



**PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**  
Week 2 Term 2 22 April 20

Tēnā koutou

**SCHOOL IS OPEN FOR STUDENTS UNDER ALERT LEVEL 3  
FROM WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL.**

**If you have not filled in the google [Return to School](#) form or talked to Alison, Heather or Diana from the office please email [office@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:office@papakowhai.school.nz) now to let us know if you need your children to attend school or if you are keeping them home. We need to hear from every family.**

You are doing an awesome job as parents and caregivers. Lisa and I have three adult children living with us who cook dinners and help around the place and we find it hard it hard enough working at home! I take my hat off to anyone juggling work, caring for children and supporting distance learning.

I really appreciate the way you are also supporting our staff by giving feedback and staying in communication with them. I think the Papakowhai School Community is really great at doing this.

I also really appreciate that many of you are making a sacrifice to keep children home with you under Alert Level 3. I know that you have heard the Prime Minister's message that if you can, you should keep your child at home. I have been in communication with some families who feel guilty about needing to send their children back to school. Please don't feel guilty. If you need to send your children to school because they cannot participate in distance learning, or there is no caregiver at home to look after them, then let us know they will be returning.

### **RETURNING TO SCHOOL UNDER ALERT LEVEL 3.**

The majority of children will stay at home and continue with distance learning in their own homes, you will not notice any change between Alert Level 3 and 4.

All children will continue on the distance learning programme whether they are home based or learning at school. The only break in the online distance learning programme will be on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> when we observe ANZAC day. Distance learning will continue on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>. There is no teacher only day at Papakowhai School but the school site will remain closed for students.

Classroom teachers will work from home on distance learning for all children in their class.

For those who are returning to school:

- We will limit the number of people that children and staff have contact with. We will ensure that children are within the same group each day with no mixing between rooms and keep group sizes to less than 10.
- The senior leadership team (Caine Webster, Lesley Hodge and Mark Smith) together with release teachers and support staff (including ASC staff) will supervise children at school. At least two adults will supervise each group.
- Grounds, Cleaning and Administration staff will work at school.

**A fully developed health and safety plan will be shared with you on Friday and include mitigations such as:**

- Physical distancing - 2 metres outside and 1 metre inside (Please be advised we will do our best with our juniors but we cannot guarantee we can achieve this.)
- A need to regularly disinfect surfaces
- Wash and dry hands, cough into elbow, don't touch your face.
- Stay home if you're sick, report flu-like symptoms
- Parents stay off site - Rata parents can bring their child to the door only.
- Full supervision at break times and separate play areas for different student groups.

- No BSC or ASC. Children can arrive at 8:50 and need to be gone from the school grounds by 3:10pm.
- Closing common areas such as the hall, library and playground equipment.

Kia kaha

Mark Smith

Principal

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

## **REPORTS**

School reports are being completed by teachers over the next couple of weeks. These will be emailed out on Friday 8 May. If you have changed your email recently and not notified the office please send your email to

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

## **PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> AND THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY BY ZOOM 4PM -8PM**

Parent teacher meetings will take place online using Zoom in May. We don't know if students and staff will be at school or at home on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May so we are just going to do them online.

Appointments to see the teachers are done via a website.

[www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) . The log-in code is **pbthp**.

Children are welcome to be part of the zoom meeting 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 on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

You will be sent a link to the zoom meeting on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May and instructions on how to participate in a Zoom meeting, although I am sure most of you are experts by now!

### **MOE SUPPORT**

The Ministry has launched its [Learning From Home](#) website which provides advice and resources to support parents, whānau, and teachers. Please take some time to check this out.

### **DEVICES FOR CHILDREN**

If your child is without a device or if you have discovered that sharing does not work please contact [mark@papakowhai.school](mailto:mark@papakowhai.school) and we will deliver one to you. This is just for Years 3- 8 at this stage. If you are not able to connect digitally and your child is in Year 1 or 2 please contact [lesley@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:lesley@papakowhai.school.nz)

### **DIGITAL SUPPORT**

Please contact your child's teacher or [caine@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:caine@papakowhai.school.nz) if you need digital support.

### **You can also contact the Connected Learning Advisory**

Technical advice for teachers and whānau in response to their Helpdesk enquiries.

Online support to assist:

- whānau to understand how to use the IT tools they have and how to engage safely in collaborative spaces
- Community liaison connecting early learning services/school/kura leaders and whānau with networks and resources.

Contact details :Online support is from 8 am to 5 pm on business days.

Ph: 0800 700 401 or [learningfromhome@connectedlearning.org.nz](mailto:learningfromhome@connectedlearning.org.nz)

## **HOME LEARNING TELEVISION**

The Ministry of Education have developed Home Learning TV | Papa Kāinga TV, on TVNZ. You can find it on TVNZ channel 2+1 and on TVNZ on Demand, as well as on Sky Channel 502. It will run from 9am to 3pm on schooldays with programming for children and young people, as well as for parents.

Content will be grouped for early learners and students by age range, and will include play, literacy, mathematics, science, te reo Māori, physical education and wellbeing. All of the programmes will feature highly experienced teachers and presenters, along with wellbeing and movement experts.

The content information will be on the Ministry's Learning from Home website. Check the updates page of the site for daily programming information. Home Learning | Papa Kāinga TV will be on air for one month with provision to extend beyond that if needed.

## **FREE INTERNET SAFETY FILTER FOR PARENTS**

While children are learning from home, they are away from the online safety and security services provided by Network for Learning (N4L) at school. So together with N4L and Netsafe, we have launched [www.switchonsafety.co.nz](http://www.switchonsafety.co.nz) - a free way to block the worst of the web for students and teachers.

Remember, no technical solution is a silver bullet. Please remind your parent community to complement this with digital citizenship toolkits provided by Netsafe.

### **Netsafe**

Netsafe provides comprehensive support and information to support everyone to stay safe as they work, learn and play online. Netsafe has new and updated resources for parents, whānau and students at <https://www.netsafe.org.nz/advice/staying-safe>

## **CHILD SAFETY**

Finally, if you believe a child is in immediate danger, call the Police on 111. If you are worried about a child and want to make a referral or report of concern, call Oranga

Tamariki using 0508 EDASSIST (0508 332 774) or Email [edassist@ot.govt.nz](mailto:edassist@ot.govt.nz)

### **SCHOOL GROUNDS ARE CLOSED**

Just a reminder that the school grounds are closed because of the seriousness of Alert Level 4. Under Alert Level 3 they will remain closed to people without permission to be on site. There will be no public access.

### **FREE ONLINE PARENTING COURSE VIA ZOOM**

Parent Help are running a 6 week course called “Initiating Independence” which starts on Wednesday 13 May from 7 – 9 pm. It is for the parenting of 6 – 12 year olds.

The course is free and is led by two experienced Parent Help members. There will be a maximum of 8 participants. For further information please visit their website:

<https://www.parenthelp.org.nz/parenting-course/>

### **APRIL**

<b>27 April</b>	ANZAC Day observed – no school
<b>29 April</b>	School site open for children that have registered to attend

### **MAY**

<b>8 May</b>	Reports emailed home
<b>12 &amp; 14 May</b>	Parent/teacher meetings by Zoom

### **JUNE**

<b>2 June</b>	Previously advertised Teacher Only Day is cancelled – school will run as normal
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