

PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 5 Term 3 19th August 2020

Kia ora koutou

COVID-19 ALERT LEVEL 2

Thank you once again for your continued support of the school during difficult times. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns about well-being for your children.

I encourage you to download the NZ COVID Tracer app and scan it if you are collecting children inside the school grounds.

Protect yourself,
your whānau, and
your community



If you are just collecting children and then exiting the school straight away, you only need to scan the app you do not need to sign the clipboard outside the Rata classrooms.

If you come to the office and are not staying onsite, you only need to scan the app you do not need to sign in. If you are staying on site as a volunteer or for a meeting you will need to do both.

The app allows you to create a digital diary of places you visit by scanning the official QR codes. This will help contact tracers to quickly identify and isolate anyone who may have been exposed to COVID-19 if there is a further outbreak in New Zealand. You can download the app in the Apple App Store or from Google Play.



At school, there are no restrictions on numbers of staff and students indoors or outside however, when parents or

people from outside the school come on-site the mass gathering rules will apply. That is why we have had to cancel or delay assembly, powhiri and inter-school cross country. If we are still at Level 2 by Friday 28th we will have to call off our school disco. We are hoping for good news on Friday this week.

We will not be undertaking any off-site activities under Level 2.

Practices and rehearsals will go ahead for our production in Term 4. We are working on modifications to the show so it can easily be scaled up or down depending on the Covid-19 level.

Face coverings

Face coverings are not required in a school. Some people may choose to wear face coverings. If they do, we encourage respect - people are being proactive in keeping themselves and others safe. See more information on face coverings later in this newsletter.

TEACHER ONLY DAY - MONDAY 31 AUGUST

School will be closed on **Monday 31 August** for a Teacher Only day. Please note this in your diaries. **Before and After School care will still operate as normal**. Please confirm your child's attendance with Susan Dixon. Normal fees will apply. **There will also be child care at school made available between 9 - 3pm**. The cost for this is \$25 per child for 6 hours' care. **We have capacity for up to 80 students. You need to [register here](#) to secure your child's place.**

ENROLMENT SCHEME REVIEW

Please read today's Board of Trustees Communication it contains an important update on the enrolment zone review.

Ngā mihi

Mark Smith

Principal

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ENROLMENTS FOR 2021

To assist with planning for 2021 we need to check we have an accurate list of enrolments for next year.

If you fall into one of following categories, please contact the Office as soon as possible.

- i) You live in our current zone and have a new entrant child who turns 5 in 2021 and you have not already given pre-enrolment details to the Office.
- ii) You live in our current zone and currently have a child attending a different school that you intend to enrol at Papakowhai in 2021.
- iii) You have a child currently attending Papakowhai School and you are planning to enrol them at a different school in 2021.

If you have a friend or family member that does not have a child currently attending Papakowhai School and you think that they may fall into one of the above categories, please get them to contact the Office also.

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.

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

WATER BOTTLES

Several children are forgetting their water bottles and, as the water fountains are currently turned off, this means they may have limited access to water. Please encourage your child to remember their water bottle every day!

HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

DISCO at Covid Level 2 A decision about whether the "Movies" themed discos will go ahead will be made on **Friday 21 August** when the Prime Minister reviews the alert levels. The Disco cannot go ahead if we remain in Level 2 (or higher) on Friday 28 August and in that case we will look at rescheduling it. If the Disco is cancelled, we will arrange refunds to those of you who have bought tickets already.

If the Disco is able to be held, pizza orders will need to be in by midnight Tuesday 25th August to ensure we are able to get the order delivered on the night.



FACE MASKS AT SCHOOL

Although face masks are not required by the Ministry of Health (MOH) to be worn at Level 2 we respect the right of families who choose to use them. We do however ask that children are aware of how to wear their mask safely. This includes keeping the mask over their nose, mouth and chin, not touching the mask and also being able to remove/replace it safely before and after eating. Because of these requirements the MOH advises that children under 6 should not wear masks.

Below are links to the World Health Organisation and MOH information on safe mask wearing (some information from the Ministry of Health is also reproduced on the last pages of this newsletter)

WHO - <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public/when-and-how-to-use-masks>

MOH - <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-health-advice-general-public/covid-19-use-masks-community/covid-19-how-use-face-mask-safely>

PAREPLIM RUGBY FUNDRAISER – cancelled

At Covid Alert Level 2 we are unable to sell food at school so the sale of pizza/ice blocks planned for Wednesday 26 August cannot go ahead.

INCREDIBLE FAMILIES PARENTING COURSES

Incredible Years General Course – designed for whanau with children aged 3 – 8 years, to develop positive family relationships and empower parents to make changes and manage difficult behaviour. Thursdays from 27 August to 17 December, 9.30am – 12 noon at 89 Warspite Ave, Cannons Creek (Salvation Army)

Incredible Years Autism Course – to help children who have behaviours on the Autism Spectrum and have language delays or social difficulties. Children do not need to have a formal diagnosis. Wednesdays, 19 August to 9 December at Johnsonville Community Centre, 3 Frankmoore Ave, Johnsonville.

There is no charge for these courses.

