



## PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 10 Term 2 17<sup>th</sup> June 2020

### **SCHOOL GROUNDS CLOSED ON SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> and SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

The school grounds will be closed to everyone on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June because we are having asbestos removed from the library.

Please do not come on site for any reason.

Please be assured that no one has been at risk, as it is all contained within the walls and once it is professionally removed we are all safe on site going forward.

Please remember we have construction work in progress, **so do not let children play at school unsupervised after school, in the weekends or over the school holidays.**

**Thank you**

Kia ora Koutou

### **IT IS TIME TO COME TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE**

It has been a long time since we could come together in person to celebrate what the children are learning about at school. We have two upcoming opportunities to reconnect as a community at school. If you are still working at home or have flexibility to attend school on a Monday, you are most welcome.

#### **Assembly Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 10am**

We have our first school assembly since February on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 10am. Classes sharing are Rimu 1 and Rimu 5 and our Poly group will also be performing.

Values certificates will be presented to students from all classes who have demonstrated our school values of Excellence, Fairness, manaakitanga or whanaungatanga. New Entrant students who have started since the end of February will be introduced by their buddies and they will be presented with their welcome certificates.

**Cross Country Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June (Postponement day  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June)**

This annual event was meant to be held in March. All year levels will be involved so rug up warmly and come and join us on the field. Students in Years 5 -8 will be competing for places for the interschool cross country in August. Normally the interschool event is for Year 4 + but the interschool organisers have made it Year 5 - 8 this year.

Below are the approximate race times – everyone is welcome to come and cheer the runners on!

**Race order and approximate times**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Race group</b>
9.30am	Year 8 Girls
9.40am	Year 8 Boys
9.50am	Year 7 Girls
10.00am	Year 7 Boys
10.10am	Year 6 Girls
10.20am	Year 6 Boys
10.30am	Year 5 Girls
10.40am	Year 5 Boys
<b>11.00-11:20 am</b>	<b>Morning tea</b>
11.35am	Year 4 Girls
11.45am	Year 4 Boys
11:55am	Year 3 Girls
12:05 am	Year 3 Boys
12.15pm	Year 2 Girls
12.20pm	Year 2 Boys
12.25pm	Year 1 Girls
12.30pm	Year 1 Boys

## **THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK**

Thank you for your feedback on the production. We are still working behind the scenes on how we can make this and other school wide events work in the shorter timeframe we have left this year. We are exploring alternate venues and ways to organise the production.

### *Production Planning*

#### *What we want to achieve*

A show that includes all Year 2- 8 students. Students will participate in a class dance, there will be some massed singing and some senior students will be involved in drama.

We want there to be great costumes, lighting, sound, and a fun experience for the children and the audience.

We know that a show no longer than 90 minutes is best.

#### *What we need*

External support with choreography. We are just waiting to confirm availability with other dancing shows and exams on in the second half of the year.

A venue that can accommodate the children and the audience who want to attend in a comfortable way. We are relooking at our options for this. Our school hall is not a suitable venue.

#### *What we can't do*

Stage a production that includes all 450 Year 2 - 8 children in the same show.

Choreograph individual dances for all 16 Year 2 - 8 classes.

Split the school across multiple nights by surname so that all children in the same family can be in the same show.

This would cause 10 weeks of disruption to classes as children went at different times to practices.

Organisationally things work best when we organise dances in class groups.

### *What we are not doing*

We do not use the production as a fundraiser. Some of you have been surprised in the past by being charged \$20 per ticket. Typically, we make a \$2000 loss on the show by the time we pay for venue hire, lighting, sound, choreography costs, bussing children to the venue for practices, costuming and other incidental costs.

### *So what's the current plan?*

- Confirm a choreographer and venue by the end of June
- Split the Year 2- 8 classes into two groups so each show has eight classes performing
- Make a schedule to allow people to purchase as many tickets as they need at the lowest cost possible
- Aim to hold a show in November 2020

Your continued feedback and input is welcome.

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### **DENTAL VAN VISIT**

We received the following communication from the Regional Dental Service

“Due to COVID levels 3 and 4, we have had to reassesses our van visits to schools and unfortunately we are now unable to complete all our van visits for this year; our dental vans could not visit schools during the period of lockdown.

We are prioritising schools with children with a high risk of dental decay, as **Papakowhai School** is low risk the mobile van will not be visiting in 2020.

However, we will be prioritising your school early in 2021. Appointments are available at our hub clinics if parents have any concerns regarding their child’s dental care, or need to update their contact details.

Please contact us on 0800 TALK TEETH (825583).”

## HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

**Calendar Art:** You will soon be able to order your calendar art on Kindo. Pictures of the art will be posted on your child's Seesaw page for you to see. Orders will be delivered in Term 3 in plenty of time for Christmas gifts!



