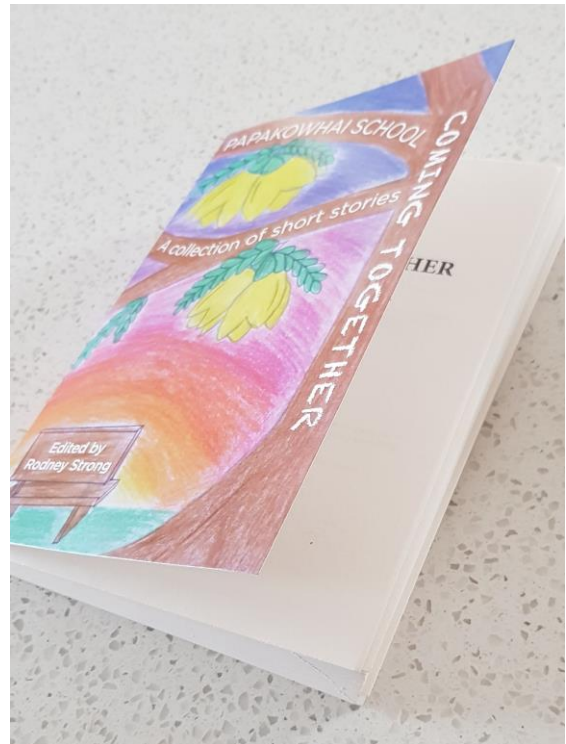


PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
Week 2 ● Term 4 ● 23 October 2019

Dear Parents/Caregivers

COMING TOGETHER

I am so proud of our book that we launched yesterday at school. *Coming Together* is a collection of short stories written by the students of Papakowhai School. Thank you to all the students who have contributed such wonderful ideas and creative thinking. Thank you to our teachers and staff members who have supported our students with their writing and working through the re-crafting process. Special thanks to Rodney Strong who has inspired and championed the writing of the book. Rodney is our editor and he has also worked with groups and classes with their writing. Thank you Rodney!



Note from our Editor Rodney Strong...

We had a great launch of the school book yesterday and it was wonderful to see the excited looks on the students' faces as they held their copies. We had originally said that there would only be one print run, however we are looking to gauge interest on ordering further copies. For us to do this we will need to have a minimum order of 50 copies. If you missed out or would like additional copies, please email the home and school committee on homeandschool@papakowhai.school.nz by 5 November 2019. The cost will be \$20 per book.

SUCCEED LIKE A DYSLEXIC!

On Monday some of our senior students ran an assembly with the theme "Succeed like a Dyslexic". It was an inspiring message about what it means to be dyslexic and celebrated the many dyslexics who are tremendously successful in their chosen fields. The student assembly encouraged dyslexic children to have dreams and aspirations and emphasised that dyslexia does not limit the opportunity for success. Well done to Sue Jenkins and the students for this great message. If dyslexia is something you have questions about for your child you are welcome to contact Sue Jenkins at sue@papakowhai.school.nz

MINDFULNESS PARENT EVENING WITH SARA WATCHORN THURSDAY 21 NOVEMBER 7.30 - 8.30 PM



Many of us have anxious children who are quick to react or get angry at home or at school. We are hosting a parent evening to share tools and techniques to help these children to self-regulate and calm themselves. These techniques will not only

benefit your children but your whole family! Mindfulness is taking centre stage in the education sector as we better understand the impact our 'emotional' brain has on our 'learning' brain. Mindfulness strategies are being recommended by Education Psychologists as a proactive way of working with a lot of student behaviours.

Sara Watchorn is a classroom teacher and workshop facilitator. She has a passion for helping children to notice and understand their emotions and how these emotions impact their learning and their relationships with others. This event is **free of charge**, will be held Rata Block and is limited to 60 places:- please email the office to reserve a place.

Kind regards

Mark Smith, Principal

mark@papakowhai.school.nz

YEAR 8 LEAVERS DINNER – SAVE THE DATE!

The Leavers dinner will be held on Monday 9 December at Mana Cruising Club, Ngati Toa domain, from 6.30 pm. Further details will follow next week.

KAPA HAKA PERFORMANCE, WEDNESDAY 30 OCTOBER

All members of our Kapa Haka group have been given a letter with full details of the evening performance at Aotea College Te Manawa Auditorium on Wednesday October 30th 2019, commencing at 6 pm. Please return the slip to Miss Henderson ASAP to book your seats, as numbers are limited.

Performing students must arrive by 5:30 pm in their uniforms and assemble back stage to enter the hall together at 6 pm. Please contact Jo Henderson jo@papakowhai.school.nz for more information.

HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The next Home and school meeting will be held on Monday 25th November at 7pm.