Registrations can be completed at

<http://www.incrediblefamilies.org.nz/incredible-years/register/>

WELLINGTON PHOENIX HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Wellington Phoenix FC are holding a two-day training programme in the second week of the school holidays; Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th October, 9am – 3pm at Fraser Park Sportsville, Lower Hutt. Suitable for ages 7 – 12 years. The programme (2 days) costs \$120 for full members and \$150 for complementary and non-members. Visit www.wellingtonphoenix.com/holiday-programmes-1 for further details and to register.

HELEN O'GRADY DRAMA ACADEMY CLASSES

An international curriculum which helps explore performance skills and make new friends. Fun after-school classes for 5 – 17 year olds in Khandallah, Tawa, Whitby and Lower Hutt. To enrol or for more information please phone 0800 161 131 or visit www.helenogradynz.co.nz

WHITBY TOY LIBRARY – TREASURER NEEDED

The Toy Library are on the hunt for a new volunteer Treasurer. The outgoing Treasurer is happy to chat through the job and teach you the ropes as she hands over.

The job entails reconciling the bank statements to the daily sheets at the end of the month, banking the cash, paying wages and other bills as they come in, attending the meetings once a month (second Wednesday of the month), yearly Profit and Loss statements submitted to the IRD. If this sounds like you, or someone you know (you don't have to be a part of the library) please email

info@wtl.org.nz

SOME IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST

Tuesday 25	BOT meeting, 7pm, staffroom
Thursday 27	Parumoana Swim Sports, Years 5 & 6
Friday 28	Junior and Senior 'Movie' discos in school hall – if at Covid Alert Level 1
Monday 31	Teacher Only Day – 'in school care' available

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 3	Parumoana Swim Sports, Years 7 & 8
Tuesday 22	BOT meeting, 7pm, staffroom
Wednesday 23	Photo day for Rata 5 & 6 and Year 8's
Friday 25	Last day of Term 3

OCTOBER

Monday 12	First day of Term 4
Wednesday 14	Yr 7 Boostrix vaccinations
Thursday 29	Body Confidence talk

HOW TO USE A FACE MASK SAFELY

If you choose to wear a face mask – one you purchase or make yourself – you need to know how to use it safely. This includes how you put it on, what to do while wearing it, how to take it off and how to handle it safely after use to avoid the risk of infection.

SOME KEY POINTS

- Never share face masks with other people.
- Face masks should not be worn by young children or anyone unable to remove them without assistance.
- Face masks should not be worn by people who have trouble breathing.

WHILE WEARING A FACE MASK

- Do not touch the front of the face mask. If you do, clean your hands and dry thoroughly.
- Avoid touching your face, as infection can still be introduced by touching your eyes or if you are not wearing your face mask correctly.
- Face masks should not be adjusted during use. This includes being pulled up or pulled down below your chin. If you need to remove your mask (for example, to eat) - remove it safely, dispose of it appropriately (or wash if a home-made facial covering or cloth mask) and clean your hands.
- Replace the face mask if it becomes damp, damaged or soiled.

HOW TO SAFELY PUT ON A FACE MASK



1. Ensure your face mask is clean and dry and is not damaged.



2. Before putting on your face mask, clean your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitiser (containing at least 60 percent alcohol). Ensure your hands are dry.



3. Place the face mask over your nose and mouth and secure with ties or loops. Make sure the mask fits snugly, moulded to your face and around your nose. Make sure the mask fully covers your nose, mouth and chin. Your mask should be comfortable, with no gaps around the mask and your face, and allow you to breathe easily.

4. Clean your hands again (as above).

HOW TO SAFELY REMOVE A FACE MASK



1. Clean your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitiser (containing at least 60 percent alcohol). Ensure your hands are dry.



2. Remove the face mask (do not touch the front of the mask) by untying ties or removing loops and pull it away from your face. Be careful not to touch your eyes, nose and mouth when removing your mask.



3. Wash or dispose of it appropriately

4. Clean your hands again (as above).

SAFELY DISPOSING OF SINGLE-USE FACE MASKS

1. Dispose in a closed lidded bin or place into a bag and seal before putting into a rubbish bin or taking home.
2. Clean your hands after disposing of the face mask (as above)
3. Do not re-use or try to disinfect single-use disposable face masks.

CLEANING HOME-MADE FACIAL COVERINGS OR CLOTH MASKS

1. Wash fabric masks to highest temperature material can withstand with detergent and water either by hand or in a washing machine.
2. After putting the mask in the washing machine, clean your hands (as above)
3. Dry the mask completely before you use it again. Do not use a damp mask.

FACE MASK DO'S AND DON'TS

WHEN PUTTING ON A FACE MASK

Before putting on your face mask, clean your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitiser (containing at least 60 percent alcohol). Ensure your hands are dry.



Place the face mask over your nose and mouth, holding it by the sides (or ties) and secure with ties or loops. Make sure the mask fits snugly, moulded to your face and around your nose. Make sure the mask fully covers your nose, mouth and chin. Your mask should be comfortable, with no gaps around the mask and your face, and allow you to breathe easily.

WHEN WEARING A FACE MASK, DON'T DO THE FOLLOWING:



DON'T wear your face mask under your nose or mouth.



DON'T touch or adjust your face mask without cleaning your hands before and after.



DON'T wear your face mask under your chin or around your neck.



DON'T wear your face mask on your head.

DON'T wear your face mask around your arm.

WHEN REMOVING A FACEMASK

Before removing your face mask, clean your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitiser (containing at least 60 percent alcohol). Ensure your hands are dry.



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Clean your hands again.