



PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 1 Term 4 14th October 2020

Kia ora koutou

REPORTING TO PARENTS

On Friday you will receive your child's Term 4 report for 2020. If you have changed your email in the last six months and you have not yet updated this information with the school office, please contact office@papakowhai.school.nz before Friday. If you do not receive your child's report please contact caine@papakowhai.school.nz

This term we are reporting on Literacy, Numeracy, Inquiry Learning and Key Competencies for Year 2 – 8 students and Key Competencies for Year 1 students. Children in Year 1 will also get a Numeracy and Literacy report in the term that they turn 6 years old.

The Arts, Health and PE and Languages will be reported on through SeeSaw.

PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS – BOOKINGS OPEN

These meetings will be held next 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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BE SUNSMART

This 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.



2021 SCHOOL CAMP

Next year the Year 7 and 8 students will be attending camp at Teapot Valley near Nelson. Camp information notices were handed out on the last day of Term 3. If you did not receive the notice, please collect copies from the school office. There are return forms to bring back to school.

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE - BYOD - 2021

In 2021 all students in Years 6 to 8 will be working in a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) environment. This will mean Totara syndicate will be a blend of school devices and BYOD. Year 5 children will only use school provided devices. All Year 6 children, regardless of the syndicate they are in, will be BYOD.

Our recommendation is that Year 6 children bring a Chromebook to use at school. Chromebooks are much easier to manage and maintain (digitally and physically) and are better suited to how learning is structured in Totara. Year 7 and 8 children have more flexibility in the type of device they choose.

Chromebook recommendations:

- Most brands of Chromebooks on the market have very similar specifications and are equally as good as each other. This makes it easier to shop around.
- The brand we purchase as school devices are Hewlett Packard (HP), 11.6" Display, 4GB RAM and 32GB Memory.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to email Caine Webster - caine@papakowhai.school.nz

TEACHER ONLY DAY – MONDAY 30 NOVEMBER

School will be closed on **Monday 30 November** for a Teacher Only day. Please note this in your diaries. **Before and After School care will still operate as normal. There will also be child care at school made available between 9 - 3pm.** The cost for this will be \$25 per child for 6 hours' care. More details will follow soon.

HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The next Home and School committee meeting will be held on Monday, 19th October, at 7pm in the staffroom. Never been to a meeting but wondered what it is we do? Just come along, meet some new people and see what we have planned.



****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. If your child has ever told you they don't like their body, or you wish your child would eat healthier food, or they seem addicted to sugar, or you're worried about their weight but don't want to cause body image issues - you're not alone. These fears are shared by many parents and it's why Papakowhai school has secured Family Body Confidence Consultant Emma Wright to talk to our community about raising body-confident kids.

****SCHOOL DISCO....Friday 30 October 2020**

Rata, Matai and Rimu – 5 to 6.30 pm, Totara and Kauri – 7 – 9pm. Tickets, merchandise and pizza can be ordered on Kindo app. Pizza orders will need to be made by Tuesday 27th October at the latest. We need parent help to make this event a success so please indicate your offer to help when purchasing tickets.

****Please see the attached flyers for full details of these 2 events.**

BIKES IN SCHOOLS

During the holidays the next phase of the 'Bikes in Schools' scheme took place. Additional bike and scooter racks were installed around the school. This means that children have safe places to store their bikes and scooters when they are brought to school. These racks are situated; beside Rata, beside Matai 1 and 2, and beside Totara 3 and 4.



You may have also noticed the shipping container that has been placed beside the hall. This is our 'bike container'. This will provide storage for the school for a range of bikes and helmets that children can use on

the bike track, either at break times or as part of class P.E.

To help us ensure we have a range of sizes and types of bikes we are asking for donations of any pre-loved bikes that might be gathering dust at home. The bikes need to be in reasonable condition and an appropriate size for school children - toddlers bikes would be too small.

If you do have a bike or bikes at home that you would like to donate, you can drop these off before and after school to the bike container beside the hall.