Shopping night – Tickets are now on sale for \$10 each (if ordered before 1st November) on Kindo

<https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/index.html> R18 event, Friday November 8th, 7-9.30pm. The Home and School Facebook page has a list of the stallholders as well as sneak peaks to what they will be selling

<https://www.facebook.com/events/377566112822723/>

Ticket price includes a glass of bubbles/juice and a light supper: purchase before November 1st on Kindo for the early bird price of \$10 - tickets will be \$15 at the door. Please share the Facebook page with all your friends to help us advertise it more widely and make this event successful.

BAKING WANTED! If any parents would like to contribute some baking for us to use for the supper at the shopping night these would be greatly received. Please drop it to the school office by Thursday 7th November.



SCHOOL POWHIRI

We are holding a powhiri on **Thursday 7 November**, to welcome our newest students and their families to Papakowhai School. Children who have started school since our last powhiri will have received an invitation today. If you are part of the group being welcomed, please take your children to class first so that they can drop their bags and let their teachers know that they are here before heading to the staffroom at about 9 am. At approximately 9.15 am you will be guided over to the hall for the powhiri and will be welcomed back to the staffroom for light refreshments afterwards.

SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN IN KINDERGARTEN GROUNDS

We have been contacted by Papakowhai kindergarten about school children playing on their equipment and in their grounds. Last weekend a window was broken. Please do not allow your children to play unsupervised (by an adult) in the kindergarten playground.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Our next school assembly will be held on Tuesday 19 November. The list of classes sharing will be in next week's newsletter.

FUNDRAISER - ICE BLOCK SALES IN NOVEMBER!

The following Papakowhai School students have been selected to represent Porirua at the Tag Nationals in Auckland in early December. Congratulations to **Zaria Phelps, Anae Mundell, Casey Spencer-Pratt, Lauren Crawford, Denzel Beyer-Rieger, Asher Meade, Roman Summerville-Murray, Prestige Schwalger, Reweti Ngarimu, Z'Kedus Schwalger, Luke Weir-Smith, Levi Walmsley, Phoenix Schwalger** and **Teuila Bennis**. These children will be selling ice blocks on Friday 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th November, outside each syndicate block. Please help them raise funds to travel to Auckland by bringing \$1 for an ice block on Fridays in November.

MISSING BELL FROM AFTER SCHOOL CARE

The large hand bell is missing from ASC. Please keep an eye out for it and return to the office if found.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

A reminder that book club orders must be submitted by 3pm on Friday, 25 October. Orders can only be made online via Scholastic LOOP, either through the website <https://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz/Parent/Login.aspx> or by downloading the app from Google Play (android) or the App Store (Apple). We no longer accept cash/cheque orders so there is also no need to return your order form to school.

PAUATAHANUI PLANT SALE

Sunday 27 October, 9 am – 2 pm at Pauatahanui School.
The Pauatahanui potty planters have a selection of plants, including flaxes, veggies, grasses, shrubs and more, at bargain prices. Sale on, rain or shine!!

TERM AND HOLIDAY 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

TERM 4 ART CLASSES WITH ARTY FARTY KIDS



'TERM 4 - Funky Creatures!'
Starts SUNDAY 20th October
@ 2.00pm - 3.30pm and runs for
8 weeks.

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TERM 4 - STARTING 21st OCTOBER
'The Magical World of Illustration'
5.00pm - 6.30pm

PLACES STILL AVAILABLE!

office.artyfartykids@gmail.com
022 174 8558



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For further details or to book a place please contact Sara
via office.artyfartykids@gmail.com or call 0221748558

MUSICAL THEATRE CLASSES

Does your child love to sing, dance and act? Come and be part of a Musical Theatre Show!

Led by London West End performer Sherene Clarke.

AOTEA-JOHNSONVILLE-LOWER HUTT

BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!

www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz

69th NZ OPEN BALLROOM DANCING CHAMPIONSHIP

Over Labour weekend at Te Rauparaha Arena, dancers from New Zealand and Australia will be battling it out on the dance floor. For tickets please visit

<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2019/69th-new-zealand-open-dance-championship/porirua-mana> or follow the

Facebook page, NZ Open Dance Championships, where there will also be live streaming of events throughout the weekend - you may even spot Mrs Flint on the dance floor!

SOME IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER

Monday 28	Labour Day holiday – school closed
Wednesday 30	Kapa Haka performance, Aotea College, 6 pm
Thursday 31	Kauri Mountains to Sea – pool trip

NOVEMBER – ICE BLOCK SALES ON FRIDAYS

Thursday 7	Powhiri, 9.15 am, school hall
Friday 8	Shopping night in school hall, 7 – 9.30 pm
Monday 11	Kauri 3 & 4 snorkelling field trip
Wednesday 13	Kauri 1 & 2 snorkelling field trip
Tuesday 19	Assembly, 10 am, school hall
Tuesday 19	BOT meeting, 7pm, staffroom
Wednesday 20	Book character dress up day
Monday 25	Home & School committee meeting, 7 pm