

PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 7 Term 4 25th November 2020

Kia ora koutou

THE THEATRE OF GOLD

A big thank you to everyone who came along to one of the production shows last week. The children did an amazing job with all the hard work over the past few weeks really paying off. A huge thank you to people who helped with in anyway as part of the production. We really appreciate your help and support



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.

PAPAKOWHAI CHRISTMAS FOOD FOR WHANAU

Christmas time is upon us and for many families it is a very happy time of year to come together and celebrate the festive season. Unfortunately for some families this is not the case, and now more than ever, food banks are needing our help to supply food and toys to help those families in need. This year, Papakowhai School is going to be running a food drive appeal called PAKOWHAI CHRISTMAS FOOD FOR WHANAU. Children are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to donate.

This can be anything from -

- Canned goods to dry foods such as rice, cereals, pasta.
- Toiletries
- Pet food
- Toys
- Books
- Christmas decorations

All donations will be much appreciated!

Items need to be brought to school to your child's class between **Monday 23rd November to Friday the 4th December**. Everything we collect will be donated to the Salvation Army Food Bank in Porirua. Remember, the class with the most items raised, will be in to win a prize!

Thank you so much for all your support, in trying to make this Christmas a little better for some local families.

This initiative is being organised by:

Jeanine Huynh, Rachel Parker and the (Year 8 Whanau leaders) Alexia, Ishani, Leah and Ruby.

Ngā mihi

Caine Webster

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

caine@papakowhai.school.nz

YEAR 8 LEAVERS CELEBRATION – save the date!

This year, so that the event can be adapted for a change in the Covid Alert Level, the Year 8 leavers celebration evening will be on Monday 7 December in the school hall. The celebration will be from 6.30pm – 9.00pm. The Year 8 students have been given a notice with more details of the evening. Please contact the office ASAP if you are attending but have not registered yet.

HOME & SCHOOL

END OF YEAR BBQ - Wednesday 9th December 5-7pm. CASH ONLY

Once again Burger Wisconsin will be sponsoring our delicious burgers. We will also have sausages in bread and chippies and drinks.

HELPERS NEEDED: If you can help make burgers/sausages, sell tickets or cook on the BBQ please email homeandschool@papakowhai.school.nz with your preferred job and time.

VEGETARIAN or GLUTEN FREE. We would like to ascertain the demand for having these available at this years BBQ. If you are interested could you please fill in this expression of interest survey. [Alternative BBQ food options.](#)

Clothing Grab will be back on the 19th of March

2021. SAVE THE DATE and get ready to clean out your wardrobes. We will start collecting clothes in Term 1 next year, so remember us as you clean out your wardrobes over summer. We take any women's clothing, shoes and accessories that are still in good condition.

WORM TEA ORDERS

Our Enviro group are selling concentrated worm tea for \$5 a 300ml bottle for the rest of this term. The "tea" orders are delivered to your eldest child at school on Thursdays.

If you want some, please complete the order form sent out on Monday. More forms are available at the office.

ZONE DANCE FUNDRAISER

Zone dance is planning another overseas dance experience in 2022, many of the trip participants students attend Papakowhai School.

If you would like to purchase subway cookie dough and/or croissants please go the following link:

<https://forms.gle/yrcCxxVJFL9rmzKD9>



KELLY SPORTS

PRE-XMAS PROGRAMME!

HO HO HO HO!!

It's another action-packed Holiday Programme at Porirua's Ngati Toa Domain!

Kelly Sports Holiday Programmes focus on giving children aged between 5 and 13 the opportunity to do sports they enjoy in a safe, supportive and encouraging environment.

Come and join the Kelly Sports coaches for the best in sports fun! This programme will give your child/ren the opportunity to try different sports, learn new skills, build their self-confidence, and most importantly have a huge amount of FUN.

We have some exciting Pre Christmas fun planned:
Trip to Laserforce, Rippa & Touch Rugby, Rad Rackets Day, Ki-O-Rahi, Kelly Sports Arena where we play Football and Volleyball, Christmas Eve Party plus lots more!



JANUARY 2021 SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The Summer Holidays are here!

We have some exciting activities and trips planned:

H2GO Day, Sports Mash Up Day, USA Sports, Hoops Day, World Sports, Archer & Nerf Day, Golf Day plus the Bouncy Castle & the Football Arena are coming and lots more!!

Trips to: Wellington Zoo, Staglands, Porirua Aquatic Centre plus the Cure Kids Fun Day!

Kelly Sports Ngati Toa Holiday Programme

from:

11 Jan -29 Jan 2021

Session times are as follows:

Full Day - 7.30am - 5.30pm, School Day - 8.45am-3.15pm,
Half Day - 8am-1pm, Half Day 1pm-6pm

Book online at www.kellysports.co.nz or phone 04 972 7201, email adminwgtr@kellysports.co.nz



BUSHCRAFT BIRTHDAY PARTY
\$200.00 PER PARTY
Bespoke Nature birthday parties
Location confirmed with client on booking
Contact Jo +64212327512 for more details



FOREST SCHOOL
PHILOSOPHY
SCHOOL
HOLIDAY
PROGRAM

Fantail Nature
School



4th-8th January Forest Fairy tales

11th-15th S.T.R.E.A.M

18th-22nd Mess and Mudpies

26th -29th Build2play

\$65 per child per day

Early bird discount \$55 per day before 3rd Dec.

Transport provided to and from Brookfield Scout camp, catchpool Valley
and other locations.

<https://enrolmy.com/fantail-nature-school/#activities>

STAGLANDS

What's better than a material gift for Christmas? An adventure to remember! Give your loved ones an adventure to remember this Christmas with a unique gift from Staglands – annual passes, day passes and junior ranger experience vouchers. Vouchers purchased online will be delivered to your inbox within 24 hours. You can order right up to Christmas Eve. Visit our site <https://www.staglands.co.nz/online-shop> for more information.

NETBALL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME 2020/2021

Kia ora. This is a public invitation to an off season netball holiday programme is to help netball players prepare for the 2021 netball season. If you are determined to improve and work hard over the off season this netball clinic is for you!

Venue: ASB Sports Centre, 72 Kemp Street, Kilbirnie

Dates:

29th November 1.30pm – 4.00pm

6th December 10.00am – 12.30pm

12th December 10.00am – 12.00pm

10th January 10.00am – 12.30pm

17th January 10.00am – 12.30pm

24th January 10.00am – 12.30pm

Ages: 10 to 14 years

Cost: \$50.00 per session

If you are interested or would like more information please email dtepaniastrickland@gmail.com or call 0225095132

SOME IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER

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

Tuesday 1	Regional Athletics – Newtown Park, Wellington
Wednesday 2	BSC/ASC Christmas party, 3 – 5.30pm
Monday 7	Year 8 Leavers Celebration, school hall
Wednesday 9	End of year BBQ – Please note the date was wrong last week. The BBQ is on Wednesday the 9 th December.
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