

**Papakowhai School Newsletter**

Week 8 ⚫ Term 1 ⚫ 24 March 2020

Tēnā koutou

Thank you for all your support over the past few weeks. They have been difficult and uncertain times. Arohanui to you and all your families.

**SCHOOL CLOSED**

School will be closed on Wednesday, except to children of essential workers who still need to go to work each day, including doctors, nurses, ambulance drivers and police.

From tomorrow at 3pm school will be closed to everyone. You will not be able to access the school site. Do not leave messages on the phone. The office email will be checked regularly for urgent messages.

After School Care will finish today.

**COLLECTING ITEMS FROM SCHOOL**

School will be open for anyone who needs to collect books and personal items up until 3pm on Wednesday. Children only are to enter the classrooms. Adults are to wait outside. Teachers can help small children rather than adults.

**CHROMEBOOKS**

If children in Years 5- 8 need a chromebook and charger to work on at home these can be collected from the school office on Wednesday between 9 and 3pm. Please find attached the agreement form. Please print and sign this before you come to school. Please contact the office if you are planning to pick up a chromebook tomorrow.

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[office@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:office@papakowhai.school.nz)

Phone 2338321

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

The school holidays are starting on Monday 30 March. The first day of Term 2 is Wednesday 15th April. School will be open again but the lockdown will still be in place. We are not providing online learning during the holiday break.

**EXPECTATIONS FOR LEARNING AT HOME**

A trial of home learning will be available for Thursday and Friday this week. Home learning will start again on Wednesday 15th April.

During the school holidays teachers will not be setting work and will just check emails every couple of days.

**During term time teachers will:**

* Check their work email every day and respond every day
* Will be in contact with their class by email/SeeSaw/Google every day and respond every day
* Make sure children have all the passwords they need to access online learning. Please contact your teacher if you are unsure how to access this
* Monitor online learning such as Mathletics
* Provide some specific direction for learning for each day
* Give feedback to children on SeeSaw or Google or by email once a day
* Set work that can last for 2 hours covering Reading, Writing, Maths and Inquiry
* Provide some ideas about Art, Music, Health, PE ideas that children could choose to do for the rest of the day
* Provide some advice on how to structure the day with breaks for exercise and rest and eating
* Encourage students to post photos or video on SeeSaw so we can see what they are learning at home
* Respond to parents and children’s questions

W**hat we need you to do:**

* Set up home routines as a family
* Provide some exercise, art, music, cooking, games activities for your children
* Contact us if you have a problem. If you can’t contact your child’s teacher directly you are welcome to email me
* Don’t stress about the learning part, just enjoy being together as a family and do what you can when you can
* Keep in touch and let us know how you are getting on

Please look after yourselves.

Ngā mihi nui

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