

PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 6 ● Term 1 ● 11 March 2020



Māehe Manawa Ora Movin' March

2-31 March 2020 | movinmarch.com



Our annual school picnic is next Wednesday, 18 March. We will walk to the lagoon to show safe walking and celebrate our participation in Movin' March. Students will be buddied in older/younger pairs and will be clearly informed of safety issues by their classroom teachers.

Parents/Caregivers and whanau are welcome to walk with us (we will be leaving school at 11:45 am) or you could drive to the lagoon and join us for lunch at 12:30 pm. The children do a range of activities in their whanau groups, including sharing ice-blocks together. We head back to school at 2:15 pm.

Reminders for the picnic:

- All students will need:
 - Packed lunch including a drink bottle
 - Sunhat and sunscreen (sunscreen will also be provided at the lagoon)
 - Footwear suitable for walking long distance
- Students have been encouraged to wear the colour of their whanau group (shirt, sunhat, shorts/skirt etc) to demonstrate whanaungatanga (togetherness & belonging).
 - Kereru - green
 - Hoiho - yellow
 - Kaka - red
 - Takahe - blue

For the rest of the month, please keep walking, cycling and scootering to school to get those stamps on your WOW passports! Completed passports can be popped into the box in the office and a new one collected. Colouring competition entries can be placed in a box in the office too!

Look out for the Wellington Regional Council Friday competition every week where an adult scooter courtesy of [Micro Scooters](#) worth \$359.95, is the prize! Simply snap a photo of your family's journey to school during Movin'March and win! It might highlight a small adventure or wonder discovered along the way, or capture a moment. To enter, post your photo publicly on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) with [#movinmarch](#). T&C's are [here](#)

Ngā mihi nui

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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

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ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

It is very important that the school office is informed when a child will be absent from school. The office staff are required to contact parents or caregivers when they are unaware of why a child is away. We are finding parents are sometimes advising teachers but this information does not always get passed onto the office, especially when there is a reliever in the classroom.

There are a number of options for advising the office - the dedicated 24 hour absence phone line (2338321), emailing the office, office@papakowhai.school.nz, calling the office directly, popping in when dropping other children etc.

Please remember that if your child is unwell we do want them to stay home. Also if your child has been vomiting or had diarrhoea they need to stay home for 48 hours after the last episode.

OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS FOR 2021

Please contact Mark, mark@papakowhai.school.nz, before May 1st if you currently live out of zone, have children already attending Papakowhai School, you have a new entrant child who turns 5 in 2021 and you have not already completed an enrolment form for 2021.

If you are unclear about the boundaries of the school zone, please refer to our website. Please note all streets that are part of the “grandparenting clause” are counted as in –zone enrolments.

The number of out of zone places for 2021 for Year 1 siblings of current pupils will be determined by the Board of Trustees.

There will be no places for children who do not have a current sibling at school.

The process for this is as follows:

- Pre-enrolment of out of zone Year 1 children who have a sibling currently attending Papakowhai School will need to be received by May 1st, 2020.
- The BOT will determine from the pre-enrolments how many places are likely to be available in 2021 for out of zone Year 1 siblings of current students at the May meeting.
- The BOT will advertise the number of out of zone places and a ballot, if required, will take place before the end of Term 2.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child’s eligibility to enrol at Papakowhai School in 2021 please contact Mark.

TAX CREDIT FOR DONATIONS

It is worth noting that donations to schools qualify for the tax credit of 33 cents in the dollar that can be claimed through Inland Revenue. You can find out more about this and how to submit a donation receipt through the IR website.

SOCIAL SKILLS

At the moment we are focusing on our school Value of Manaakitanga and Friendship.



Learning to grow and develop strong friendships is an important life skill. It is up to us as parents and teachers, to teach children what that looks and sounds like. It is not a skill that children are naturally born with and needs to be taught within real-life contexts. Sometimes children find themselves in situations where they don't know how to behave. Learning to be a good friend involves listening, sharing, taking turns, being helpful, kind and dependable. When children interact with their friends, they learn many social skills such as how to communicate, co-operate and solve problems. At times our children struggle with friendships, which can be heart-breaking. Here are some ideas if your child is having some problems:

- Read some books about friendship
- Watch a good movie together about friendship
- Encourage play-dates with children in the same class or the same age, so they can practice friendship skills
- Get involved in activities after school or in the weekend – sport, dance, art etc
- Let your child see you being a good friend
- Model correct reactions to different scenarios, showing them how to cope with problems. This teaches them how to handle difficult situations

As a parent, you play a crucial role in your child's social development. You can't make friends for your child but you can support them to make new friends. It's important that children are comfortable and happy with their friends at school. If you feel you need some support from your child's teacher as well, come and discuss it together so we can all support your child with this.

Kind regards

Lesley Hodge

Assistant Principal

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VISION SCREENING FOR YEAR 7 STUDENTS

The vision and hearing technician will be visiting the school on Monday, 16 March. She will be checking the Year 7 students vision as part of the Regional Public Health routine screening programme. Pupils will be advised of the result at the time of the screening. If further assessment is recommended, you will be notified by mail.

