



PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 7 Term 3 2nd September 2020

Kia ora koutou

PRODUCTION

We are excited to let you know that our school production is all booked for Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th November. The venue is the Aotea College auditorium. The show will include all Year 2 -8 students doing a class dance. We are so lucky to have Taylor Smith (no relation) choreographing all the dances for us. She is amazing!

To make our show scalable to different alert levels we are going to pre-record all the acting. Kelsey Sanson (former pupil and professional film-maker) is going to film all the scenes so we can screen them between dances on the night of the show. There will be no live acting. In the event that we cannot perform the dances live, Kelsey will video all the dances in our school hall and edit the whole show together as a film.

Please save the date for our show. We are looking at having an afternoon and evening performance on both days so we can accommodate everyone who wants to come. More details coming soon.....

ASSESSMENT

Teachers are completing assessments with children currently. Some children may experience some anxiety around assessment; this is normal. If your child is becoming very anxious about attending school, please check with them if it is about assessments and contact your child's teacher if reassurance from you is not able to allay their fears.

REPORTS

Teachers are in the process of writing Term 3 reports. These will be sent home at the start of Term 4. There will be an opportunity for parent/teacher meetings early in Term 4 also.

KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE

Constable Susan is completing her work with us teaching the Keeping Ourselves unit this week. If this has raised issues for your child or your family, please don't hesitate to contact me.

KINDNESS

It has been a tough year for parents, children and staff. It was easier to "be kind" when we were all in our separate bubbles. It is tougher when we are all tired and having to interact with people who may think differently to us.

Please encourage your children to show kindness to family, friends, children at school and staff. This might be a challenge you could do as a family.

Here are a few ideas of ways to show kindness:

- Let someone else go first
- Give a compliment
- Say, "good morning"
- Say, "hi"
- Say, "thank you"
- Share with someone
- Offer to help
- Invite someone to join in
- Ask, "how are you?"
- Work with someone new
- Hold a door open
- Do an extra job (a great one for home!)
- Forgive someone who makes a mistake
- Help clean up
- Spend time with a friend
- Write a kind note
- Help someone having a tough day
- Just listen

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SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The school photo orders were handed out earlier this week. If there is a problem with your order, please contact School Memories directly on 0800 437447 or email admin@schoolmemories.co.nz.

ONESIE DAY THIS FRIDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER

Wear your onesie on Friday, 4th September, and donate a gold coin to Wellington Free Ambulance (please give the money to your teacher). You can also donate at wfa.org.nz/donate, or text ONES to 2489 to donate \$3 to Wellington Free Ambulance.

This is the only emergency ambulance service in Greater Wellington and Wairarapa, and the only one in the country that is free!



MORAY PLACE PARK UPGRADE

Porirua City council is planning to upgrade the play equipment at Moray Park and would like your feedback/ideas. They would like to hear your thoughts on the type of play equipment to include, natural play elements and any other ideas you may have. Please email your suggestions to parksfeedback@porirua.govt.nz or call 237 5089 before Monday 7 September.

HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

CALENDAR ART - A second calendar art order is being placed if you missed ordering or want to buy more. The last day for orders is Friday 25th September. You can see your child's artwork on their Seesaw accounts and orders can be placed on the Kindo app. Product samples can be viewed at the office - Calendars \$15, Cards \$13, Diaries \$18, Mouse mats \$16, Sketch Pads \$15.



NEW DATE FOR SCHOOL DISCO....Friday 30 October 2020

Due to the ongoing Covid uncertainty we have decided to take a cautious approach and move the disco date further out to ensure we are able to go ahead. This will be the last time we move the date.

Tickets, merchandise and pizza can be ordered on Kindo app. Pizza orders will need to be made prior to the event and by Tuesday 27th October at the latest.

Your existing tickets, pizza orders and offers to help will carry over to the new date. If you have already ordered you don't need to do anything. If you are no longer able attend or help due to the new date, please email Bernice at homeandschool@papakowhai.school.nz

Please note that should Covid restrictions result in a cancellation on October 30th we will refund all orders placed on Kindo.

RAISING BODY CONFIDENT KIDS TALK

<https://www.facebook.com/events/345499423125504/>

Thursday October 29th, 7-8.30 pm, Papakowhai School Hall. Tickets are available on Kindo ****EARLY BIRD SPECIAL - \$20 per person if purchased before 19th September 2020**** \$25 per person after this date.

Emma Wright is a speaker, writer, eating disorder recoveree, mum of two, sister, auntie, wife and friend. More than anything she wants your kids to grow up without body image issues. Do you want to learn how to raise body-confident kids? This talk is suitable for parents of children aged one to eighteen years. The event covers:

How to build great body confidence in kids
How to deal with the whole 'sugar' and kids thing
Social media strategies
How to talk about fat and weight without awkwardness or fear you're causing issues
Eating disorder prevention
Teaching your kids how to respond to body size bullying
Practical steps to make your home a body-positive place

WIG WEDNESDAY

Next Wednesday, 9 September, we will be holding "Wig Wednesday" to support the Child Cancer Foundation. So, on Wednesday 9th September, get wiggy by wearing a wig or by doing something funky with your hair and remember to bring a gold coin to donate (your teacher will collect your donation)! All the amazing people who got wiggy last year raised over \$100,000 for the Child Cancer foundation! This year we need your help to raise even more to show these amazing kids our support! Remember...the class who raises the most money gets a prize!



HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

AFTERSCHOOL FUN CLUB @ DISCOVERY SCHOOL

NEW OPENING TIME!

Open now from 7.30am – 5.30pm! They offer exciting outings every day which your child will love. Due to building works they are based this Holiday Programme at Postgate School in Whitby.

BOOK ONLINE NOW FOR THE EARLY BIRD FEE:

www.asfc.co.nz For more information e-mail office@asfc.co.nz or call 027-454-6975

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 Sportville, 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 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**, 9am to 4pm each day. The number of places 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.

GOODTIME MUSIC ACADEMY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Send along your young holiday rockstar (Years 1-6) to learn how to play a range of instruments, join a giant band, get arts & crafty, and make loads of new friends!

Run by a dedicated team of music tutors, a unique educational and engaging experience is provided.

Monday 28th September - Friday 2nd October at Goodtime Music Academy, 50 Victoria Street, Alicetown, Lower Hutt.

Full day (9am to 3.30pm) - \$60, Early start (8 to 9am) + \$5 and Late finish (3.30 to 5.30pm) + \$10

Registrations close on Monday 21st September

For more details and/or to book a place select the 'holiday programmes' icon at

<https://goodtimemusicacademy.co.nz/services/>

SOME IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER

Friday 4	Wellington Free Ambulance Onesie Day
Wednesday 9	"Wig Wednesday" fundraiser for Child Cancer Foundation
Friday 11	Parumoana Swim Sports, Yrs 5 & 6
Tuesday 22 or Wednesday 23	BOT meeting, 7pm, staffroom date to be confirmed
Wednesday 23	Photo day for Rata 5 & 6 and Year 8's
Friday 25	Parumoana Swim Sports, Yrs 7 & 8
Friday 25	Last day for second round of calendar art orders
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
Friday 30	Movie theme school discos – new date

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 18	School production, Auditorium at Aotea College
Thursday 19	School production, Auditorium at Aotea College