



# Papakowhai School

Learning Together



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## PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Kia ōrāna kōutou

We are acknowledging Cook Island Language Week this week.



Cook Islands Māori people make up the second largest Pacific population in Aotearoa. Some people have migrated here, while many others have been born here as 3rd, 4th, 5th or 6th generation New Zealanders.

Did you know that the Cook Islands are spread over some 200,000 km<sup>2</sup> of ocean, and are made up of some fifteen major islands?

For more information you can go to:

<http://www.mpp.govt.nz/language-culture-and-identity/pacific-language-weeks/cook-islands-language-week/>

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## 2020 TERM DATES

Please see the end of this newsletter for a full list of term dates and holidays for 2020.

## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH ORDERS

Orders for school photographs close next Tuesday, 13 August. Please ensure you have placed your order on-line (no need to send envelope back to school) or placed your order envelope in the black tin in the school office.

## 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 – Saturday 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. 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.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWSLETTER

A paper copy of the update from the Board of Trustees has been sent home today. Future updates will be sent out electronically with the school newsletter.

## SCHOOL MAGAZINE

Earlier this year we advised that the end of year school magazines would cost \$10 each and it is optional whether you wish to purchase this. We placed this optional fee on our student management system and it shows on the statements of account. If you do not want this showing on your statement it can be easily removed if you let the office know.

The number of magazines to be published will be set early in Term 4 so, if you do want to receive a magazine at the end of the year, it needs to be paid for as soon as possible as we won't be keeping a stock of them at the office.

## PRIMARY PRINCIPALS DAY OF SUPPORT

We are going to participate in a national day of support for primary principals this Friday, 9 August. The purpose of this day is for teachers, support staff, parents and students to show their support for principals/tumuaki and their ongoing campaign for pay parity with secondary school principals.

The simple thing Papakowhai School is going to do to be part of this is wear something green! Green was picked because it's part of the campaign branding and it's a positive, optimistic colour!



## **ADULT'S DANCE FITNESS CLASSES**

Extreme Dance in Paremata on Thursday at 7.45pm for Shut Up & Dance - 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.

Intro offer - 2 x for \$25 or come along casually for \$20 a class. For more info, check them out on Facebook or Instagram @shutupanddancenz or visit

[www.shutupanddance.co](http://www.shutupanddance.co) We have a few 2 for 1 passes at the office for those interested – first come, first served!

## **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](http://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.

## **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**

<b>Friday 9</b>	Primary principals day of support
<b>Wednesday 14</b>	Kauri 3&4 field trip to Battle Hill
<b>Wednesday 14</b>	Rata trip to Carter Observatory
<b>Thursday 15</b>	Powhiri for new families, 9.30 am
<b>Thursday 15</b>	Boostrix vaccinations (Year 7)
<b>Monday 19</b>	Kauri 1&2 field trip to Battle Hill
<b>Tuesday 20</b>	Assembly, 10am, school hall
<b>Wednesday 21</b>	Parumoana swim sports, Yr 5&6
<b>Wednesday 28</b>	Parumoana swim sports, Yr 7&8

## TERM DATES 2020

TERM	START DATE	END DATE	HOLIDAYS
1	Monday 3 February	Thursday 9 April	Public holiday: Waitangi Day. School holidays include Easter, Easter Tuesday and ANZAC day
2	Tuesday 28 April	Friday 3 July	Public holiday: ANZAC (observed) 27 April, Queen's Birthday 1 June
3	Monday 20 July	Friday 25 September	
4	Monday 12 October	Tuesday 15th December	Public holidays: Labour Day, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day

Teacher Only Days (Part of 8 agreed by the MOE in the Teacher Collective Agreement) in Term 2 and 4: to be confirmed.

**Week prior to school starting:** Office opens Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January