



## PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 6 ● Term 3 ● 28 August 2019

Dear Parents/Caregivers

### **North Porirua Kāhui Ako /Community Of Learning**

Our school is one of ten schools from Aotea College in the south to Pukerua Bay in the north that make up the North Porirua Kāhui Ako. More than 3000 children are part of our community of learning.

#### **Our Vision**

To engage all learners in a culturally responsive, future-focused and innovative learning community.

#### **Our Values**

Across our community, we value:

Equity · Respect · Collaboration · Community

We will build on existing co-operative relationships between schools, in order to create a Kāhui Ako that is collaborative and responsive to the needs of all students.

#### **Our Focus**

We have three workstreams that our leadership roles and goals are aligned to.

#### **Leadership**

Our foundation Lead Principal, Bradley Roberts, has just completed his two year term. Bradley has done a great job of building connections and relationships across our Kāhui Ako. We have really benefited from Bradley's approachable and flexible leadership style. Thank you Bradley for laying the foundations of our community of learning.

#### **Lead Principal**

Mark Smith is the new Kāhui Ako Lead Principal. Mark is excited about bringing more structure and focus to the work we are doing so we can build rich learning

opportunities for our children on the strong relational foundation that has already been laid. You can contact Mark at [mark@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:mark@papakowhai.school.nz)

### **Across School Teachers (AST's)**

We have five across school teachers who can provide mentoring, resources, connections and support for learners in schools. AST's are released 0.4 to work in schools. Teachers and principals can contact AST's directly.

**Catherine Collins**- Catherine is the HOD of Art at Aotea College. Catherine supports learners and teachers in our Well-Being and Pathways workstreams, particularly in the Arts and is establishing a network for SENCo.

**Anthony Urwin** - Anthony is a teacher of Māori at Aotea College. Anthony supports learners and teachers in our Well-Being and Pathways workstreams, particularly in Te reo me ngā tikanga Māori and is establishing a student cultural leadership group.

**Rachel Berney** - Rachel is a teacher at Discovery School. Rachel supports learners and teachers in our Well-Being and Pathways workstreams, particularly with Early Childhood transitions and is establishing a student cultural leadership group.

**Mark Hughes** - Mark is a teacher at Adventure School. Mark supports learners and teachers in our Innovation workstream, particularly with digital learning.

**Tom Fanning** - Tom is a teacher of Science at Aotea College. Tom supports learners and teachers in our Innovation workstream, particularly with science.

Each school also has **Within School Teachers (WST's)** aligned to our workstreams. Schools manage this resource independently.

### **Well-Being / Hauora**

We have a strong commitment to working with teachers, students and their whānau in order to support positive well-being.

We know that well-being is fundamental to learning, and central to the vision, values and principles of the New Zealand Curriculum and Tē Whāriki. From the knowledge

of our own schools and communities, we know that some students are not experiencing the kind of positive well-being that would support them to be confident, connected, actively-involved, lifelong learners.

A strong cultural identity is important to a learner’s mental health and well-being. Having a strong sense of their own cultural history and traditions helps learners to build a positive cultural identity for themselves, gives them a sense of belonging and self-esteem, and supports their overall well-being.

**What’s currently happening in this Workstream across schools?**

| What do we want to achieve?  | What are our actions?   |
|------------------------------|---|
| Strengthen cultural identity | Establishing a student cultural leadership group                |
|                              | Using the Arts to strengthen identity and culture for students. |
|                              | Strengthen powhiri, kapa haka and Te Reo Māori across schools   |

**Innovation / Auaha**

As community leaders, we identified the need to engage students and teachers in learning that would bring the community members together and extend pedagogy beyond current practice. Through STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) we intend to foster programmes of learning that encourage inquiry and problem-solving within authentic contexts.

We see many opportunities for innovation in our community within the STEM approach to answer complex questions, investigate issues, and develop challenges for real world problems in our community and beyond.

We have **300 hours of Ministry Funded PLD from CORE** to support our teachers and learners with the implementation of the digital technology learning areas within the Technology Curriculum. Schools have been offered a strategic planning day in Term 4 if they are not feeling ready for implementation. Representatives from all schools will form a leadership group to steer this professional learning. Next year all teachers will have the

opportunity to opt into workshops with teachers from across schools who teach the same year groups as they do or attend extending practice workshops on themes of interest.

