Aiden Harrison

Kauri 2 – Emily Frater

Kauri 3 – Mena Bornemann-Santamaria

Kauri 4 – Milan Hansen

Congratulations to all the children who took part and to parents and whanau for their support and sponsorship.

ASSEMBLY NEXT WEEK

Our next assembly will be held next week on Tuesday 30 July. The classes that will share their work with us 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.

STAFF CAR PARK

Please do not drive up into the staff car park after 7.45 am or before 4.45 pm. If you have an injury or other situation that means you are unable to park/stop in Spey Place please contact the office – 233 8321.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The latest Scholastic Lucky Book Club brochure was handed out today. We are no longer accepting cash payments with orders (but cheques are still OK). Please order using the Scholastic LOOP system if possible. Orders close on Monday 5 August at 3 pm.

HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The next home and school meeting will be held on Monday 29th July at 7pm in the staffroom. New faces are always welcome.



Hoodie and hat orders These are optional, not a school requirement, but an awesome way to show school pride. **Hoodies** - the Papakowhai School hoodie is available to order @ \$55. Please note we only place orders in bulk lots, and this is the only order we will be placing this term. Samples are available in the school office. Please ensure you try on the samples to ensure you are happy with the size as we are unable to do exchanges. Orders close on the 16 August.

Hats are also available to purchase directly from the office and cost \$22. They are available in navy or yellow.

Upcoming events

Quiz - 17 August Our quiz is back for another year, with new questions, and some new challenges for those that want to participate but are worried that their general knowledge begins and ends at the names of the members of One Direction! Tickets are \$10 per person, and you can enter as an individual or as a team of up to 8 people on Kindo. This will be a lot of fun. Kicks off at 7pm in the school hall on Saturday 17 August. Please note that, as alcohol will be available, this is an R18 event, so leave your junior brainboxes at home and come along for some laughs, some raffles, and some “a-ha” moments.

Shopping night November 8, 7- 9.30pm. R18 event.

UKULELE CLASS AT SCHOOL

Join The Uke Band! Before School, in the hall, every Thursday. Players of all ages, Beginners/intermediate.

For further details, please contact Shane 027 27 37 47 5

or email

theukuleleinstitute@gmail.com



The Ukulele Institute

REMEMBER IT'S PLASTIC FREE JULY!



CO-WORKING OFFICE SPACE IN PORIRUA

The Settlement is a renovated, affordable, accessible, co-working office space in the heart of Porirua with both permanent and hot desking options. They cater for businesses of all sizes and are offering a special rate to working parents of our school. Be it one day a week, or five, it would be their pleasure to look after you and/or your team. For further information visit

www.thesettlement.co.nz or call James on 0212316691

PORIRUA YOUTH AWARDS – GRANTS AVAILABLE

The Porirua Youth Awards grant applications are now open for students excelling in one of the following four categories; The Arts, Academics, Sports or Environment/community.

If you know of a youth aged between 11 and 19 years who either lives in or attends school in Porirua, please encourage them to apply. Full details are available at www.partnersporirua.org.nz/celebratingsuccess or on Facebook under PartnersPorirua.

Applications can be delivered to the Partners Porirua office or sent to: The Manager, Partners Porirua, PO Box 50-462, Porirua 5024. Applications close Friday 30th August.

HAYLEY JOHNSON ACADEMY OF DANCING

Shooting Stars – Thursdays, 3.30 – 4 pm for 3&4 year olds.

Starts 25th July. Enrol now at

hayleyjohnsonacademyofdancing@gmail.com

Dancing Diamonds – Thursdays, 4 – 4.45 pm for 5&6 year olds. Includes ballet and tap, \$100 for the term. Starts 25th

July. Enrol now by emailing dancing_dudes@hotmail.com

Silver Swans – Wednesdays, 10.30 – 11.30 am, for ages 55+
Increase flexibility and fitness. Starts 24th July, 5 weeks card
for \$50. For further information, please visit

www.hayleyjohnson.com

EX PUPIL FUNDRAISING FOR WORLD SCHOLARS CUP

‘Dear Papakowhai School community,

As a Papakowhai alumna, I am seeking your support.

I'm part of a team of Year 10 students from St. Mary's College, Wellington, who have just qualified for the Global Round of WSC, which will take place in August 2019, in Sydney, Australia!

The World Scholars Cup (WSC), is an academic competition in which teams from sixty countries compete in four events: debating, essay writing, individual exams and a team exam.

Please support our Fundraising Dinner on Sunday, 4th August 2019, 6-8:30pm, at Connolly Hall, 10 Guildford Terrace, Thorndon. Adults: \$25 and Kids: \$15

This will include entrée, main, dessert, tea/coffee.. + live entertainment, of course! We will have raffles, too.

(Donations in any amount are also welcome.)

For details about payment, ticket sales and donations, please contact my mum, Sarah: sarah.ayora@gmail.com or text 029-123-4589

Thank you!

Ana Ayora (& teammates, Regina and Eden)'

BLENDED FAMILY SUCCESS – SEMINAR

Tuesday 17th September, 7pm – 9pm at 21 Hania Street, Wellington. Discover how to help children in your step family adjust and create a united, supportive home life. Overcome common challenges and learn practical strategies that really work. Live happily ever after in your stepfamily! One night only - you must register to secure your place.

For more information email adele@stepfamilyhelp.info or visit www.blendedfamilysuccess.nz/events

SOME IMPORTANT DATES

JULY

Monday 29	Home and School meeting, 7 pm, staffroom
Tuesday 30	Assembly, 10 am, in school hall
Tuesday 30	BOT meeting, 7pm, staffroom

AUGUST

Thursday 15	Powhiri for new families, 9.30 am
Thursday 15	Boostrix vaccinations (Year 7)