



PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 10 Term 3 23rd September 2020

Kia ora koutou

LEVEL 1

Level 1 is a great way to end the term. I hope you are able to take some family time these holidays and rest up. It has been a stressful and uncertain time. The children are very tired and I know that a good break will do them, their parents and teachers the world of good.

As we return to Level 1 here are a couple of reminders

1. All children and staff should be at school and children and parents are welcome into classrooms from 8.30am. Always contact the office before 9am if your child is going to be absent. The only people who will need to stay away are:

- those required to self-isolate
- individuals who health authorities have asked to stay away while waiting for a test result (most people will be able to go back to school/work while waiting for a result)
- children and staff who are unwell.

2. Testing remains a crucial component in preventing an outbreak.

If a child or staff member is sick, they should stay home. If they have cold or flu symptoms they should call their doctor or Healthline on [0800 358 5453](tel:08003585453) for advice about getting tested. If recommended to get tested, they should do so.

3. Support contact tracing by using the QR Code posters and visitor register.

Please scan the NZ COVID Tracer app QR code if you are entering the school grounds, even if it is just to do pick-

ups and drop offs. The QR codes are displayed on the gates and at every classroom door. If you will be at school for a longer period of time; helping in a classroom for example, please also complete the visitor register in the office.

4. There are no restrictions on numbers at gatherings. Physical activities, including cultural and sporting activities, practices and events, can go ahead. We are looking forward to our production in November.

5. Fundamental public health measures continue to apply:

1) Wash your hands. 2) Cough and sneeze into your elbow

6. Face coverings continue to not be required in school.

This includes school transport and charter buses hired by the school to transport students and staff to and from school. Anyone who chooses to wear a face covering in any setting will be supported to do so.

REPORTS

Your child will receive a progress report on Friday 16th October. These reports will be emailed to you. If you have changed your preferred email please contact the office to update your contact details.

PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS – BOOKINGS OPEN NOW

These meetings will be held on Tuesday 20 October, 3:15 – 8 pm. This is an opportunity to review and reset goals, discuss your child's learning and well-being and clarify anything raised in the report or shared in SeeSaw. If you feel like your child is progressing well and you don't have any matters you want to raise, please don't feel under an obligation to make an appointment.

Appointments to see the teachers are made via a website; www.schoolinterviews.co.nz the log-in code is **uy2xp**. You can also use this link: <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code?code=uy2xp>

If you are not able to make a booking online, please phone or call into the office and one of our staff will make the booking for you.

Ngā mihi

Mark Smith

Principal

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PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL COMMUNITY SURVEY

Thank you to everyone who has already completed our survey. We value your input into our strategic direction as a school. The survey will close on Friday, 25 September and is anonymous. If this survey raises issues that you would like to discuss please feel free to contact Mark, mark@papakowhai.school.nz Please click below to complete the survey:

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

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. Students need to wear clothing that covers their shoulders and midriff. We encourage all children to have a water bottle at school. Jandals are not appropriate for school.



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. 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 @ \$25 per person.

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.

SCHOOL HALL IN USE FOR GENERAL ELECTION VOTING

The school hall will be used as a polling station for the upcoming general election. The hall will be in use for advanced voting on Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 October, from 10 am until 4 pm and on Saturday 17 October from 9 am until 7 pm.

FUTUREFERNS TERM 4 NETBALL – JOIN IN THE FUN!

‘futureFerns’ is Netball New Zealand’s Official Junior Netball Programme. Papakowhai School is looking to enter a team (or two) in the Hutt Valley run programme.

What do you need to know about the programme, and how do you get involved?

- The programme is being run by Hutt Valley Netball for Year 1-2 students (boys and girls) at Taita Courts, Lower Hutt (an approximate 30 min drive from Porirua CBD) on Saturday mornings
- The first game is 31 October, the last on 5 December
- Teams will get a set round time of either 9am or 10am (possibly 11am, but only if there are a high number of team entries)
- Teams are made up of between 4-7 players, ideally 6
- Sessions are lots of fun and include a warm up, skill activities, and a game of modified (4v4) Netball
- If there is enough interest for more than 1 team, we will require some adult help as ‘Star Helpers’ i.e. Coaches – no experience is necessary with some basic training provided
- There are no mid-week practices, or equipment required for teams
- There is a cost to play of \$36-\$55 per player for the full term, depending on the number of players in a team
- Check out <https://www.futureferns.co.nz/> for more information on the programme

To register your interest please contact Paul Bryant (the parent from our school that will be coordinating our teams) via email at: pjzinzan@yahoo.com by Friday 9 October. Please email the name of your child/children also noting your interest to help as a parent Star Helper if you are keen.

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. Applications close at 4pm on Friday, 25 September.

Please click on the link for more detailed information:

[Awards for Gifted Learners](#) or email Shauna Cory -Wright (Gifted Coordinator) at shauna@papakowhai.school.nz

PAPAKOWHAI KINDERGARTEN FUNDRAISER NEW WORLD

Papakowhai Kindergarten has been selected to be a part of the New World Porirua Customer Vote Program until the end of October (i.e. there will be a box for the kindergarten that shoppers put their token in when they spend \$50 or more). The hope is to help raise funds to purchase a washing machine and dryer for the kindergarten.

AOTEA COLLEGE HOCKEY OPEN EVENING

Aotea College are holding an open evening on Monday 28 September at the Elsdon Turf, 6-7 pm, for Year 7 & 8 students (girls and boys) to head along and find out about hockey at college. Meet the team and management and see what it's all about! Please register by emailing your child's name, year level and school/club to naomilee1973@gmail.com For further information please call or text 021 1685 788

STAGLANDS ART COMPETITION AND HALF PRICE ENTRY

Get up close and personal with Staglands' spring baby animals for less these School Holidays by entering their Art Competition! Entries accepted from September 26 until October 11.

Kids will get ½ Price Entry when they bring their completed entry form to Staglands PLUS there are fantastic prizes up for grabs for winning entries!

[Visit their website](#) for more details or [download an entry form now.](#)

PORIRUA CITY UNITED SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

Softball season begins on October 31st. 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, Ngatitoa 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

DO YOU WANT TO HAVE A GO AT TENNIS?

Ngatitoa Tennis Club Sessions start on Monday 12 October 3:30 – 4:30pm for 5-8yr olds and 4:30 – 5:30pm for 9-12yr olds. Come down on a Monday and give it a try!

Email juniors@ngatitoatennis.org.nz or visit their website or for more information.

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/>

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 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.

SUBWAY PORIRUA HIRING

Day time position available at Subway Porirua. Email enquiries to Amalia at porirua@subwaynz.com

SOME IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER

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	School discos – ‘Movie’ theme

NOVEMBER

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