



PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 6 Term 3 26th August 2020

Kia ora koutou

TEACHER ONLY DAY - MONDAY 31 AUGUST

School will be closed on Monday 31 August for a Teacher Only day.

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. **You need to [register here](#)**

before Friday to secure your child's place.

COVID-19 ALERT LEVEL 2

I want to acknowledge that these are not normal times and that managing the pressure of work and family is extra hard at the moment.

Make sure you take the foot off the accelerator and give yourself time to decompress. Take some time to "top up your tank" if you feel you are constantly running on empty.

Be sensitive to the needs of your children and make changes to your weekly routine, if their wellbeing and your wellbeing is suffering.

Stay connected with people and find a trusted person that you can be honest with about the challenges you are facing. You are welcome to contact me if there are significant pressures on you or your family that we need to be sensitive to.

We will be continuing with our Level 2 protocols until Friday 4th September. **Under Level 2 we want all children to attend, with the exception of students who are sick with COVID-19, or unwell generally. It is very important that you contact the office if your child is not going to be at school.**



A quick recap of our Level 2 organisation:

- Before and After School Care is still operating.
- Children can only be at school from 8:30am and must be gone by 3:10pm unless they are at BSC or ASC.
- Children in Year 2 or above must walk unaccompanied into school. Year 1 children may be accompanied by an adult to their classroom but adults may not come inside. You need to use the tracer app or sign the clipboard outside the classroom.
- All other parent volunteers or visitors must sign in at the office first.
- 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.
- Older children may go to younger siblings' classrooms and wait outside to collect them.
- Bring a drink bottle as the fountains are turned off.
- Masks may be worn at school but are not a requirement. It is not advised that children under six wear masks.

Ngā mihi

Mark Smith

Principal

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VOMITING BUG IN RATA AND RIMU

We have several children with a tummy bug at the moment. Please emphasise thorough hand washing with your children and keep them home if they are sick.

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.

HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

SCHOOL DISCO UPDATE

The school discos have been postponed until Friday 11th September. All tickets purchased will automatically carry over to the new date.

If you had bought tickets but due to the change in date can no longer attend, please email homeandschool@papakowhai.school.nz and a refund will be arranged.



ONESIE DAY - FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

Papakowhai School community, will you be the One(sie)?

Wellington Free Ambulance is the only emergency ambulance service in Greater Wellington and Wairarapa, and the only ones in the country who are free. Join us and be the ones here for them this Onesie Day.

Wear your onesie next Friday, 4th September and donate a gold coin. You can also donate at wfa.org.nz/donate, or text ONES to 2489 to donate \$3 to Wellington Free Ambulance.



HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

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.

WRITING AND ART HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

(for students aged 8 – 14 years)

"Write like an Author" will teach young writers aged from 9 – 14 years, the skills and techniques that professionals use to create their own stories under the guidance of well-known author and writing coach **Maria Gill**

www.writelikeanauthor.com The course costs \$180 if booked before 22 September (and \$260 if booked after that date).

"Draw Like an Artist" teaches students, aged from 8 – 12 years, the techniques that professional illustrators use; presented by **Fifi Colston**. www.drawlikeanartist.com The 3 day course costs \$195 if booked before 22 September (\$260 if enrolled after that date).

The 3 day programmes will be held at **Raroa Intermediate** from **Tuesday, September 29** until **Thursday, October 1**, from 9am to 4pm each day. The number of places on each programme is strictly limited. Please visit the relevant website to book a spot. There are also 'Junior' and 'Advanced' one day courses on offer – please visit the websites for these details.

SOME IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST

Thursday 27	Parumoana Swim Sports, Yrs 5 & 6 - cancelled
Monday 31	Teacher Only Day – ‘in school care’ available

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 3	Parumoana Swim Sports, Yrs 7 & 8 - cancelled
Friday 4	Wellington Free Ambulance Onesie Day
Friday 11	Parumoana Swim Sports, Yrs 5 & 6 – new date
Friday 11	Junior and Senior ‘Movie’ discos in school hall – if at Covid Alert Level 1
Tuesday 22	BOT meeting, 7pm, staffroom
Wednesday 23	Photo day for Rata 5 & 6 and Year 8’s
Friday 25	Parumoana Swim Sports, Yrs 7 & 8 – new date
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

NEWSFLASH!!

The Parumoana Swim sports that were scheduled for tomorrow for the Year 5&6's and on Thursday 3 September for the Yr 7&8 students have been cancelled.

The events have been rescheduled to Friday 11 September for the Year 5 and 6's and Friday 25 September for the Year 7&8 competition. These dates are subject to us being at Covid Alert level 1 at that time.