



Papakowhai School

Learning Together



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PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome back to school for 2020! We are really looking forward to a wonderful year of learning together at Papakowhai School.

A SCHOOL POWHIRI for all new families and staff will be held on Thursday 27th February at 9.00am, in the Hall.

This is to welcome our new students, their parents, families, and whanau. The Powhiri lasts about 20 minutes and will be followed by morning tea. Families will gather in the staffroom prior to the powhiri.

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS

There are no confirmed cases of 2019-nCoV in New Zealand to date. The Ministry of Health is closely monitoring the situation and following guidance from the World Health Organization (WHO).

The likelihood of an imported case in New Zealand is high, however the likelihood of a widespread outbreak remains low. Keep updated on the status of Novel coronavirus on the Ministry of Health website:

<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov>

Current Ministry of Health Advice

As of 2 February 2020, all travellers arriving in New Zealand out of mainland China should stay away from school for a period of 14 days from the time they leave mainland China.

People who departed from mainland China before midnight 2 February are not required to stay away unless they have been in Wuhan City or Hubei Province in the last 14 days.

If someone has been in close contact with a confirmed novel coronavirus case they should stay away from school

for 14 days. If you develop symptoms including fever, coughing and difficulty breathing you should ring Healthline (for free) on 0800 611 116 or your doctor.

If a student does not show signs of illness after 14 days, then they should return to school and continue their studies as normal.

PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS TUESDAY 18th FEBRUARY

School will finish at 3pm as normal. This year we are going to do the start of the year meetings a little differently. We are going to still provide individual appointments for those who want them but also an informal evening time for those who just want to see the class and meet the teacher.

Individual appointments will be available from 3:30 - 5:30pm. Each appointment is 10 minutes. These appointments are for parents who want to discuss specific learning, behaviour, medical, family or personal information privately with the teacher. Families who are new to our school might also want to take up this opportunity, even if there isn't a specific issue to discuss.

From 6:15 -7:30pm there will be an open evening where you can pop into classes without an appointment. The teachers will be available to meet you and chat informally with you. You are also welcome to look around other classes if you are new to the school or would just like to.

Appointments to see the teachers are done via a website. It is a simple, accurate system.

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz **The log-in code is 9aprq .** Children are welcome to attend with their parents.

To book:

- enter your email address
- enter your name
- select the number of children you are booking for
- Enter the children's name/s
- Select the class and teacher
- Select the interview times you want

You will be sent an email confirming your booking details. You will control your bookings and can make them to suit you, though like any system the earlier you book the more likely you will get what you want. Changing or cancelling your booking can be done at any time. The booking website will close at noon on Tuesday 18th February.

If you are not able to make a booking online, please phone the school office.

Kind regards

Mark Smith

Principal

mark@papakowhai.school.nz

SCHOOL SWIMMING SESSIONS

Each year the school invests a significant proportion of its budget to providing quality swimming programmes to children. We know that children really improve when they have lessons at school every day for a two-week period. All children in Years 1- 6 are expected to participate in the swimming programme and bring their togs, towel and goggles every day they are rostered no for swimming.

All Year 1- 6 children will receive eight lessons from the Easy Swim School instructors. Swimming will happen Monday –Thursday. If swimming has to be postponed due to bad weather, there will be catch up sessions.

School Swimming Timetable 2020

Starting Monday 10th Feb Finishes Thursday 20th Feb (unless there are postponement days)	Starting Monday 24th Feb Finishes Thursday 5th March (unless there are postponement days)
Totara 1	Totara 3
Totara 2	Totara 4
Rimu 1	Rata 1 & 2
Rimu 2	Rata 3
Rimu 3	Rata 4
Rimu 4	Matai 1
Rimu 5	Matai 2
Kauri 3 (Year 6's)	Matai 3

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The first Board of Trustees meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday 11 February, in the staffroom at 7 pm.

LOST PROPERTY

We have a ukulele in lost property. If you think it is yours, please come to the office and tell us what colour it is.

SCHOOL CAMP FOR YEAR 7 AND 8'S

The camp for Year 7 and 8's is being held at Kaitoke, Upper Hutt, from 9 - 11 March. All payments need to be completed by 28 February. The balance owing will be shown on the statement of account, which will be sent home shortly, or call Heather on 233 8321.

Camp information evening

There will be an information evening for parents wishing to find out more about the Kaitoke camp in Kauri block on Tuesday 26 February at 6 pm. **Parent helpers attending camp must attend this meeting.**

SCHOOL DONATIONS AND FEES

This year the donations and fees being requested are:
School donation: \$300 per pupil (or \$75 each term). A tax credit of 33 cents in the dollar can be claimed from Inland Revenue for donations paid. Receipts are issued for all donations for this purpose.

Technology consumables fee: For Year 7 and 8's who attend the Plimmerton Technology Centre. The fee is \$70 and covers the costs of items brought home. It would be appreciated if this could be paid by the end of Term 1.

Mathletics, Math Seeds and Reading Eggs: These fees are charged according to which class your child is in. Each programme costs \$22.