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| Increase innovative science practice.                         | Use of hands on and authentic learning experiences to strengthen learning in science, including the use of House of Science resources          |
| Strengthen digital fluency<br>Digital Technologies Curriculum | Use of hands on and authentic learning experiences to strengthen learning in digital technology, including professional development from CORE. |

**Pathways / Ara Tika**

The North Porirua Kāhui Ako is focused on developing pathways that provide learners with a well-planned, connected, and coherent curriculum.

The focus of the work for the Kāhui Ako includes making stronger links between settings at the transition points of the educational journey.

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| Strong links at transition points                 | Connect ECE and schools to facilitate effective transitions to school                                 |
| Effective support for students with special needs | Establish a Special Needs Co-ordinators Group to co-ordinate additional support across our Kāhui Ako. |

Mark Smith

Principal

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## **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 30<sup>th</sup>:**

- 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 30<sup>th</sup>:**

- 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 30<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:mark@papakowhai.school.nz)

### **AIMS GAMES FUNDRAISER**

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



### **ARTSPASH 2019 - CHOIR/WEARABLE ART AND DANCE**

Tickets purchased for Artsplash performances will be issued early next week.

### **ENVIRO LEADERS NEWS**

On Tuesday this week the Enviro Leaders went to Bowlers Wharf in Papakowhai to do some work with Porirua City Council and the Paremata School Enviro Leaders. This is what Enviro Leader Riley Wicks thought about the experience:

*Bowler's Wharf planting was an awesome experience. I learnt a lot about the history of Bowler's Wharf. The planting was fun and it was cool that we had the chance to do it with Paremata School. It was hard work but it was worth it. There were so many varieties of plants. I am so happy that we planted 500 plants. I can't wait to see how the plants go.*

This term the Enviro Leaders are also working with Esme from Pataka to create a mural inspired by Porirua Harbour and its wildlife. We have been taught techniques for drawing and stencil-making. We will also be working with an artist to learn spray-painting techniques. We are excited to use these new skills to create a beautiful mural on the storage container behind Rata. Watch this space!

### **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.



## HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

**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](mailto:homeandschool@papakowhai.school.nz)

## 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.

## **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.

## **Holiday Writing Camp and Holiday Illustration Camp**

There are two camps being run at Raroa Intermediate from 8 to 10 October for enthusiastic writers and for those enthusiastic about drawing and art.

For more information go to:

[writelikeanauthor.com](http://writelikeanauthor.com) and [drawlikeanillustrator.com](http://drawlikeanillustrator.com)

## Join North City Cricket Club this Summer!



We have teams for Year 0 - Year 8 children. North City Cricket Junior Club

is a dedicated and passionate club that provides all children the chance to learn and develop cricket skills, make friends and have fun in a team environment from Spring to Autumn.

**Online Registrations open September 2019**, for more information visit

<http://northcitycricketclub.co.nz/junior-cricket/> or <https://www.facebook.com/NorthCityCricket/> to keep an eye on up to date information.

### SOME IMPORTANT DATES

#### **AUGUST**

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| <b>Friday 30</b> | New Enrolments for 2020 must have been notified to office (in zone) or Mark Smith (out of zone) |
|                  | Ice Blocks for sale \$1   |

#### **SEPTEMBER**

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|---------------------|---|
| <b>Thursday 5</b>   | Parumoana swim sports, Year 5&6                                 |
| <b>Friday 6</b>     | Parumoana swim sports, Year 7&8                                 |
| <b>Friday 6</b>     | Calendar art orders close                                       |
| <b>Monday 9</b>     | Orders close for sausage sizzle                                 |
| <b>Thursday 12</b>  | Netball sausage sizzle  |
| <b>Wednesday 18</b> | Artsplash Choir/Wearable Arts performance Michael Fowler Centre |
| <b>Thursday 19</b>  | 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 <sup>th</sup> February<br>School holidays include Easter and ANZAC day, 27 <sup>th</sup> April |
| 2    | <b>Tuesday 28 April</b> | Friday 3 July       | Queen's birthday, 1 <sup>st</sup> June   |
| 3    | Monday 20 July          | Friday 25 September |  |
| 4    | Monday 12 October       | Tuesday 15 December | Labour Day, 26 <sup>th</sup> 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