



PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 5 Term 4 11th November 2020

Kia ora koutou

MAJOR PRODUCTION NEXT WEEK!

If you have children in Years 2 -8 **please read the separate production notice issued today.** This contains very important information for next week's shows.

The School Major Production "The Theatre of Gold" is on at **Aotea College Te Manawa Auditorium on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th November.**

Performing at both the 5pm and 7pm shows on Wednesday 18 th November	Performing at both the 5pm and 7pm shows on Thursday 19 th 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

TEACHER ONLY DAY - MONDAY 30th NOVEMBER

School will be closed on Monday 30th November for a Teacher Only day. Please note this in your diaries. **Before and After School care will still operate as normal.** Please confirm your child's attendance with Susan Dixon. Normal fees will apply.

There will also be child care at school made available between 9 - 3pm. The cost for this is \$25 per child for 6

hours' care. We have capacity for up to 80 students. You need to [register here](#) to secure your child's place.

The children will not be doing "schoolwork" on the day. Children will bring their morning tea and lunch and have break times as normal. Programme for the day

- Library time
- Screen time
- Craft/art activity
- Some free play time
- PE in the hall
- A video for the last hour of the day.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION FOR CLASS PLACEMENT 2021

Last week I shared with you the class organisation for 2021. Please see last week's newsletter for details.

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.

BOT NEWSLETTER

Please note a separate BOT newsletter is also being issued today.

Thank you for all your continued support during a busy season. We had a wonderful Rata assembly yesterday and inter-school athletics tomorrow. It is all go!

Ngā mihi

Mark Smith

PRINCIPAL

mark@papakowhai.school.nz

CHESS TOURNAMENT

The Papakowhai team of Cody Chen, Ollie Holmes, George Barnes and Cameron Leitch put in a great effort at the Wellington Interschool Chess Tournament held at Newlands School on Monday, 9 November. The team started out with a 2-2 tie against a strong Cashmere Avenue team followed by a commanding 4-0 victory over Crofton Downs. Following their only loss of the day to Johnsonville, the team secured two consecutive ties to be placed sixth on the table with one game remaining. The boys collectively showed great team spirit, encouraging each other to finish strongly and move up the table. It worked and a resounding 4-0 victory followed, moving the team up to a very respectable fourth place out of 15 teams and only one point behind Johnsonville. The team lived up to the values of whanaungatanga and manaakitanga and were great ambassadors for Papakowhai School.



BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE CHRISTMAS PARTY

BSC/ASC are holding their Christmas party on Wednesday 2 December from 3 – 5.30 pm. Any enrolled children that do not usually attend on a Wednesday are very welcome to join in (please note that standard fees do apply).

Please notify Susan by Friday 27 November, at the latest, if your child/ren will be attending.

PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL SPEECH FINALS

On Monday, the Year 5 & 6 and the Year 7 & 8 students held their speech finals. The finalists are:

Year 5/6 Winner: **Ronin Herd** Runner Up: **Allan Wong**

Year 7/8 Winner: **Josiah Green** Runner Up: **Hadley Fale**

The winners go through to the Parumoana Speech Finals. This is being held on Friday, 27th November at 9:30am in the Discovery School Hall. This event is sponsored by the Plimmerton Rotary Club.

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



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. The Year 8 students have been given a notice today with more details of the evening.

FOUND

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

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

PLIMMERTON SCHOOL MONSTER GARAGE SALE

Saturday 21st November from 10am - 3pm.

Great stalls such as White Elephant, Books, Toys, Adult and Children's Clothes and Plants. Coffee, Drinks, Snacks, Ice Blocks and Sausage Sizzle.

The Garage Sale is being run as an alternative to the Gala this year. It will be able to run if we were under Covid Alert Level 2 with number restrictions and sanitisation controls in place.

Weather permitting parking available on the School Field for a gold coin donation.

KAREHANA CAROLS

You are invited to a Christmas carols sing-a-long, free sausage sizzle and BYO picnic at Karehana Park in Plimmerton on Saturday 28 November, from 4-5pm. This is a free family-friendly event organised by St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church (telephone 233 8572 for any queries). The wet weather option is to gather in the church and hall at 106 Mana Esplanade.

SOME IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER

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
Friday 27	Last day to notify Susan if your child will attend BSC/ASC Christmas party
Monday 30	Teacher Only Day – school closed but childcare available at school. BSC and ASC will be operating.

DECEMBER

Wednesday 2	BSC/ASC Christmas party, 3 – 5.30pm
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