

## PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 3 ● Term 1 ● 19 February 2020

Dear Parents/Caregivers

**Value - Manaakitanga**

**Social Skill - Respect**

Do your children respect you?

Children aren't born with a built-in sense of respect for others. All children need to be taught to be respectful. The best way to teach respect is to show respect. When a child experiences respect, they know what it feels like. Respect is an attitude. If children don't have respect for themselves or others, then it's almost impossible for them to succeed.



How can you show respect to your child?

- Your job is to be your child's parent, teacher, coach and limit-setter. This means teaching your child to behave respectfully to others and not just to you. Don't try to be your child's buddy or friend who lets them get away with everything.
- Model it. If you want your child to be respectful, you have to show them. Saying things like "we don't talk that way in this family" helps your child think about family values and how they are expected to treat others.
- Expect it. When your expectations are high, children will rise to it. Be clear with your child about what you expect from them in certain situations, and let them know what you expect from them.
- Teach it. It sounds old-fashioned, but it's very important to teach your child basic manners like

saying “please” and “thank you.” These skills go a long way in your child’s life.

- Praise it. When you see or hear your children being respectful, acknowledge it and praise them. Praise needs to be immediate.

It takes years to raise a respectful child and only moments to fill one with anger and disrespect. Which one would you rather choose?



Some excerpts taken from:

[www.empoweringparents.com](http://www.empoweringparents.com)

[www.teach-nology.com](http://www.teach-nology.com)

Kind regards

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### **FEEDBACK REQUEST**

If anyone has feedback on the new format of the start of year Meet the Teacher Evening we would be pleased to receive it. We are keen to hear if it worked well for you and your family or if there is something we could improve. Please send feedback to [mark@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:mark@papakowhai.school.nz)

### **SCHOOL DONATIONS, OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS AND FEES**

The statements of request will be issued shortly. It will have on it all payments made to date. If there are any issues with this, please email the office and we will review.

Please remember that donations to schools qualify for the tax credit of 33 cents in the dollar which can be claimed through Inland Revenue.

Camp fees for those in Year 7 and 8 need to be fully paid by 28 February please. If you are unsure of what is owing please email [heather@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:heather@papakowhai.school.nz)

## **SCHOOL CAMP – PARENTS INFORMATION EVENING**

There will be an information evening for parents about camp in Kauri block next Tuesday, 25 February, at 6 pm.

**Parent helpers attending camp must attend this meeting.**

## **SCHOOL POWHIRI**

A powhiri for all new families and staff will be held next Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> February. This is to welcome our new students, their parents, families, and whanau. The powhiri lasts about 20 minutes and will be followed by light refreshments. Families will gather in the staffroom at 9 am prior to the powhiri.

## **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**

All Year 1- 6 children will receive eight lessons from the Easy Swim School instructors and must bring their togs, towel and goggles every day they are rostered on for swimming. 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**

<b>Starting Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb Finishes Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March (unless there are postponement days)</b>
Totara 3
Totara 4
Rata 1 & 2
Rata 3
Rata 4
Matai 1
Matai 2
Matai 3

## SAFE PARKING AROUND SCHOOL

Please remember the following to keep our children and neighbours safe and happy:

- To keep everyone safe around school drop off and pick up times, please ensure your children only exit vehicles on the kerb side.
- Our P2 zone is kiss and drop only – don't leave your vehicle. If your child is not waiting for you, please leave the zone and circle round again.
- Do not park over driveways or on painted lines.
- No parking in the P15 zone outside the dairy when collecting children from school as these spaces need to be left clear for their customers.

## HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

**\*\*\*School Triathlon, Sunday 1 March. Entries close this Friday, 21 February\*\*\*** Entries can be made via Kindo <https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/index.html> or by dropping the entry form into the office (spare forms are available at the office). 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](mailto:homeandschool@papakowhai.school.nz)



Tickets for our speaker Emma Wright on Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup> talking about “**Raising body confident kids**” are now on sale via Kindo <https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/index.html>  
The presentation will be held in the hall. This event is open to the public so please 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/>

Please like our Facebook page so you can stay informed of the other 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.

## **MARCH IS COMING – LET’S GET MOVIN’!**

We’re a Movin’March school and we can’t wait to make the most of this beautiful weather and encourage your child/ren to Walk or Wheel to and from school. Explore the [website](#) for tips and check out the [parents](#) page on how to build active travel into your daily routine. This year we’ll be encouraging whānau to take part in the [Parent Facebook](#) competition (daily prizes plus one scooter to give away every week!) and the [Share your Story](#) competition which has weekly prizes (plus a family pass on Bluebridge Ferries!)

### **Why Movin’March?**

Not only does walking or wheeling to school reduce congestion and chaos at the school gate, we also get to slow down and get some quality time with our tamariki. Walking or wheeling to school solo or with friends can be a real [confidence boost](#) and families get to do their bit for the environment!

