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PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 2 ● Term 1 ● 5 February 2020

Dear Parents/Caregivers

The children have had a wonderful start to the year. We are enjoying the enthusiasm and energy that a new year brings.

SCHOOL DONATIONS

Papakowhai School is a state school. We receive government funding which covers the basic requirements of our learning programme. However, due to our high decile rating, we receive less government funding than most state schools. We are therefore reliant on additional sources of funding to support our learning programmes and maintain and develop the resources and facilities we want for our children.

In 2020 we are requesting the following donations and contributions from our families:

General Donation

The donation of \$300 per student helps cover costs such as teacher aides, purchasing and supporting the hundreds of digital devices at our school, sports equipment, developing outdoor play spaces, performing arts, local curriculum activities and trips, some interschool competitions, as well as aquatics and gymnastics programmes. Donations qualify for a tax donation credit rebate.

Technology Contribution

For Year 7 and 8's who attend the Plimmerton Technology Centre. \$70 covers the costs of items brought home.

Digital Programmes Contribution (Mathletics, Math Seeds, Reading Eggs and Hapara)

The amount depends on the class your child is in. Maths and Reading programmes cost \$22. Hapara costs \$7 and is

a programme which enables the teachers to monitor all activity and aids keeping your children safe on their devices in Year 3- 8.

These were incorrectly listed as compulsory fees on the Office Max website. Our apologies for this error and if you would like to discuss this please get in touch with me.

All of these donations and contributions are voluntary. Regardless of payment, all students enrolled will be given full access to the tools they need for their education. However, if a significant number of parents choose not to pay, the school will need to reassess the options for educational programmes and resources we can provide to students.

Magazine fee: The \$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.

Payments made to school

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

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 – a white one solely for forms and the black one 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 donations, contributions and fees to be paid on an instalment basis e.g. fortnightly, monthly or termly. Please contact the office for further details if necessary.

Kind regards

Mark Smith

Principal

mark@papakowhai.school.nz

SCHOOL POWHIRI

A 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.

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.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Our new strategic plan is almost complete. We have some design work to go and we also are interested in any feedback you would like to share with us. The Strategic plan is available on the Papakowhai School website.

You can give feedback by email to: mark@papakowhai.school.nz or bot@papakowhai.school.nz

You can give feedback in person on our parent/teacher evening next Tuesday 18th February between 6:15 and 7pm in the staffroom. Some of our BOT members will be available to talk with you about the plan and take your feedback.



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 25 February at 6 pm. **Parent helpers attending camp must attend this meeting.**

LOST GLASSES

We have 3 pairs of prescription glasses at the office. If your child has lost theirs, please call us or pop in.

SCHOOL SWIMMING SESSIONS

Each year the school invests a significant proportion of its budget to provide a quality swimming programme to our 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 on 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

Started Monday 10 th Feb Finishes Thursday 20 th Feb (unless there are postponement days)	Starting Monday 24 th Feb Finishes Thursday 5 th 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

SCHOLASTIC LUCKY BOOK CLUB

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 on 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 Home and School committee are a group of parents who organise the school community building events such as the annual disco, triathlon, BBQs, Quiz and shopping nights. We also help the school with fundraising for some of the larger purchases, e.g. playgrounds. We meet about 3 times a term in the staffroom at around 7pm. Our motto is “do what you can when you can”. We understand we all lead busy lives, but that as parents we all want to help out when we can to



make Papakowhai School the wonderful community it is. We welcome new faces so please come along to see what we do and what we have planned for the year at our next meeting on Monday 17th Feb, 7pm in the staffroom). If you have any questions, please email Bernice on homeandschool@papakowhai.school.nz

The first fundraising event of the year will be the school **Triathlon on Sunday 1 March**. 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 Spare entry forms are available from the school office.

