



PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 2 ● Term 3 ● 31 July 2019

Dear Parents/Caregivers

SEXUALITY EDUCATION

Earlier this year I shared with the community the new curriculum we are using to deliver Sexuality Education at School. Many of you gave us great feedback on this. Our senior staff have taken the material and shaped it for Papakowhai School students. Next week we are starting sexuality Education in Years 1 -8, this will run for 3 weeks. Sexuality Education is a mandated part of the New Zealand Curriculum in Health and Physical Education. As a school we do not need to seek permission from parents or caregivers on your children's participation in the programme, **however you do have the right to withdraw your children from any elements of the school programme involving sexuality education. If you want to withdraw your child from a particular lesson, please inform myself or Caine Webster. The request to withdraw needs to be in writing and state the lesson you want your child withdrawn from.** We will provide supervision for students who are withdrawn from the programme.

We want there to be an exchange of information and support between home and school to reinforce the learnings about Sexuality Education and contribute to students' well-being.

Links to the unit plans, resources and specific lesson notes developed by the teachers are available on the front page of the school website -

<https://www.papakowhai.school.nz/>. Please feel free to view these units so you are fully informed about what we are covering. If you are not able to access these links please contact myself or Caine.

Mark Smith

Principal

mark@papakowhai.school.nz

THANK YOU TO THE PELORUS TRUST

We would like to thank the Pelorus Trust who have granted us \$10,000 towards the cost of the new playground. We are very grateful for this contribution.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

A reminder that 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 next Monday, 5 August, at 3 pm.

HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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 try on the samples to ensure you are happy with the size as we are unable to do exchanges. Orders close on Friday 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 - Tickets are \$10 per person, and you can enter as an individual or as a team of up to 8 people via 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 – pop this date in your diary! Friday 8 November, 7- 9.30pm in the school hall. R18 event.



SKOOL LOOP UPDATE

Recently we have had a few issues with the emailing of absentee notices through the app (the office has not been receiving them) so we have disabled this function. From now, when you use the absentee icon in the app, the only option is to call and leave a message. Emails regarding absences can still be sent directly to office@papakowhai.school.nz or through the school website.

ENVIROSCHOOLS UPDATE

Our school is featured on the Enviro Schools Website, focusing on our amazing processes around recycling and reducing waste. We have done an amazing job as a school to keep this journey moving along and all working together under the Enviro Lens. Great work everyone! Check out this link to see the full story:

<https://enviroschools.org.nz/regions/wellington/>

We are aiming to achieve the Bronze/Manuka level for Enviro Schools and we still have lots of work to do to achieve this.

Also this term:-

- the storage container is going to be painted with the help of an artist and Pataka supporting our Enviro leaders.
- the PCC have asked us to help plant at Bowlers Wharf.
- we are looking to start up Wasteless Wednesdays, where we try to encourage students to not bring any waste/plastic wrappers to school in their lunchboxes.
- we are looking to get a bee hive in August (it will be put in a very safe, secure place) Harris Road Honey will be supplying the hive and providing help to look after the bees. They will teach some students how to be



Beekeepers and Miss Henderson will run a Bee Club!

SCHOOL DONATIONS

A reminder that if you pay the requested donation on a term basis, Term 3 is now due. Another statement of request for outstanding fees and donations yet to be received will be issued shortly.

TECHNOLOGY FEES

Any outstanding fees for attending the Plimmerton Technology Centre should be paid now. This is the fee for the take home component of technology projects.

PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL STORIES BOOK

This term the students are undertaking an exciting new challenge. They are writing 300 word stories that, at the end of term, will be gathered together into a professionally printed book. Parents will have the opportunity to purchase a copy of the book to keep for themselves (more details on price and ordering will be sent out in a few weeks).

For the younger syndicates we've been lucky enough to have our resident author and parent Rodney Strong come into the classrooms and gather their ideas. He will write the stories based on what the students have come up with. Keep an eye out for more details in coming weeks.

FREE HOME FIRE SAFETY VISITS

Fire and Emergency NZ are endeavouring to reduce the incidence and consequences of residential property fires. The approach of the *Free Home Fire Safety Visit* initiative is to educate families on home fire safety, working smoke alarms and safe meeting places.

In Wellington, they would like make a start by offering *Free Home Fire Safety Visits* to families with school children and the also the elderly. For more information or to book a free visit please email FENZwellington@fireandemergency.nz

ADULT'S DANCE FITNESS CLASSES

Extreme Dance in Paremata on Thursday at 7.45pm is where sleep deprived and frazzled wahine, who've just made dinner/put kids to bed/put rubbish out, turn into body rolling, booty shaking hot mummies!

Shut Up & Dance is a fun, relaxed dance-fitness class where there are NO MIRRORS! (Hooray!) You'll come away having learnt a routine inspired by a film, musical or music video. From Beyoncé to Bruno Mars, Napoleon Dynamite to the Bee Gees - we are about how good it feels to dance, not how it looks.

Intro offer - 2 x for \$25 or come along casually for \$20 a class. For more info, check us out on Facebook or Instagram @shutupanddance or visit www.shutupanddance.co We have a few 2 for 1 passes at the office for those interested – first come, first served!

ADULT BALLET CLASSES

Have you always wanted to learn ballet?
Did you study ballet when you were younger?
Would you love to return to ballet as a form of fitness and personal enjoyment?

If you answered **Yes** to any of the above question's, then **I would love to see you in class!** Studio 1 at Extreme Dance, 5 Paremata Crescent. All levels welcome.

M's Adult Ballet Classes will not only provide you with a technical foundation in classical ballet but will inspire a love for this beautiful art form through classical choreography and beautiful music. Come and learn from an experienced teacher (15+ years of teaching) at a professional studio in a warm and inviting atmosphere.

For further information and to book your place in class please contact Emma Bedoukian on 022 1763704, email



bedoukian.creative@gmail.com,  M's Adult Ballet

Classes or  [emsadultballetclasses](https://www.instagram.com/emsadultballetclasses)

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.

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

WASTE FREE WITH KATE

Kate Meads is a waste educator and inspirational speaker who is coming to Porirua this October to present her Waste Free Living Workshop.

This workshop is supported by Porirua council, and is a great opportunity for locals to become educated and activated on reducing waste from all angles!

Attendees get a gift pack with their ticket, that is worth \$100 and is full of waste minimisation products like reusable straws, food pouches and wraps, and more.

Porirua Waste Free Living Workshop, Te Rauparaha Arena, 17 Parumoana St, Porirua - Mana, Friday 11th October, 6:00pm – 8:30pm

\$25 tickets and attendees get a gift pack worth \$100!

Booking page: <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2019/waste-free-living-workshop-with-kate-meads2/porirua-mana>

Facebook event

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2302315310001937/>

SOME IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST

Wednesday 14	Kauri field trip to Battle Hill
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Thursday 15	Powhiri for new families, 9.30 am
Thursday 15	Boostrix vaccinations (Year 7)

Monday 19

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