All donated bikes will go through a safety check to make sure they are safe to use before they are made available. If you think you might be able to help with these safety checks could you please email Caine Webster -

caine@papakowhai.school.nz It is our intention that a group of students will also help with these checks.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Caleb Cam competed in the North Island Super Series Trampoline Competition on Sunday 4th October and won Gold in Trampoline and Silver in Double Mini – congratulations Caleb!

PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Our school production is all booked in for Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th November at the Aotea College auditorium. The show will include all Year 2 - 8 students doing a class dance. To make our show scalable to different Covid alert levels we are going to pre-record all the acting. In the event that we cannot perform the dances live, we will also 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. More details coming soon.....



PINK SHIRT DAY 2020 - FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER

Celebrated annually around the globe, Pink Shirt Day began in Canada in 2007 when two students took a stand against homophobic bullying, after a peer was bullied for wearing a pink shirt. In Aotearoa, Pink Shirt Day works to create schools, workplaces, communities and whānau where everyone feels safe, valued and respected.

Students can wear something pink (t-shirt, shoes, hair.. be creative!) and bring a gold coin donation to your teacher on Friday. The money raised will go to the Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand. We will be celebrating Pink Shirt Day in our classes with activities and games focused

around our values of Manaakitanga (kindness and respect) and whanaungatanga (relationships and inclusion).

Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu – Speak Up

Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Stand Together

Stop Bullying

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: pjinzan@yahoo.com by Wednesday 21 October. Please email the name of your child/children also noting your interest to help as a parent Star Helper if you are keen.

SCHOOL HALL IN USE FOR GENERAL ELECTION VOTING

The school hall will be used as a polling station for the upcoming general election on Saturday 17 October from 9 am until 7 pm.

DRUM LESSONS WITH JOSH BEDOUKIAN

Josh has over 25 years of experience teaching drums privately (all styles), including 10 years delivering the Rock School Drums curriculum (all Grades). Lessons are \$35 per half-hour lesson. If you are interested in drum lessons or for more information, please contact Josh at Bedoukian.Creative@gmail.com or 022 453 5442.

PLIMMERTON KINDERGARTEN MOVIE NIGHT

Plimmerton Kindergarten are fundraising at the Lighthouse Cinema in Pauatahanui with a screening of NZ Comedy 'Baby Done' on Thursday 22 October, with drinks, nibbles, silent auctions and raffles from 7pm and the screening of 'Baby Done' at 8.30pm. Tickets are \$25 and include your movie ticket, an array of delicious nibbles and spot prizes. Visit <http://bit.ly/plimmovie2020> to book. Follow the FB event for updates: <https://fb.me/e/2TMuhqKpT> (In the event of Covid Alert Level 2 restrictions, the movie viewing will be spread across two nights, 22nd and 29th Oct to allow for social distancing).

SOME IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER

Friday 16	Pink Shirt Day – gold coin donation for the Mental Health Foundation
Friday 16	Term 4 reports will be emailed home
Saturday 17	School hall being used as polling station for election
Monday 19	Home and School committee meeting, 7 pm, in the staffroom
Tuesday 20	Parent/Teacher interviews, 3.15 – 8 pm
Wednesday 28	BOT meeting, 7 pm, staffroom
Thursday 29	Body Confidence talk in the school hall, 7 – 8.30 pm
Friday 30	School discos – 'Movie' theme

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 18	School production, Auditorium at Aotea College
Thursday 19	School production, Auditorium at Aotea College
Monday 30	Teacher Only Day – school closed but childcare available at school. BSC and ASC will be operating.

TERM AND PUBLIC HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2021

TERM	START	FINISH	PUBLIC HOLIDAYS
1	Thursday 4 February	Friday 16 April	Waitangi Day – observed Monday 8 February Easter – Good Friday 2 April, Easter Monday 5 April and Easter Tuesday 6 April (a school holiday) NB Easter is during term time this year School holiday includes ANZAC day, 25 April
2	Monday 3 May	Friday 9 July	Queen’s birthday, Monday 7 June
3	Monday 26 July	Friday 1 October	
4	Monday 18 October	Thursday 16 December	Labour Day, Monday 25 October

There will be a Teacher only day on Tuesday 2nd June (day after Queen’s birthday holiday). Other 2020 Teacher only days to be confirmed – one in term 3 and one term 4.