To stay up to date with upcoming events we recommend that you like our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/PapakowhaiHomeandSchool/> or email us and ask to be put on the friends of home and school email list [homeandschool@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:homeandschool@papakowhai.school.nz)

## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Rata 1 – 4 (Rata 5 will have their photographs taken at the end of Term 3), 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. Flyers have been handed out today for completion and return if you want to order a sibling photo. Photographs including a sibling who does not attend Papakowhai School can be taken at any time between 9.15am and 2pm. Please come to the hall and the photographers will arrange to collect your school child/ren for the photo.

## SPARE CLOTHING

At school we have a limited amount of spare clothing to lend out if children get wet or dirty. We are short of leggings/pants at the moment and would be very grateful for donations of these if you have any that your child has grown out of.

Could we please ask that, if your child does come home in school clothes, they are laundered and returned to the office quickly.

It is also useful for children to have a spare set of clothes in their school bag now that the wet weather has arrived as some are reluctant to wear borrowed clothing.

## LOCKDOWN SCAVENGER HUNT WINNERS

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the Scavenger Hunt. The winners were Beauden Mann, Claudia Esterhuizen, George Everett, Harrison Boyte, Kartini Singson, Poppy Childs, Jonty Nikolaison-Rowe, Alice Victoria and Cora Rayner (absent from photo). Also pictured are the senior enviro leaders, Daniella Hey and Antje Singson. Thank you to them for organising such a fun event for the children to take part in!



## AOTEA COLLEGE OPEN EVENING FOR 2021 STUDENTS

Aotea College are holding their open evening for students who wish to enrol in 2021 tomorrow, Thursday 18 June, from 3.30 – 5pm or from 5.30 – 7pm. Please ensure you enrol as soon as possible as this helps them to ensure correct staffing levels.

Enrolment interviews will commence in August. For further information, please phone the enrolments officer Debbie Allan on 04 237 3166 ext 414.

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Winter Holiday Programme @ Postgate School  
6 – 17 July 2020

AFTER SCHOOL  
**FUN CLUB**

**They are back! Due to building works at Adventure School they are at a new location – POSTGATE SCHOOL!** Two weeks of popular and exciting activities await your child (e.g. trip to Awesome Bounce, HV Gymastics, Rollerskating, Iceskating and much more).

BOOK ONLINE NOW: [www.asfc.co.nz](http://www.asfc.co.nz) or for more information e-mail [office@asfc.co.nz](mailto:office@asfc.co.nz) or call 027-454-6975.

## **AFTER SCHOOL FLOORBALL SESSIONS IN TAWA**

New players are always welcome and gear is provided at Tawa Rec Centre, \$10 for Term 2 from today.

Juniors: Born 2011 or younger (minimum 5 years old)

Wednesdays, June 17<sup>th</sup> - July 1<sup>st</sup> from 3:45 - 4:35pm

Seniors: Born 2010 – 2005

Wednesdays, June 17<sup>th</sup> - July 1<sup>st</sup> from 4:40-5:30pm

If you are keen to have a free trial session, please email

Sophie: [admin@wellingtonfloorball.org.nz](mailto:admin@wellingtonfloorball.org.nz) or register now with this link:

<https://membership.sportstg.com/regofrm.cgi?eventID=8832&formID=94378>

## **SOME IMPORTANT DATES**

### **JUNE**

<b>Thursday 18</b>	Year 8's - Aotea College open evening
<b>Monday 22</b>	School Assembly, 10 am, school hall
<b>Friday 26</b>	Rata, Matai and Totara photo day
<b>Monday 29</b>	Papakowhai School cross country
<b>Tuesday 30</b>	Cross Country Postponement 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
<b>Monday 27</b>	Home and School committee meeting, 7 pm, in the staffroom



Thank you to all  
the local  
businesses that  
have supported  
us in the past  
year!

Please consider  
supporting them  
as they re-open!

The Post Hotel, Porirua	Body by Science, Porirua
Cable Car, Wellington	Bunnings Warehouse Porirua
McDonalds Porirua	SmartChoice Alterations, Papakowhai
Laserforce, Wellington	Elements Hairdressing, Aotea
North City Ten Pin	Lighthouse Cinema Pauatahanui
EasySwim, Wellington	Louis Sergeant, Wellington
Tinker Tailor, Porirua	Mana Pharmacy
Studio 4, Porirua	Norwex - Shelley Gilliver
Barker's of Geraldine	Parka Insurance, Whitby
Leacroft, Pauatahanui	Whittakers
Tussock Rise, Pauatahanui	Whitby Co-op
Dash Swim School, Porirua	Your Wellington Florist, Plimmerton
Bluebridge	Room of Beauty, Aotea
Staglands	Magpie, Paremata
Pirates Cove, Porirua	The Body Shop, Porirua
Wellington Phoenix	Scentsy, Porirua
Pack & Pedal, Porirua	Moana Road, Porirua
Sanitarium	Vanilla Hair, Papakowhai
Bats Theatre, Wellington	Helen O'Grady Drama Academy
Countdown, Aotea	Interislander
New World, Porirua	Bespoke Hair Design
Burger Wisconsin, Mana	Marty Ritchie - Harcourts
Paper Plus, Porirua	