



PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 4 Term 4 4th November 2020

Kia ora koutou

I am pleased to share with you the school organisation for 2021 and how to request special considerations for your child's class placement.

School Organisation 2021

Senior Management

Mark Smith	Principal
Caine Webster	Deputy Principal
Lesley Hodge	Assistant Principal

Rata Syndicate

Rata 1	Year 1	Barbara Foster/Janie Goosen
Rata 2	Year 1	Carol Dacre
Rata 3	Year 1	Melissa van Echten
Rata 4	Year 1	Adele Murray
Rata 5	New Entrants (Starts April)	Rachel Berney/Sara Watchorn
Rata 6	New Entrants (Starts T3)	Lesley Hodge (Team Leader)

Matai Syndicate

Matai 1	Year 2	Kate Coughlan
Matai 2	Year 2	Pat Thomson
Matai 3	Year 2	Hetty Boonen (Team Leader)

Rimu Syndicate

Rimu 1	Year 3/4	Carina Tiffen
Rimu 2	Year 3/4	Lisa Smith
Rimu 3	Year 3/4	Jemma Simpkins (Team Leader)
Rimu 4	Year 3/4	Mitchell Smith
Rimu 5	Year 3/4	Anne Bunton

Totara Syndicate

Totara 1	Year 5/6	Gael Brown (Team Leader)
Totara 2	Year 5/6	Shauna Cory-Wright
Totara 3	Year 5/6	Sara Rich
Totara 4	Year 5/6	Karen Siwalette

Kauri Syndicate

Kauri 1	Year 7/8	Kelly Parker
Kauri 2	Year 7/8	Andrew Graham (Team Leader)
Kauri 3	Year 7/8	Debby Crawford-Jones
Kauri 4	Year 7/8	Ben Jackson
Kauri 5	Year 6/7	Jo Henderson

Learning Support

Special Needs Co-ordinator	Sue Jenkins
English Language Support	Jill Clibborn
Reading Recovery	Maz Holman

Teacher Release

Mary Jones
Gerie Harvey
Bex Cook
Jeanine Huynh
Caroline Herring
Kylie August

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION FOR CLASS PLACEMENT 2021

In Term 4 we complete a thorough and thoughtful process to place students in classes for the following year.

Our goal is to create classes that:

- Are balanced with all types of learners in terms of learning needs, social needs and gender.
- Create a positive learning and social environment for all students, considering past experiences with peers and learning needs.

Communication is key, within our staff team and with parents. Class placement is a complex and time intensive challenge, so we are wanting to focus in our consultation on unique needs rather than preferences. For most families we need you to trust us that we will take care to place your child in a class that will meet their needs. Sometimes there are more significant issues that parents/caregiver's need to raise that may impact classroom placement.

We have a parent input process where parents/caregivers may submit a feedback form to share concerns or issues that may impact placement. This information will be kept confidential. The parent input process is not intended to offer the opportunity to request a specific teacher. Consideration will focus on the student need identified.

To guarantee that your request informs the process we are using, please complete the following [Google form Class Placement Considerations for 2021](#) no later than Friday 13th November. If you cannot complete the form online, please contact the office and we will provide you with a paper copy.

Special considerations may be based on the following challenges:

- Social
- Learning
- Emotional
- Physical
- Past personal history with individuals (students or adults) that may substantially impact your child.

Requests for dealing with these special considerations should take the form of identifying:

- A teaching strength that may be needed to support your child
- A class level that would better meet your child's needs
- A peer that is requested as a positive support to directly address the special need
- A past experience that should not be repeated.

Examples of Special Considerations include, but are not limited to...

- Jeremy and Bruce had a lot of conflict this year and I request that they be separated next year.
- Jeremy has been identified with an anxiety and communication disorder and Wayne is a friend who really helps reduce anxiety and helps Jeremy focus on learning.
- In the past we had an issue with _____ and we would like to avoid repeating that experience.
- My child has ADHD and needs a teacher with clear structures in place in the classroom.
- My Year 7 child would be better suited to the Year 6/7 class to boost their confidence.
- My child has not had an existing friend placed in the same class for the last two years. Please consider placing my child with one of the following students...

Year 1 Information

- Year 1 children who have had three terms or less at school will be in Year 1 again in 2021.
- Children in Year 1 will not change teachers during the year.
- Rata 1 and 2 will fill up during Term 1 until they have approximately 16 children.
- A new class for new entrants will open in April.
- Another roll growth new entrant class will open in August.

