



## PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 4 ● Term 1 ● 26 February 2020

Dear Parents/Caregivers

### **Movin' March begins next week!!**

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 classroom!
- 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. Perhaps you would like to set one up for Papakowhai School.

### **Movin' March Parent Photo Comp**

Snap a photo of your family's journey to school during Movin' March and win! The photo might highlight a small adventure or wonder discovered along the way, or simply capture a moment in your journey. Post your photo publicly on Facebook or Instagram with #movinmarch. All entries will go in a daily draw to win a family pass to a fun destination in the Wellington region.

### **WOW Passport Challenge**

Each day children can get a stamp in the classroom for the walk or wheel trips they do to OR from school. There will be a box in the office for the completed passports and new ones to pick up. All entries go in the draw to win one of 12 x \$400 My Ride vouchers (that's more than double the prizes from last year!). Let's get stamping!

### **Park and Stride**

Park a little further away from the school and walk or scooter in to give our tamariki a little independence and fresh air before school as well as reducing congestion around the school gate.

### **Remember to be safe when cycling or scootering!**

Always wear your helmet. If you have to cross a road, stop and get off your bike/scooter and walk across the road. If you use the crossing near Countdown always wait until the green light is on for pedestrians and walk your wheels across the road.

### **Skateboards at school**

Skateboards can be brought to school on a Tuesday and/or a Thursday. Helmets must be worn when riding your skateboard.

Let's have fun and let's get movin'!!

Kind regards

Jill Clibborn

Movin' March coordinator

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## STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNT

Last week statements of account were emailed to families. The email address used was the one that we had on our system. Where we did not have an email address we issued paper copies and these were provided to your eldest child at Papakowhai to bring home with a request for an email address. If you did not receive a statement please contact the school office (preferably by email to [office@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:office@papakowhai.school.nz)).

Our aim is to make the issuing of statements quicker and more efficient as well as reducing costs for envelopes etc.

## HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

**School Triathlon numbers.** The back numbers for competitors were sent home today. If you have any queries 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/>

**Clothing Grab** – the clothing grab is coming up in May so we are starting to collect good quality pre-loved clothing and accessories at the office. Have a clear out of your wardrobe and donate that clothing to us to make way for some new items.

**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.

### **ASSEMBLY NEXT WEEK**

The first school assembly of the year will be held on Tuesday next week – 3 March, at 10 am. The following classes will be sharing their work with us: Matai Toru, Rimu Toru, Totara Tahi, Totara Toru and Kauri Rua. Our latest New Entrants will be receiving their welcome certificates at the assembly.

### **SCHOOL POWHIRI**

A powhiri for all new families and staff will be held tomorrow, 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.

### **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

**Catch up lessons for any classes that missed sessions will be held during Week 6**

### **AOTEA COLLEGE TOURS**

Aotea College, World Scholars Cup students are holding a fund raising evening of tours of their beautiful new buildings on Thursday 3rd March. For a gold coin donation, join one of the tours which will leave from reception every half hour from 5 pm until the last tour departure at 6.30pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for the community to have a look around Aotea College while supporting the WSC students. There will also be raffle tickets for sale and light refreshments in the staffroom at the end of the tour.

### **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)

## **SOME IMPORTANT DATES**

### **FEBRUARY**

<b>Thursday 27</b>	Powhiri for new families, 9 am
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### **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>Monday 16</b>	Vision and Hearing screening for NE and Year 7
<b>Wednesday 18</b>	Aotea Lagoon picnic
<b>Tuesday 24</b>	Year 1&2 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
SCHOOL HOODIE SIZE 6, 8, 10, 12, 14	\$55 EACH			
NAVY BLUE HAT SIZE 55CM, 57CM, 59CM, 61CM	\$22 EACH			
YELLOW HAT SIZE 55CM, 57CM, 59CM, 61CM	\$22 EACH			
			<b>TOTAL TO PAY</b>	

\$..... cash/cheque enclosed

\$..... paid by EFTPOS at the school office

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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'