### **How to make it work for your whānau**

- Instead of driving right up to the school gate, why not [Park and Stride](#)? Walk the last 500m or so to school and get your passport stamped at the school gate!
- Think about how you might get to and from school over March (and the rest of Term 1!) Check out Micro scooter’s [safety tips](#) or [NZTA’s Hike it Bike it](#) safety suggestions.
- [Walking School Buses](#) build community and teach children important road safety skills ready for walking independently as they get older.

### **From The Enviro Team!**



### **Is your child interested in learning to play Chess?**

Chess Club at Papakowhai School is taken by Scott Wastney, a NZ Chess Champion and is open to children in Years 3-8 inc.

Chess lessons are held at Thursday lunchtimes in Totara 2, Mrs Cory-Wright’s room. The first lesson this term will be on Thursday, February 20. Forms for permission and payment are available from the office: new children can attend for the first week to give it a try before signing up.

## **FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVING CLUB**

Is your child curious about current world problems? If so, Future Problem Solving (FPS) might be the programme for them! FPS meets every week at lunchtime in Totara 2 (Mrs Cory-Wright's room).

Sarah Ayora, a parent at the school is an excellent facilitator of this international programme. She helps the children research and discuss topics relating to the social and technological issues around us today. Members are encouraged to work in teams to brainstorm futuristic solutions in teams and to develop their creative and collaborative skills along the way. They have the opportunity to enter the FPS competition - one year our Y5/6 team managed to win overall first place for their age group in NZ. Quite an achievement!

The FPS club will hold a taster session for students Years 5-8 at lunchtime on Monday 24 February. If you think your child might be interested, encourage them to come along and give it a try.

## **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/>

**VOLUNTEERS WANTED AT RDA**  
**Love horses? Love people? Got a spare few hours every week?**



**Wellington**  
**New Zealand Riding for the Disabled**

The Wellington Group Riding for the Disabled, is based at Battle Hill Farm Park, Paekakariki Hill Road, Pauatahanui.

We work with people with disabilities, helping them gain from the therapeutic benefits of horse-riding.

We need people to help out for full or part days. We operate during the school term, Tuesday to Saturday. We are particularly short of volunteers, so if you can help on any of our ride days we would love to hear from you.

Full training and support is provided so you don't need to know anything about horses or people with disabilities to get involved. You just need to be willing to lend a hand and be 16 years or over.

Want to know more? Please call Jill Reti (Manager) on 237 5550 or email [wellingtonrda@xtra.co.nz](mailto:wellingtonrda@xtra.co.nz)

## **WESTERN SUBURBS SOCCER**

Western Suburbs Football Club have opened registrations for the winter 2020 football season for Juniors (aged from 4 years), U17's and Seniors.

For further information please call 021 563 274 or visit [www.westernsuburbs.co.nz](http://www.westernsuburbs.co.nz)

## **TAWA JUNIOR HOCKEY CLUB**

The 2020 winter hockey season is due to start in April and any children who are Year 3 - 8 and who are interested in playing are invited to join the Tawa Junior Hockey Club.

Trial dates are on Sunday 23 February and 1 March for Year 5 – 8's and all information can be found on their Facebook page.

You do need to register your interest prior to the trial dates and this can be found at the Facebook page or at <https://www.tawajuniorhockey.org.nz/2019registration>

If you are Year 3 or 4 then you just need to register and you will be placed into a team. Any questions can be directed to: [info@tawajuniorhockeyclub.org.nz](mailto:info@tawajuniorhockeyclub.org.nz)

## **SOME IMPORTANT DATES**

### **FEBRUARY**

<b>Friday 21</b>	School Triathlon entries close
<b>Tuesday 25</b>	Yr 7&8 camp – parents information evening, 6 pm, Kauri block
<b>Thursday 27</b>	Powhiri for new families, 9 am

### **MARCH Movin'March runs from 2 – 31st**

<b>Sunday 1</b>	School Triathlon
<b>Tuesday 3</b>	School Assembly, 10am in hall
<b>Monday 9 - Wednesday 11 inc</b>	Year 7 & 8 students at camp in Kaitoke, Upper Hutt
<b>Tuesday 10</b>	BOT meeting, 7pm
<b>Wednesday 18</b>	Aotea Lagoon picnic
<b>Tuesday 24</b>	Rata and Matai Swim sports
<b>Wednesday 26</b>	Raising Body Confident Kids talk
<b>Monday 30</b>	Papakowhai School Cross Country

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

STUDENT NAME/S AND CLASS/ES

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PARENTS NAME AND CONTACT NUMBER

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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			
			<b>TOTAL TO PAY</b>	

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