

PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
Week 3 ● Term 4 ● 30 October 2019

Dear Parents/Caregivers

GET READY TO PEDAL!



The bike track is in! There will be a few fix ups to do but the field is open. The bank on the west side of the hall is still out of bounds and will be for another week or so.

The bike track will be officially open from Monday 4th November. Children will be able to use the field before then but no bikes or scooters on the field this week please. Please remember there are no wheels at all on the Astroturf.

To start with, children will need to bring their own scooter or bike and a helmet. If they don't have a helmet they won't be able to use the track.

On Friday 1st November Rata 4 children will be allowed to bring bikes or scooters to school and have a preview cycle around the track as Rata 4 were the winners of the Readathon Challenge we ran in June.

Next week it will be open for all children. There will be one syndicate per day.

Monday 4th November - Rata

Tuesday 5th November - Kauri

Wednesday 6th November – Matai

Thursday 7th November – Totara

Friday 8th November - Rimu

We don't currently have bike and scooter storage sorted so children will need to park their bikes and scooters outside their classroom.

I hope you enjoy it!

Kind regards

Mark Smith

PRINCIPAL

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



Many of us have children who are quick to react or get angry or anxious. We are hosting an evening to share techniques to help these children self-regulate and calm themselves. This will not only benefit your children but the 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 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.

YEAR 8 LEAVERS DINNER

The Leavers dinner will be held on Monday 9 December at Mana Cruising Club, Ngati Toa domain, from 6.30 pm. A letter has been sent home with the Year 8 students today. Please return the slip and payment to the office before Tuesday 26 November at the latest.

KAPA HAKA PERFORMANCE, TONIGHT AT 6PM!

Good luck to our Kapa Haka group who are performing at Aotea College, Te Manawa Auditorium tonight, Wednesday October 30th 2019, commencing at 6 pm.

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 is only 2 weeks away!!

Purchase your ticket before this Friday, 1 November, for only \$10 via Kindo <https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/>

Tickets will be available at the door for \$15. Don't miss out on our pre-purchase special price!

We have 25 fabulous stallholders, and some amazing raffles! Everything from Tupperware, jewellery, crafts, homemade cards, soaps, candles, kids clothing...even socks!!!!

Visit our Facebook page to find out more our wonderful stallholders and sponsors

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

and there is a full list of stallholders at the end of this newsletter.

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 letter. 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 ASSEMBLY

Our next school assembly will be held on Tuesday 19 November at 10 am in the school hall. The classes sharing their work with us will be **Rata Whā, Matai Rua, Rimu Toru, Totara Whā** and **Kauri Toru**. New entrant students that have joined Rata block this term will be presented with their welcome certificates at the assembly too.

FUNDRAISER - ICE BLOCK SALES FROM 8 NOVEMBER!

Please remember that the Papakowhai School students selected for Tag Nationals in Auckland will be selling ice blocks on Fridays 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th November, outside each syndicate block. Don't forget to bring along your \$1 to support their fundraising effort!

WELLINGTON YOUTH SLAM – POETRY COMPETITION

Friday 1st November at Zeal from 6 - 8.30 pm. This performance poetry competition is open to anyone aged 13-20 who writes and performs their own work. The winner will get a chance to compete at the Wellington Regional Poetry Slam Finals the following evening at the National Library! Please email sara@motifpoetry.co.nz to secure a place. Come and hear what the next generation of poets have to say! Koha entry and three rounds of incredible spoken word, hosted by UK Slam Champion Sara Hirsch. For more information please visit <https://www.motifpoetry.co.nz/wlg.html>

SHREK THE MUSICAL – PORIRUA LITTLE THEATRE

14 – 30 November, 11 Prosser St, Porirua.

Evening and Matinee performances, for further information and to book tickets please visit their website, www.porirualittletheatre.com

SOME IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER

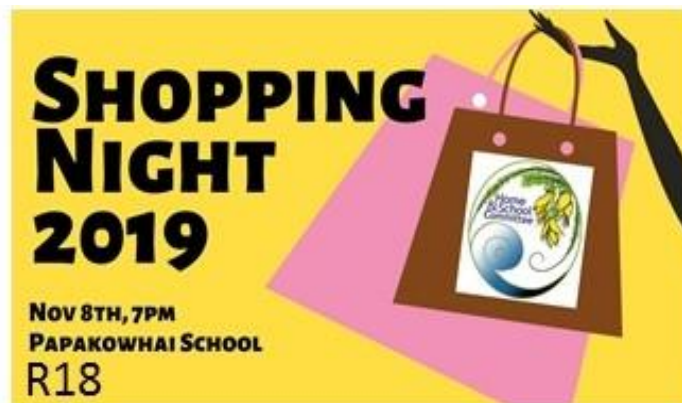
Wednesday 30	Kapa Haka performance, Aotea College, 6 pm tonight
Thursday 31	Kauri Mountains to Sea – pool trip

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
Tuesday 12	Parumoana athletics meeting
Wednesday 13	Kauri 1 & 2 snorkelling field trip
Thursday 14	Parumoana athletics postponement day
Tuesday 19	Assembly, 10 am, school hall
Tuesday 19	BOT meeting, 7pm, staffroom
Wednesday 20	Book character dress up day
Thursday 21	Papakowhai School speech finals
Thursday 21	Mindfulness parents evening, 7.30, Rata block
Monday 25	Home & School committee meeting, 7 pm

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



Come and enjoy over 25 stalls and raffles galore with a glass of bubbly and some friends.

Friday November 8th 7 – 9.30pm, Tickets \$10*

Joining us again

Trixie Monkey	Big Brown Dog	Sheree Taylor Jewellery
Soos Garden Skincare	Scentsy	Valetta Road
Crafty Wabbit	Tupperware	Fudge'n Hell
Cottage Crafts	AJ's Awesome Jewels	Arbonne
Create with Tracey	Trixie Monkey	Eva Massages

And some fabulous new stalls

Stitch Cloth Designs	Warm Fuzzies	Spike the Sock Broker
Norwex	Colour Swirls	Made by Me – Lea
Vanilla Parlour By Kerryn		Stichbury & Diddy-stich
Green Bee Eco Products		Forever Roses

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for more information on the stallholders

Door sales on the night \$15. Ticket price includes a glass of bubbles and light supper.

Pre purchase tickets on kindo before November 1st for \$10.

Note this is an R18 event due to the alcohol licensing restrictions.

Any question email homeandschool@Papakowhai.school.nz
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