

## PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 7 Term 2 27<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Tālofa lava! Afio mai!

### **SAMOAN LANGUAGE WEEK**

Samoa Language Week / Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa is being held in 2020 from Sunday 24 May to Saturday 30 May. The theme for this year is 'Tapena sou ōso mo lau malaga' which in English means 'Prepare yourself a gift for your travels'.



Samoa Language Week / Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa is organised by the Ministry for Pacific Peoples to maintain and promote the language and culture of Samoa. Gagana Samoa is the second most spoken language in Porirua, and the third most spoken language across New Zealand.

Samoa Language Week celebrates the identity, language, and culture of students from Samoa and students whose families are from Samoa; supporting this group of learners to engage and achieve success.

This special week helps all New Zealanders journey towards shared cultural understandings.

It has been very special to see our senior students teaching younger students a sasa and classes engaged in Samoan language activities and art.

### **ROAD SAFETY**

The police paid our school a visit on Monday. The officer noticed a number of adults who were not wearing seatbelts and a number of children not restrained in car

seats. She asked me to remind people that even if the trip is short, you must wear a seat belt and safely restrain your children. Please do not allow your children to unfasten seat belts or disembark, until your car is safely parked.

Please be patient in the street. I know it can be incredibly frustrating at times but taking a few extra moments to stay safe is what we all need.

## **Continuing under Level 2**

Thank you for your support with following our Level 2 rules. If you have any feedback you wish to give please feel free to contact me. **The following guidelines remain in place until 10<sup>th</sup> June**, unless the country moves earlier to Level 1 or we receive new information about guidelines for Level 2 from the Ministry of Education.

### *Arriving at and Departing from School*

- **Road patrol is now operating.**
- Children can only be at school from 8:30am and must be gone by 3:10pm.
- Children needing to be at school prior to 8:30 or after 3:10 must be at Before or After School Care.
- Children in Year 2 or above must walk unaccompanied into school. Parents must stay outside the school grounds.
- Year 1 children may be accompanied by an adult to the door of Rata block but adults may not come inside.
- Only staff members and children may enter classrooms.
- Parents or visitors wanting to meet with staff must come to the office first. In most cases they will need to make an appointment.
- **Rata classes will finish at 2:45pm**
- **Kauri classes will finish at 2:50pm.**
- **Totara classes will finish at 2:55pm.**
- **Rimu and Matai classes will finish at 3pm.**
- Parents of older children should arrange meeting points away from the school gate if possible

### *Physical Distancing*

- Children and staff will maintain a physical distance so that they are not breathing on or touching each other.
- There does not need to be a specific measurement but where practicable 1 metre should be used as a guide, particularly between adults.

### *Hygiene*

- Parents are asked to keep any sick children at home. If a sick child comes to school, they will be sent home.
- Where practicable, we will ensure that children: regularly wash and dry hands, cough and sneeze into their elbow, and try to avoid touching their face.
- Shared supplies and equipment are able to be used if students and staff are undertaking regular hand washing.

### *Shared Areas*

- Everyone needs to wash their hands before entering shared art areas, the library and hall.

### *Cleaning*

- Support staff will continue to be employed to do cleaning, in addition to the regular daily clean.

### *Contact Tracing*

- Students will stay in their class groups during class time. Teachers and teacher aides can move between groups. There will not be whole syndicate or buddy class work.
- We need to record all visitors to our site, including parents and caregivers, in our visitor book (as is usual practice but also to assist if contact tracing is necessary).
- **All parents/caregivers of Year 1 students need to continue to record their names on the contact tracing registers outside Rata classrooms.**

## *After School Care*

- The same guidelines above apply to ASC/BSC.
- **Parents/Caregivers will need to sign in/out and collect children from the foyer. Adults are not permitted to enter the hall.**
- All children must be seated while eating.
- Food will be served to children, rather than children coming up to the servery or table to help themselves.
- If you have a question about After School Care or wish to use this service, please contact the office.

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## **HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**Hoodie and hats orders** The optional Papakowhai School hoodie is now available to order and are \$55. Hats are \$22. At Alert Level 2 we are unable to allow samples to be tried on. Hoodies and Hats can be ordered through Kindo and will need to be placed **by 12<sup>th</sup> June**. Paper order forms are also available at the office. Note we only place orders in bulk lots, and this is the only order we will be placing this term. Any questions please contact [homeandschool@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:homeandschool@papakowhai.school.nz).



**Calendar Art** – the students will soon be working on some fabulous art work which can be made into calendars, cards, mouse mats and other great gifts for you to order. We are expecting these to be finished towards the end of term and so the order forms will be sent home in Week 12.

## **CLAIMING YOUR TAX CREDIT FOR DONATIONS**

When loading your receipts into the IRD system it may require you to include the schools IRD number. This is the same as the GST number which is included under the address on the receipts. As a school we are not required to have a charities services number.

## **YEAR 8 GARDISIL VACCINATIONS**

The first Gardasil immunisation will be given on Monday 8 June.

## **SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS**

We have rearranged the photo days as follows:

Rata 1 – 4, Matai and Totara will have their class and individual photographs taken on Friday 26 June, Rimu and Kauri classes will be photographed on Wednesday 1 July. Forms to order sibling photographs will come home later in the term.

Rata 5 will have their photographs taken at the end of Term 3 on Wednesday 23 September.

## **2020 GREAT KIWI ENGLISH, MATHS AND SCIENCE PAPERS – for students in Years 5 – 8**

**Entries now close on Tuesday 2 June.** To register, please complete and return the form at the end of this newsletter or email [office@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:office@papakowhai.school.nz) stating your child's name and the subjects they want to enter (English, maths and/or science). Please pay the fee of \$9 per paper by internet banking to account 12-3140-0133108-01, using your child's name and UCCAM as references. No late entries will be accepted.

## **PAREPLIM JUNIOR RUGBY REGISTRATIONS**

After the government announced on Monday, ParePlim Junior rugby club are sorting the teams for the 2020 season which will start in June. If you did not manage to register before lockdown please do so ASAP via <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/104123>

If tackle rugby doesn't appeal there are also now 2 Ripa grades for 8/9 or 10/11 year olds. For further information email [juniorconvener@pareplimrugby.co.nz](mailto:juniorconvener@pareplimrugby.co.nz) or visit the Facebook page 'PPRFC Group'

## SOME IMPORTANT DATES

### JUNE

<b>Monday 1</b>	Queen's Birthday public holiday – school closed
<b>Tuesday 2</b>	Previously advertised Teacher Only day is cancelled – <b>school open as usual</b>
<b>Tuesday 2</b>	Last day for UCCAM entries to be submitted
<b>Monday 8</b>	Year 8 Gardasil vaccinations
<b>Tuesday 9</b>	BOT meeting, 7pm
<b>Friday 26</b>	Rata, Matai and Totara photo day

### JULY

<b>Wednesday 1</b>	Rimu and Kauri photo day
<b>Friday 3</b>	Last day of Term 2
<b>Monday 20</b>	First day of Term 3

### UCCAM ENTRY FORM (Year 5-8 students only)

#### Entries close on Tuesday 2 June

I give permission for my child/ren to participate in the following 2020 UCCAM competitions:

CHILD'S NAME	CLASS	SUBJECT

I enclose \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$9 per subject)

OR

I have paid by EFTPOS on \_\_\_\_\_

OR

I have paid by internet banking (12-3140-0133108-01) on \_\_\_\_\_

Please reference with child's name and 'UCCAM'.

Parent/caregivers signature: \_\_\_\_\_