Year 2 Information

- Children turning 6 before April 1 will progress to Year 2 in 2021. If you want your child to remain in Year 1 in 2021 please contact Lesley Hodge at lesley@papakowhai.school.nz .
- If your child turns 6 in April, Lesley will contact you to discuss your child's placement for 2021.
- Children turning 6 between 1 May and 1 July will stay in Year 1 in 2021. If you want your child to progress to Year 2 in 2021 please contact Lesley Hodge.
- Children turning 6 after 1 July will remain in Year 1.

Additional Information

- Class Organisation for 2021 is still subject to change.
- When we look at which Year 6's should stay in Totara and which Year 7's will move to Kauri we will look first at age, gender balance, then ability and friendship groups to determine the best place.

Digital Technologies - BYOD

- All Year 6 children can BYOD (Bring your own digital device).
- All Year 6 children will need to have a Chromebook if they are bringing their own device to school.
- Year 7 and 8 children have more flexibility in the type of device they choose.
- **If you would like to discuss BYOD further, please contact Caine Webster at caine@papakowhai.school.nz .**

- All Year 5 children will be provided with a school owned device so they can have one to one access in their classrooms.

Kind regards

Mark Smith

PRINCIPAL

mark@papakowhai.school.nz

TICKETS ARE SELLING FAST FOR OUR PRODUCTION “THE THEATRE OF GOLD” WEDNESDAY 18TH AND THURSDAY 19TH NOVEMBER

The School Major Production “The Theatre of Gold” is on at Aotea College Te Manawa Auditorium on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th November. There will be a 5pm and a 7pm show each night- so four shows in total!



Performing at <u>both</u> the 5pm and 7pm shows on Wednesday 18th November	Performing at <u>both</u> the 5pm and 7pm shows on Thursday 19th November
Matai 1	Matai 2
Matai 3	Rimu 5
Rimu 1	Rimu 2
Rimu 3	Rimu 4
Totara 1	Totara 3
Totara 2	Totara 4
Kauri 1	Kauri 2
Kauri 3	Kauri 4

All the acting has been pre-recorded in local locations and will be projected on the big screen. **The class dances will all be live.**

TICKETS

Buy your tickets today! Tickets cost \$12.50 each and are limited to four per family ONLY until Wednesday, 11th November. You can buy four for one show or purchase a total of four tickets across a combination of shows. Tickets are required for each performance and will be issued the week of the production. **From the 12th there will be no limits per family so make sure you place your order this week!** There will be no door sales on the nights.

Click the link below to buy your tickets now:

<https://forms.gle/2GtnXp7ryLdvDqx99>

A few points to note:

- If you have ordered and paid then tickets will be issued from Monday 16 November
- If you have ordered but not yet paid, tickets will not be issued unless payment is received before Tuesday 10 November
- If you have paid but are yet to complete the Google form for ordering tickets, please do so.

It is very important that you reference your payment as 'Production' otherwise payments may be allocated elsewhere.

Remember tickets are limited so they are allocated on a 'first come first served' basis. If you haven't paid for your tickets by 10 November those tickets cannot be held.

PRACTICES

All Year 2- 8 classes will be practising at Aotea College on the morning of Tuesday November 17th.

The Wednesday night classes will also be practising at Aotea College on the morning of Wednesday November 18th.

The Thursday night classes will also be practising at Aotea College on the morning of Thursday November 19th.

Children will be bused from Papakowhai School to Aotea College for all practices. Please drop off and pick up your children from Papakowhai School as normal.

ON THE NIGHTS OF THE SHOWS

You will need to drop off children who are performing at 4pm at the Aotea College Gym. Children will stay at Aotea College between performances **and can be collected at 8:30pm from the gym following the second show.**

Children will need a water bottle and lunch box snacks to eat between the shows.

If you have any questions or comments about the show please feel free to contact mark@papakowhai.school.nz

KIDS LIT QUIZ

Congratulations to our students who competed in this year's Kids' Lit Quiz Regional Competition at Samuel Marsden Collegiate in Karori on the 14th October. Ben Cory-Wright, Harold Sanders, Emily Frater, Lucy Byres, Aiden Mackay, Mena Bornemann-Santamaria, Emily Stewart and Charlotte Harrison competed against over 40 teams from the Wellington Region. Covid affected this year's competition but it was wonderful to finally get the go ahead at Level 1. A big thank you to Maree Sanders for coaching the teams.

PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL SPEECH FINALS

The Papakowhai School Speech Finals take place next week, on Monday 9 November. The Year 5/6 finals start at 9:15 in the hall and the Year 7/8 finals at 11:30. Parents and whanau are very welcome to attend. A winner from each of these finals will then go through to the Parumoana Finals, which take place on Friday 27 November.