Tickets for our speaker Emma Wright talking about **“Raising body confident kids”** are now on sale via the Kindo app <https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/index.html> The presentation will be held on March 26th in the hall. We know this topic will be of interest to many parents so this event is open to the public so let all your friends and family know. Early bird price is \$20, if you order before 13 March. Tickets will be \$25 on the night. More details will be posted on the Facebook event page <https://www.facebook.com/events/2256195761344969/>

If you haven't already done so, like our Facebook page so you can stay informed of the great events we have coming up this year <https://www.facebook.com/PapakowhaiHomeandSchool/>

School hats and hoodies - School hoodie orders are open until Friday 6 March. Sample sizes are available to try at the office. The order form is at the end of this newsletter or orders can be placed via Kindo. Hoodies are priced at \$55 each. Papakowhai School hats are available to buy from the office all year round at \$22 each. Please ensure all Papakowhai School hats and hoodies are clearly named as it is impossible to return lost items otherwise.

SNORKELLING AT WHITIREIA PARK

Community Snorkel Day with Greater Wellington Regional Council and Mountains to Sea on **Saturday 29 February**, from 9:30 am. **This event is free and you don't need to book**, but it's [important to register on the Facebook page](#) to receive important information and updates. You'll find details about the free transport options they are

offering on there as well – this information is also available at <http://www.gw.govt.nz/snorkel-day-feb/>

PLIMMERTON FUN RUN

This year's run is being held on Sunday 1 March. Events range from 21 kms to a kids 2.5k run. For full details on entry costs and courses please visit <https://www.plimmertonfunrun.com/>

FREE ENTRY FOR CHILDREN AT STAGLANDS

Great news! To celebrate National Children's Day on 1st March 2020, KIDS GO FREE at Staglands! For further details, please visit their website, www.staglands.co.nz

VIOLIN LESSONS

Violin and fiddle lessons for students of all ages. Beginners welcome. Taking bookings now for Term one. Call Jo on 022 152 3852 for more information.

MANA MUSIC CENTRE

Enrolment Day: Saturday 15 February 2020 at Maraeroa School and Discovery School: 10:30am – 12 noon

Take advantage of low cost music lessons for primary and intermediate school level children

Lessons only \$15 per term Terms and Conditions Apply

* Subject to minimum numbers before confirmation of lessons * For further information visit:

<http://manamusiccentre.org.nz>

SOME IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY

Monday 17	Home and School meeting, 7pm
Tuesday 18	Meet the teacher evening and Strategic plan feedback
Tuesday 25	Yr 7&8 camp – parents information evening, 6 pm, Kauri block
Thursday 27	Powhiri for new families, 9 am

MARCH Movin' March runs from 2 – 31st

Sunday 1	School Triathlon
Tuesday 3	School Assembly 10am

Monday 9 - Wednesday 11 inc	Year 7 & 8 students on camp at Kaitoke, Upper Hutt
Tuesday 10	BOT meeting, 7pm
Wednesday 18	Aotea Lagoon picnic
Wednesday 26	Raising Body Confident Kids talk
Monday 30	Papakowhai School Cross Country

**PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL HOODIE/HAT ORDER FORM
(ORDERS CLOSE FRIDAY 6 MARCH)**

STUDENT NAME/S AND CLASS/ES

PARENTS NAME AND CONTACT NUMBER

ITEM	PRICE	SIZE/S	QUANTITY	TOTAL PRICE
SCHOOL HOODIE SIZE 6, 8, 10, 12, 14	\$55 EACH			
NAVY BLUE BUCKET HAT SIZE 55CM, 57CM, 59CM, 61CM	\$22 EACH			
YELLOW BUCKET HAT SIZE 55CM, 57CM, 59CM, 61CM	\$22 EACH			
			TOTAL TO PAY	

\$..... cash/cheque enclosed

\$..... paid by EFTPOS at the school office on
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\$..... paid by internet banking to Papakowhai Home and
School Committee 12-3478-0060954-00 on.....
Please reference with your name and 'Hoodie order'