



PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 8 Term 4 2nd December 2020

Kia ora koutou

CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN

We are turning the corner for home on what has been a surprising and strange year. There are some important school events coming up over the next couple of weeks that I want you to be aware of. I hope that you can join us.

Wednesday 2 December

Rimu and Matai *Tryathlon*: Thank you for all your support with this and bringing all those scooters and bikes back again after the rain.

After School Care Christmas Party: 3 – 5.30 pm

Thursday 3 December

Year 8 orientation day at Aotea College for 2021: Please contact your child's teacher for details.

Regional Athletics: All the best to our team! Please contact caine@papakowhai.school.nz for details.

Monday 7 December

Year 8 Leavers' Celebration: Papakowhai School hall 6:30pm - 9pm. Please contact the office for details.

Tuesday 8 December

End of year trips for Kauri, Rata, Rimu and Totara: Please contact your child's teacher for details.

Wednesday 9 December

Home and School BBQ 5 -7pm: See more details later in this newsletter.

Performing between 6 -7pm will be a number of performance groups including: SWPT (Acro), Kapa Haka, Choir, Ukulele Club and Poly Group.

Friday 11 December

Parents and children will be notified about their 2021 class placement by letter.

Children in Rata 1 and 2 will receive Numeracy and Literacy reports.

Monday 14 December

Children will visit their 2021 class and teacher and meet their new classmates.

Tuesday 15 December

Final assembly 11am -12:30pm: This is our final farewell to our Year 8's.

School finishes at 1pm.

Ngā mihi

Mark Smith

Principal

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2021 YEARS 7 & 8 CAMP PAYMENTS

Thank you to the many of you who have started making contributions towards the 2021 camp for those in Year 7 or 8 next year. If you have not yet started making contributions, you may have indicated on the camp payment return slips that you were going to pay a deposit of \$210 or the full amount of \$420 by Monday, 7 December; this is next week and fast approaching. We would appreciate having this paid to us by then. Receipts are issued for camp contributions.

PARUMOANA INTERSCHOOL SPEECH COMPETITION

Congratulations to **Ronin Herd** and **Josiah Green** who represented Papakowhai School at this competition last week and delivered their speeches with passion. **Ronin** is now the Parumoana Champion for Year 5 & 6 – well done!

SCHOOL LIBRARY IS CLOSED

The library is now closed for our annual stocktake. Please return all library books as soon as possible especially as the first class to get all theirs back will win Mrs Munro's library prize for 2020!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK GIFT ORDERS

There are a few book orders still to be collected from the office. We would be very grateful if these could be picked up before Wednesday of next week – thank you.

HOME & SCHOOL

END OF YEAR BBQ - Wednesday 9 December,
5-7pm

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 year's BBQ. If you are interested, please fill in this expression of interest survey. [Alternative BBQ food options.](#)



SAVE THE DATE.....

Papakowhai School Triathlon – Sunday 7 March Put this date on your calendar. A fun day not to be missed!

Clothing Grab – Friday 19 March 2021 We will start collecting clothes in Term 1 next year.

PAPAKOWHAI CHRISTMAS FOOD FOR WHANAU

Papakowhai School is running a food drive appeal called PAKAKOWHAI CHRISTMAS FOOD FOR WHANAU. Children are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to donate.

This can be anything from -

- Canned or 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 your child's class **by this Friday, 4th December**. Everything we collect will be donated to the Salvation Army Food Bank in Porirua. Remember, the class with the most items 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.

STAGLANDS

What's better than a material gift for Christmas? 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 their site <https://www.staglands.co.nz/online-shop> for more information.

NETBALL OFF SEASON PROGRAMME 2020/2021

An off season netball programme to help netball players prepare for the 2021 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

Ages: 10 to 14 years, from 29th November

Cost: \$50.00 per session

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

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME @
ADVENTURE SCHOOL, 18 - 23 DEC 2020**



BOOKINGS OPEN NOW! Exciting activities await your child - trip to Somes Island, Fun Challenges, Roller Skating and Movies and more.

BOOK ONLINE: www.asfc.co.nz or for more information e-mail holprog@asfc.co.nz or call 027-454-6975.

ARTRAGEOUS KIDS www.artrageouskids.co.nz

Artrageous Kids Creative Christmas: 16 – 23 Dec 2020

A magical pre-xmas Artrageous Holiday programme for ages 5-10 yrs. Come and explore many exciting Christmas crafts including baking, decoration making, ornaments, and creating gifts.

Poneke Dojo, Prince of Wales Park, Mt Cook, Wellington

8.30am - 3 pm \$79 and after care 3 - 5.30pm \$15

Artrageous Summer Adventure: 6 Jan – 3 Feb 2021

Aimed at children aged 5-10 years. The classes provide a space for all children to explore at their own pace; the aim is to draw out their creativity, not stuff things in!

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Olderageous Summer Adventure: 6 Jan – 3 Feb 2021

Aimed at children aged 10-14 years. Providing them with focused adult attention and loads of resources, this programme is tailored to draw out older children's interest in creating and using their imagination and creativity in a hilariously fun atmosphere.

Cafe at Wellington High School, Taranaki St, Wellington

8.30am - 3pm \$79 and after care 3 - 5.30pm \$15

Bookings essential for all of these holiday programmes!

Please email admin@artrageouskids.co.nz

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>

SOME IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER

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

MARCH 2021

Sunday 7	Papakowhai School Triathlon
Friday 19	Papakowhai School Clothing Swap Evening

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