RATA ASSEMBLY

On Tuesday 10 November at 10am we will be holding an assembly for all 7 of our Rata classes. They will be welcomed by our Kapa Haka group and each class will share some of their work. Children that have joined Rata block since the beginning of Term 3 will be introduced by their buddies and presented with a certificate. Parents and whanau of our Rata students are very welcome to come along and join us.

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.

YEAR 8 LEAVERS CELEBRATION – save the date!

We will be celebrating the end of our Year 8's primary schooling on Monday 7 December in the school hall. Each Year 8 student will receive more information next week.

WASTE FREE PARENTING WORKSHOP

Kate Meads is a waste educator and inspirational speaker who is coming to the Wellington Region this November. The Porirua Waste Free Parenting Workshop will be held on Friday 20 November from 6pm at Te Rauparaha Arena and has a focus on waste reduction with babies and toddlers in the home. Tickets to the workshops are \$25 and attendees get a gift pack (worth \$100) full of waste minimisation products like cloth nappies, food pouches, wraps and more. Please click on the following link to book a ticket

<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2020/porirua-waste-free-parenting-workshop/porirua-mana>

FOUND

1) An adults black padded jacket

A black jacket was left in Kauri 3 after the parent/teacher meetings last week. Please contact the office if it is yours.

2) A small gold ring

A small gold band was found on school grounds. If you think it may be yours, please contact the office and describe it.

DONATING PRE-LOVED BICYCLES

Donations of any pre-loved bikes for 5 – 13 year olds are still being gratefully accepted. If you have any queries please contact Caine, caine@papakowhai.school.nz

MORAY PARK PLAYSPACE UPGRADE

The play equipment at Moray Park is at the end of its life so needs replacing. Porirua City council would like you to vote for the playground you like the best. Please vote for your favourite before 15 November by clicking on this link www.porirua.govt.nz/playground-upgrades, pick up a flyer at the park and place your vote in the mailbox there, e-mail parksfeedback@porirua.govt.nz or phone 04 237 5089.

Option 1



Option 2



PAUATAHANUI INLET CLEAN UP

The annual Inlet Clean-Up, organised by Guardians of Pauatahanui Inlet, will take place on **Sunday 22 November**. Register at Brown's Bay car park at 10.30 am. There will be a free sausage sizzle from 12 noon. Please wear warm clothing and sturdy footwear.

They hope for good weather but normally do not cancel, wet or dry, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

CHOREOGRAPHY CLUB AND ART WORKSHOPS

Taylor Smith, who has choreographed all our dances for the Production, is running weekend dance and art workshops at 10 Lydney Place in Porirua.

Choreography Club: Saturdays 21 + 28 November and 5 December. Ages 7-9 years, \$5 per 30-minute class (\$12 for all 3). 12.30pm for Lyrical and 1pm for Commercial.

Ages 10 years+, \$10 per 45-minute class (\$25 for all 3). 1.30pm for Lyrical and 2.15pm for Contemporary.

Taylor is also running a Music Video Club with a Christmas theme on the above dates plus Sunday 6 December. This costs \$60 (including filming costs) and children **MUST** attend all 4 classes.

Art Workshops: Sunday 1, 8, 15 and 22 November. All ages. Mixed Media Club, 10am – 12 noon \$30 per class (\$100 for all 4)

Be your own Superhero block course, Noon – 2pm \$100 for the 4 week course.

For further details or to make a booking please email taylor.smith.nz@gmail.com

SOME IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER

Monday 9	Papakowhai School speech finals
Tuesday 10	Parumoana Athletics meeting
Tuesday 10	Rata Assembly, 10am, school hall
Wednesday 11	Year 8 – second Gardisil vaccinations
Friday 13	Last day to complete Google form for 2021 Class placement considerations
Tuesday 17	Production rehearsal at Aotea College
Wednesday 18	Production rehearsal and performances at 5pm and 7pm in the Auditorium at Aotea College
Thursday 19	Production rehearsal and performances at 5pm and 7pm in the Auditorium at Aotea College
Friday 27	Parumoana Speech Finals
Monday 30	Teacher Only Day – school closed but childcare available at school. BSC and ASC will be operating.

DECEMBER

Monday 7	Year 8 Leavers Celebration, school hall
Wednesday 8	End of year BBQ
Tuesday 15	Leavers Assembly at 11 am. School closes at 1pm today – no ASC.

February 2021

Thursday 4	First Day of Term 1 for students 2021
Monday 8	Waitangi Day observed – school closed

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