Children who wear glasses and/or are under professional care and have regular checks will not require a vision screening check.

Non-consent – please notify the school office if you do not want your child to be screened.

The screening is not a full assessment of your child's vision so, if you have any concerns, please see an optometrist.

SCHOOL T-SHIRTS

Our new stock has just arrived so we will be filling current orders early next week. If you would like to purchase a school t-shirt, please pay \$38 to the school account and reference with your child's name and 't-shirt' or come into the office and pay by EFTPOS (no credit cards).

YOU VS YOU TRAINING GROUP

A 6 week course at Papakowhai School, starting Saturday 22 March, every week from 7 – 8am. Includes circuit, boxing and natural bodyweight movements. Cost is \$30 for the course. If interested, contact Sheree Marsh at Sheree.marsh@gmail.com for more details.

PAREPLIM JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB 2020 REGISTRATIONS

Registrations have opened for junior players for the 2020 rugby season. Please register on-line at

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/104123>, then head along to the clubrooms on one of the following dates to weigh-in and collect your jersey: Saturday 14 March, 12 noon – 3pm (official opening day of new clubrooms), Thursday 19 March 5.30 – 7.30pm or Wednesday 25 March, 5.30 – 19.30pm ('Canes at the club' night).

For more information follow their Facebook page 'PPRFC' Group or email juniorconvener@pareplimrugby.co.nz

TAWA JUNIOR HOCKEY REGISTRATIONS OPEN

Registrations for Kiwi Hockey 2020 are now open. Please fill in this form <https://forms.gle/Fe8DzidHNf7uuxrPA>
Registrations will close at the end of Term 1.

Any questions, please email info@tawajuniorhockey.org.nz

PAUATAHANUI INLET PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

The 20th annual Photo Competition run by the Guardians of Pāuatahanui Inlet (GOPI) is now under way.

A free under 18's photography workshop is being offered on Sunday 15th March (postponement day 22nd March).

The participants need to bring is camera they are familiar with, a bottle of water and appropriate clothes (it can be muddy). We will gather at Pāuatahanui Wildlife Reserve Stout Cottage from 4 pm for about three hours.

For practical reasons, participation numbers will to be limited to 20. Registration is essential. You will find the registration form on the website www.gopi.org.nz Should you need to contact a member of the GOPI committee, phone 04 234 1336, or email pauainlet@gmail.com

DISCOVERY SCHOOL X GAMES

Discovery School are holding their fundraising X Games on Sunday 29 March from 11am – 3 pm. Teams of 2-6 people complete up to 26 activity stations - these may be mental, physical or even edible challenges! Start at any time as this is not a competition but purely for family fun. There will be spot prizes and food and drinks will be available to purchase. Entry costs are \$10 per person. Please register your team online at www.discoveryxgames.co.nz or at Discovery School office.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

TAWA RECREATION CENTRE APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Registrations are open! Tawa Recreation Centre has your child care covered for the upcoming school holidays. Your Tamariki will be learning about first aid, taking part in an amazing race, baking ANZAC biscuits, having EGGstra Easter fun and playing a range of sport, to name a few.

Click here <https://wellington.govt.nz/recreation/stuff-for-kids/school-holidays> to register. Contact them on 232 2260 for more information.

GOODTIME MUSIC ACADEMY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME Send your little Rockstar to the Holiday programme like no other! At

Goodtime Music Academy young holiday hero's get to learn how to play a range of instruments, join a giant band, get crafty, and make loads of new friends.

Our exciting programme is run by a dedicated team of music tutors who plan a unique educational and engaging experience every holidays.

Registrations are open; details below:

From Tuesday 14th – Friday 24th April at Goodtime Music Academy, 50 Victoria Street, Alicetown, Lower Hutt.

Prices: Full day - \$60:- Early start + \$5, Late finish + \$10

Full day is 9am - 3.30pm, Early start is 8 - 9am and a Late finish is 3.30 - 5.30pm.

For further details please call 04 5682237, email

office@gtma.co.nz or visit their website,

<https://goodtimemusicacademy.co.nz/services/>

SOME IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH Movin'March runs from 2 – 31st

Monday 16	Vision and Hearing screening for NE and Year 7
Wednesday 18	Aotea Lagoon picnic
Tuesday 24	Year 1&2 Swim sports at Tawa pool
Tuesday 24	Rippa Rugby tournament
Thursday 26	Raising Body Confident Kids talk
Monday 30	Papakowhai School Cross Country
Tuesday 31	Robbie Fruean Shield tournament

APRIL

Wednesday 1	Year 8 – Gardasil vaccination
Friday 3	Rata, Matai and Totara photo day
Monday 6	Cross country postponement day
Tuesday 7	School assembly, 10 am
Tuesday 7	BOT meeting, 7 pm
Wednesday 8	Rimu and Kauri photo day
Thursday 9	Last day of Term 1
Tuesday 28	First day of Term 2