Hapara: This fee of \$7 is for a programme which enables the teachers to monitor all activity and aids keeping your children safe on their devices.

Magazine fee: This \$10 will show in your statement but is optional should you wish to receive a school magazine at year end.

At times there will be other fees on a user pays basis. Fees for activities such as chess, future problem solving club etc are only charged to those who enrol.

A statement of request for donations and other fees will be issued to every family shortly.

Payments made to school

Our preferred method is via our school bank 12- 3140-0133108-01- we ask that all transactions are referenced with child's name and a description of what for e.g camp. We also have two boxes in the office - one solely for forms and the other for cash. It would be appreciated that any cash be in an envelope clearly named with a description of what it is for. We also have an EFTPOS machine at the office (no credit cards).

Payments by instalment

We are happy for all fees and donations to be paid on an instalment basis e.g. fortnightly, monthly or termly. Please contact the office for further details if necessary.

SCHOLASTIC LUCKY BOOK CLUB

The latest Lucky Book club brochure has been sent home this week. Orders are only to be placed online please using the LOOP system as described on the order form. **Orders need to be placed by 3pm next Thursday, 13 February.**

We are looking for one or two parents to take over the ordering and sorting/distribution of these orders please.

There are 4 orders per year (one each term). If you are interested please contact Maree Sanders maree@papakowhai.school.nz for further details.

HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The next Home and School meeting will be held on Monday 17 February at 7 pm in the staffroom. Please come along to see what we do and what we have planned for the year.



The first fundraising event of the year will be the school **Triathlon on Sunday 1 March**. Entry forms have come home today. We need lots of helpers to run this event so please volunteer if you are able. For further details please email the Home and School committee on homeandschool@papakowhai.school.nz

Save the date for our speaker Emma Wright talking about **“Raising body confident kids” on Thurs 26 March**

Please follow our Facebook page to stay up to date with all our events this year

<https://www.facebook.com/PapakowhaiHomeandSchool/>

UKULELE CLUB

Love to sing, bang, stomp, jingle, hum, strum, or just tell a good joke? Join Uke Club on Thursdays, before school, in the hall



Contact Shane more details on 027 27 37 47 5 or email theukuleleinstitute@gmail.com

BEGINNERS BALLROOM & LATIN DANCE COURSE

Papakowhai School hall on Wednesdays at 8.30 pm, from 20 February, for 8 weeks. A fun form of fitness for the mind, body and soul! \$135 per person or \$20 per person casually – SPECIAL 2 FOR 1 OFFER RUNNING AT THE MOMENT! For full details or to book, please contact Tanya Scherzer 0274807645 or email Tanya.scherzer@gmail.com

KARATE CLASSES

Every Tuesday, Papakowhai School Hall
Juniors (from 8 years old) - 5.45 to 7.00pm
Seniors (from 16 years old) - 7.00 to 8.00pm
For details contact Alan Campbell on 022 361 4990

ARTY FARTY KIDS LTD ART CLASSES FOR TERM 1

‘Art From Around The World’ running for 8 weeks from Sunday 16th February - 12th April from 2 - 3.30 pm
And, starting from 10th February, 5 - 6.30pm
CARTOON & ILLUSTRATION CLASSES ‘All Things Wild & Wonderful’, running for 8 weeks.

BOOKINGS OPEN NOW! Please contact Sara for further details office.artyfartykids@gmail.com or 0221748558

SOME IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY

Thursday 6	School closed – Waitangi Day
Monday 17	Home and School meeting, 7pm
Tuesday 18	Parent/teacher meetings
Tuesday 25	Yr 7&8 camp – parents information evening, 6 pm, Kauri block
Thursday 27	Powhiri for new families, 9.30 am

MARCH Movin'March runs from 1- 29th

Tuesday 3 March	Assembly 10am
Monday 11- Friday 15 inc	Year 7 & 8 students on camp
Monday 30 March	Cross Country

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 Teacher only day 2 nd June
3	Monday 20 July	Friday 25 September	
4	Monday 12 October	Tuesday 15 December	Labour Day, 26 th October

There will be a Teacher only day on Tuesday 2nd June (day after Queen's birthday holiday). Other 2020 Teacher only days to be confirmed – one in term 3 and one term 4.

**** STOP PRESS – free community Netball coaching ****

We have received the following email from the Whitby Waves netball club

“I’m on the committee of the Waves Netball club and we have arranged for a free workshop to be delivered by Irene van Dyk on the 23rd of March in Porirua at the Mungavin Netball courts. It is based on the NNZ Community Coach Starter Resource and is designed for new or novice coaches looking to coach teams from Y7 to 13. It provides warmups, cool downs and 12 session plans for coaches to utilise with their own teams.

We thought perhaps that some of the local schools may have parents or teachers who might like to get into coaching (primarily to enable kids to play) but perhaps are not sure what they should be doing with the team – this is the workshop for them J

More information (and registration) can be found at the link below. Please feel free to pass this on to anyone who you think might be interested, although spaces are limited and it’s on a first come first served basis.”

<https://forms.gle/abNYUYh4P3ELRGdL6>