



Papakowhai School

Learning Together



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PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

PORIRUA PRIMARY SCHOOLS LEADERSHIP AWARD

Congratulations to **Emma Kinsella** and **Amelia Taatiti** who received the Porirua Primary Schools Leadership Award last week. These awards are now in their fifth year and continue to be an event which is well received by the community. Each primary school is asked to name two children to receive the award. The Mayor and Council support the awards that are given by Rotary.

We were asked to write a brief description about why we named Amelia and Emma. Here is what we said:

Amelia Taatiti - Amelia brings infectious positivity, enthusiasm and leadership to our school. Her love of learning and growth mindset allows her to work through challenging learning experiences. Amelia always works with diligence and strives to do her very best. A very thoughtful and compassionate individual, Amelia offers continuous support to those around her providing constructive, respectful advice. Amelia is the student leader and founder of our school Polyclub.

Emma Kinsella - Emma is a confident and helpful leader in our school. She always follows instructions and is a fantastic role model for her peers. Emma is a highly dedicated leader in our school, and her commitment to the Enviro Team is amazing. She has been a great asset to our school in reducing our waste and being more aware of how to compost properly. Emma goes out of her way to be helpful, and will complete any jobs asked of her in a timely manner with a positive attitude.

Mark Smith

Principal

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ARTSPASH 2019 - CHOIR/WEARABLE ART AND DANCE

If your child is performing in Artsplash this year you should have received a notice with 2 forms attached to complete. Form A was for commitment to the event and Form B was for fees and tickets; both need to be completed and returned to the office by this Friday, 23 August.

We have noticed a number of people have paid but are yet to return the forms, or have returned the forms and are yet to pay. As tickets will be sorted out next week it is important that both payment and forms are received by the end of this week please.

NEW ENROLMENTS FOR 2020

To assist with planning for 2020 we need to check we have an accurate list of enrolments for next year.

If you fall into one of following categories, please contact the Office by Friday August 30th:

- i) You live in zone and have a new entrant child who turns 5 in 2020 and you have not already given pre-enrolment details to the Office.
- ii) You live in zone and currently have a child attending a different school that you intend to enrol at Papakowhai in 2020.

If you have a friend or family member that does not have a child currently attending Papakowhai School and you think that they may fall into one of the above categories, please get them to contact the Office also.

If you fall into one of following categories, please contact Mark Smith directly, before August 30th:

- i) You currently live out of zone, have children already attending Papakowhai School, you have a new entrant child who turns 5 in 2020 and you have not already completed an enrolment form for 2020.
- ii) You have a child currently attending Papakowhai School and you are planning to enrol them at a different school in 2020.

Out of Zone Places for 2020

If you are unclear about the boundaries of the school zone, please refer to our website. Please note all streets that are part of the “grandparenting clause” are counted as in –zone enrolments.

The number of out of zone places for 2020 for Year 1 siblings of current pupils will be determined by the Board of Trustees.

There will be no places for children who do not have a current sibling at school.

The process for this is as follows:

- Pre-enrolment of out of zone Year 1 children who have a sibling currently attending Papakowhai School will need to be received by August 30th, 2019.
- The BOT will determine from the pre-enrolments how many places are likely to be available in 2020 for out of zone Year 1 siblings of current students at the September meeting.
- The BOT will advertise the number of out of zone places at the start of Term 4.
- A ballot, if required, will take place before the end of October.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child’s eligibility to enrol at Papakowhai School in 2020 please contact Mark Smith, mark@papakowhai.school.nz

YEAR 5 AND 6 MATHSWELL COMPETITION

Last Wednesday evening, Year 5&6 students Jack Jenkins, Alex Reeves, Carter McKee, Luke McKee, Harold Sanders and Hadley Fale represented Papakowhai School in the Mathswell competition at Paremata School. The team placed 4th out of 17 teams. Congratulations to the students for their hard work and a big thank you to Maree Sanders for coaching and supporting the team on the night.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

The book orders were handed out this week. If your order was marked as a gift it will be at the office – please come and collect at your earliest convenience.

HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Quiz - Thanks to everyone who braved the weather on Saturday for the Quiz. Thank you to Rodney, Rose and Laureen for organising the event, a great time was had by all. A huge thank you to our sponsors.



Calendar Art - KIDS ART WORKS TIME!!! It's time to order your children's artworks. These make great gifts for Christmas: yes, Christmas is just a few months away!

This year you can order....

Calendars \$15, Cards (pack of 8) \$13, Diaries \$18, Mouse Mats \$16, Sketch Pads \$15.

Just follow these simple steps.

1. Go to your child's SEESAW app to see the wonderful art your child has created. You may have to go back to earlier in the year if your teacher is an avid poster.
2. Log on to Kindo using this link <https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/q2.shtml> This the website you used to buy disco tickets. Choose the 'Abacus 2019' option from the service list.
3. **IMPORTANT:** Check your child's class room is correct. To check click on the icon letter by their name on the left side of the screen. Classes can be selected from the drop down list.
4. Select the child, and the item you want for that child. Multiple kids can be ordered at once, just **ensure you pick the right child for the product** of theirs you want to order.
5. Choose your preferred payment method and you're done!!!

IT IS VITAL THAT YOU CHECK YOUR CHILD'S CLASS IS CORRECT AS THIS IS HOW WE WILL MATCH THEIR ART TO YOUR ORDER....Any questions around ordering, please email homeandschool@papakowhai.school.nz

AIMS GAMES FUNDRAISER

The Senior A netball team will be selling ice blocks at lunchtime (at \$1 each) on Friday, 23 August, and next Friday, 30 August, to fundraise for their participation in the Aims Games.



WASTE FREE WEDNESDAY

In an effort to see a reduction in school wide waste, Papakowhai School is going waste free EVERY WEDNESDAY. We encourage you to send your child with food that is not wrapped (you might like to use containers, Bees wax wraps etc) or they could take their used wrap home.

We would appreciate your support with this student led initiative as we work towards reducing the amount of waste we send to the landfill each week.



2020 TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

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

NETBALL SAUSAGE SIZZLE FUNDRAISER

Papakowhai School are fundraising to purchase new netball dresses for 2020. We will be holding our second Sausage Sizzle on **Thursday 12th September** during lunchtime. An order form will come home today with each student. **Orders are due back to the office by Monday 9th September.** Please ensure your child's name and class is on the order and the correct money is enclosed. No change will be given. Orders need to be placed in the dedicated box in the office. Thank you for your support.

LOST PROPERTY – FOUND ITEMS

At the office we have a pair of children's glasses which are from Specsavers and have a dark navy frame.

We have three watches; one dark grey and green, one ice blue and white and a yellow Baby-G.

There are also 2 pieces of pounamu here. If you or your child have lost their pounamu taonga, please call the office and describe it to one of the staff.

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.

SOME IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST

Friday 23	Orders for Artsplash tickets close
Tuesday 27	BOT meeting, 7pm, staffroom
Friday 30	New Enrolments for 2020 must have been notified to office (in zone) or Mark Smith (out of zone)

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 5	Parumoana swim sports, Year 5&6
Friday 6	Parumoana swim sports, Year 7&8
Friday 6	Calendar art orders close
Monday 9	Orders close for sausage sizzle
Thursday 12	Netball sausage sizzle
Wednesday 18	Artsplash Choir/Wearable Arts performance Michael Fowler Centre
Thursday 19	Artsplash Dance performance, Michael Fowler Centre

TERM DATES FOR 2020

TERM	START	FINISH	PUBLIC HOLIDAYS
1	Monday 3 February	Thursday 9 April	Waitangi Day, 6 th February School holidays include Easter and ANZAC day, 27 th April
2	Tuesday 28 April	Friday 3 July	Queen's birthday, 1 st June
3	Monday 20 July	Friday 25 September	
4	Monday 12 October	Tuesday 15 December	Labour Day, 26 th October

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 January