



PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 8 Term 3 9th September 2020

Kia ora koutou

What a great community we live in!

We have really enjoyed Onesie day and Wig Wednesday at school over the past week. It has been great to do activities that put a smile on people's faces. Both events have raised over \$800 each which is awesome for Wellington Free Ambulance and the Child Cancer Foundation. Thank you for your donations and for getting your children dressed up for these events.

We value your input into our strategic direction as a school. The Board invite you to complete an 8-minute survey to inform planning for 2021. This survey is for parents/caregivers of Papakowhai School children. If you have more than one child at school, we invite you to respond with the "best fit" for your family. The survey is anonymous. If this survey raises issues that you would like to discuss please feel free to contact me.

Please click here to complete the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PapakowhaiCommunity20>

Kindness

We are focussing on showing kindness at school at the moment. I encourage you to ask your child/ren how they can show kindness to others or generate some ideas together.

Remember to show kindness to yourself during these strange times. Many people are experiencing higher than normal levels of anxiety and stress. If you and your children are feeling very anxious or stressed currently make sure you take some time to slow things down, reduce some of the activities you are doing, get an early night's sleep, give yourself and your children small incentives and lessen the amount of time on social media, television and devices.

While things feel relatively normal we are living through a global pandemic and things are far from normal. Give yourself permission to take a break and ask for help if you need it.

Covid Level 2

Thank you for your continued understanding about the protocols we need to have in place for Level 2. Given uncertainty about when we may be back at Level 1 we have decided not to have any assemblies this term. We hope we can all meet back together in the new term.

Ngā mihi

Mark Smith

Principal

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SWIM SPORTS FOR YEARS 5&6 – DATE CHANGE

Because we are still at Covid Alert Level 2 the Year 5 & 6 Parumoana swim sports have been moved to a date later in the month. They will now, hopefully, be held on the same day as the Year 7 & 8 swimsports – Friday 25 September.

ONESIE DAY FOR WELLINGTON FREE AMBULANCE

Papakowhai School raised \$811 for the Wellington Free Ambulance last Friday. Luckily it was such a cold day so everyone kept nice and snuggly in their onesies.



WIG WEDNESDAY

Another amazing effort by the Papakowhai Community today with \$857.70 raised for the Child Cancer Foundation. There were some pretty crazy looking hairdo's around!! Check out Mr Smith and Mr Webster's new look.



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

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.

Existing ticket and pizza orders and offers to help will carry over to the 30th October. If you have already ordered you don't need to do anything. If you are no longer able attend or help on 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.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

AFTERSCHOOL FUN CLUB @ DISCOVERY SCHOOL

NEW OPENING TIME!

Opening 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 on 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 www.writelikeanauthor.com

"Draw Like an Artist" teaches students, aged from 8 – 12 years, the techniques that professional illustrators use; www.drawlikeanartist.com

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!

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/>

SPOTLIGHT PERFORMING ARTS – TERM 4 CLASSES



Performing arts classes led by a London West End performer!

After school and weekend classes in Aotea, Johnsonville, Karori and Lower Hutt!

Two-week trials available.



SPOTLIGHT
PERFORMING ARTS

For more information, please visit

www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz

SOME IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER

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| Wednesday 23 | BOT meeting, 7pm, staffroom |
| Wednesday 23 | Photo day for Rata 5 & 6 and Year 8's |
| Friday 25 | Parumoana Swim Sports, Yrs 5 & 6 & Yrs 7 & 8 |
| Friday 25 | Last day for second round of calendar art orders |
| Friday 25 | Last day of Term 3 |

OCTOBER

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| Monday 12 | First day of Term 4 |
| Wednesday 14 | Yr 7 Boostrix vaccinations |
| Thursday 29 | Body Confidence talk |
| Friday 30 | Movie theme school discos |

NOVEMBER

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