



PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 9 Term 3 16th September 2020

Kia ora koutou

GOOD NEWS STORIES

We all need some good news stories at the moment so here are a few from this week at school.

Te Wa Tuku Reo Māori

Hundreds of children at Papakowhai School participated in Te Wa Tuku Reo Māori (Māori language moment) at 12pm on Monday 14 September to celebrate te reo Māori. In 1972, 30,000 signatures were delivered to Parliament calling for te reo Māori to be taught in schools. It was a defining moment in the journey to revitalise our language. The aim is to grow one million speakers by 2040. Children participated in waiata, games and activities that use te reo Māori.

Our Library

Despite roll growth pressure we are keeping our library open for Term 4. We have created a small classroom in Rata block by converting two offices into a sunny little classroom for 10. We are thrilled that our children will have a great space to work in and the library will remain open for all our children in Term 4.

PAT and STAR Tests

Children in Years 3 -8 have recently completed these tests. Despite the challenges of this year, the results show that in almost all year groups progress made has exceeded expected levels of progress.

Maths results show that in Years 3 -7, 50% of Papakowhai Students scored at the same level or higher than the top 25% of students nationally. Year 8 students also scored well above average. Less than 10% of Papakowhai Students scored at the same level or lower than the bottom 25% of students nationally.

Reading results show that in Years 3,4,5 and 7, 50% of Papakowhai Students at the same level or higher than the top 25% of students nationally. Year 6 and 8 students also scored well above average. Less than 10% of Papakowhai Students scored at the same level or lower than the bottom 25% of students nationally.

We are really proud of the children's progress. Reports on your child's progress will be shared with you in Week 1 of Term 4. There will also be an opportunity to make an appointment to talk with your child's teacher in Week 2 Term 4.

Community Survey

So far 96 people have completed the survey. Thank you! 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>

Ngā mihi

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AWARDS FOR GIFTED LEARNERS

There are awards available through the Ministry of Education to support gifted learners. Previous awards have enabled students to participate in areas such as sports, theatre, dance and leadership.

Please click on the link for more detailed information:

[Awards for Gifted Learners](#)

Applications close at 4pm next Friday, 25 September.

You can also email Shauna Cory -Wright (Gifted Coordinator) at shauna@papakowhai.school.nz

SUNSMART

Next term all children need a brimmed hat. Children with fair skin should also apply sunscreen before school or keep some in their bags.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Rata 5 and 6, our Year 8's and the netball teams will have their photos taken next week. If any other family would like a sibling photograph taken, please get your child to come and collect a form from the office. This needs to be completed and returned before next Tuesday.

PARKING IN SPEY PLACE

We would like to remind parents that the broken blue lines in Spey Place and on Tweed Road indicate areas that must be kept clear of cars between the hours of 8.30 – 9.15am and 2.45 – 3.30pm. This is to enable better traffic flow into and out of Spey Place.

Also, the P2 area near the school is a 'drop off and pick up only' zone. At no point during those times should the driver leave the car and come up to the school and there is no waiting in your car for your child to appear. If they are not there when you pull up, please drive through and circle round again.



HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE



CALENDAR ART - The last day for placement of second calendar art orders is Friday 25th September. Children's artwork is on their Seesaw accounts and orders can be placed through the Kindo app. Product samples can be viewed at the office - Calendars \$15, Cards \$13, Diaries \$18, Mouse mats \$16, Sketch Pads \$15.

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.

SCHOOL DISCO....Friday 30 October 2020

Tickets, merchandise and pizza can be ordered on Kindo app. Pizza orders will need to be made by Tuesday 27th October at the latest. Please note that should Covid restrictions result in a cancellation on October 30th we will refund all orders placed on Kindo.

GARAGE SALE

Saturday 19th September, 9am till midday. 3 Naver Place, Papakowhai. Toys, kids and adults clothes, baking, Scentsy products, homemade dog toys and artwork.

PORIRUA CITY UNITED SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

Softball season begins on the 31st October. Porirua City United Softball Club is accepting registrations for all age grades. Experience is not needed as training and coaching will occur throughout the season.

You can register your child and find more information about fees and the club by visiting their Facebook Page or their website <https://www.sporty.co.nz/pcusoftball>

If you are interested in coaching a team or volunteering to be a part of the Committee, please get in touch with them.

PORIRUA CITY JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB REGISTRATIONS

Registrations are open for the 2020/21 cricket season for children aged from 4 – 13 years. The club are holding a registration day at the Mana Indoor Centre, Ngatitooa Domain, on Saturday 26 September from 10am – 12 noon. There will be a sausage sizzle and dual pitch carnival as well as an appearance by the Wellington Firebirds! Registrations can also be completed on line at www.sporty.co.nz/poriruacricket

SUMMER SERIES INDOOR 5-A-SIDE FOOTBALL

Games are played on Friday afternoons in Term 4 at Porirua Indoor Sports, 11 Prosser Street (New Zealand Kennel Club building), Porirua. This is a great way to improve your soccer skills over the summer months. Any questions please contact Robbie Kerr on 021 329409 or robbie@poriruaindoorsports.co.nz

For more details visit www.poriruaindoorsports.co.nz

ART CLASSES FOR CHILDREN



Please contact Sara Rich: office.artyfartykids@gmail.com
or 0221748558

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

GOODTIME MUSIC ACADEMY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

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

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

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

WRITING AND ART HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

"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.

AFTERSCHOOL FUN CLUB @ DISCOVERY SCHOOL

Open now from 7.30am – 5.30pm! 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 – PLEASE NOTE A CHANGE OF DATES

Wellington Phoenix FC are holding a two-day training programme on Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd 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.

SOME IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 23	BOT meeting, 7pm, staffroom
Wednesday 23	Photo day for Rata 5 & 6, Year 8's and netball teams
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

Saturday 10	School hall being used as polling station for election
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Monday 12	First day of Term 4
Wednesday 14	Yr 7 Boostrix vaccinations
Saturday 17	School hall being used as polling station for election
Thursday 29	Body Confidence talk
Friday 30	Movie theme school discos

NOVEMBER

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