



PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
Week 9 Term 4 9th December 2020

Kia ora koutou

Well done to everyone for getting through a tough year!

Thanks to our supportive Board of Trustees, chaired by Rodney Strong, for their careful oversight of the school, our amazing Home and School Committee, led by Rose Crawford, our dedicated and hardworking staff and to the great children who come to Papakowhai School each day ready to learn together.

Special thanks to Leigh Comeskey, the editor of the beautiful magazine you will receive on Tuesday. What a privilege to have such a great record of 2020.

Thanks to our wonderful team of Before and After School care workers ably lead by Susan Dixon. It is great to know that the children are being well cared for outside of school hours.

Thank you to our brilliant office and support staff and to Mr Geary our awesome caretaker. They are magnificent.

Thank you to all our teachers, they do a superb job. All our staff are returning for 2021 so there are no teacher farewells this year.

Finally, thank you to our Year 8's; you have been a tremendous group of role models in our school. All the best for the next part of your learning journey.

SPECIAL EVENTS

We had a wonderful celebration on Monday night at our Leaver's Dinner. It was such wonderful evening, we enjoyed great company, good food and enthusiastic leavers celebrating one another's graduation from primary school. Thank you to everyone who attended for making it such a wonderful night.

Tonight we have our Home and School BBQ. Come and have an easy and fun dinner with us. **The event runs from 5:00 – 7:00pm. Rain or Shine.**

On Tuesday 15th December at 11am we are having an assembly for our Year 8 leavers. Due to the large numbers of adults we have attending our final assembly, Year 1 and 2 children in Rata and Matai will not be attending. If it is important to you that your child in Rata or Matai does attend the assembly, please contact Lesley Hodge at lesley@papakowhai.school.nz and we will make sure they are there.

School finishes at 1pm on Tuesday 15th December. There is no After School Care on the last day.

School starts back on Thursday 4th February at 8:55am.
The Office will re-open on Thursday 28th January.

CLASS PLACEMENT LETTERS

These will be sent home on Friday 11th December. The class placement letter also contains information about start of year arrangements, dates and times.

We have read through hundreds of parent requests and taken these into account when we have placed your children. If you did not get your request it does not mean you were not listened to or your request not valued.

In determining class placement we look at age, gender balance, balancing the learning and behavioural needs in the class, parent requests and teacher recommendations. It is a careful and considered process.

If you do not receive your child's class placement letter, please contact me. **We generally provide one copy of the class placement letter per family and ask that you share this. If this is not possible and you need a duplicate copy please let me know and I will email it to you.**

Happy Christmas and best wishes for a new year of exciting opportunities to learn together.

Ngā mihi

Mark Smith

Principal

mark@papakowhai.school.nz

PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL PRODUCTION VIDEO

The Papakowhai School Production Video is now ready for download at no cost! Below is a link to a space containing all the files for the Show.

Once you are in the Space, click the Download arrow on the right to save all of these files to your local computer - you will need just over 12GB for that - or click the download arrow on the file for just that single file.

Downloading all may take a few hours. We have broken the production into 3 parts to ensure the files are approx 4GB in size as this is a better length for playing on Apple products. **Note:** you do NOT need to sign in to or create a Hightail Account.

These videos are for Private or Domestic use only and are not to be uploaded in full or in part to the internet or any social media platform.

Space: <https://spaces.hightail.com/space/botWABlcOr>

Passcode: Gold2020 (this passcode is case sensitive)

LOST AT LEAVERS CELEBRATION EVENING

A women's black Torpedo 7 rain jacket, size small, was left at the Leavers Celebration on Monday. If you scooped this up by mistake, please return it to the school office.

Other lost property will be put out for the children to look through on Friday and Monday. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity during the holidays.

HOME & SCHOOL

END OF YEAR BBQ – TONIGHT!

Wednesday 9 December, 5-7pm

School BBQ will be going ahead tonight, come rain or shine. Fingers crossed its more shine than rain!!!!

The delicious Burger Wisconsin sponsored burgers will be ready for you to eat from 5pm till 7pm. This year we will also have a limited number of vegetarian and gluten free options. Same prices as the meat versions.

There will be performances in the hall from 6pm by various groups including Kapa Haka, choir, SWPT(Acro), Ukulele club and the Poly group.

See you all on Wednesday to celebrate the end of 2020!

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.



STATIONERY FOR 2021

With your child's class placement letter there will be a flyer from Officemax with information about how to order your child's stationery. Your child's class list will be set up and ready to go at <https://www.myschool.co.nz/papakowhai> Shop online or call their friendly team on 0800 724 440.

(Please note that school donations and charges will be taken immediately and are not part of the 6-week installment scheme that Officemax offer.)

SCHOOL LIBRARIES TRANSFORM CAMPAIGN

The School Library Association of NZ Aotearoa (SLANZA) have launched a petition to highlight and save school libraries in New Zealand for all our tamariki. There are many students in NZ that are not as lucky as Papakowhai School to have a library space, budget for new books and access to a knowledgeable librarian. Show your support [Sign our Petition](#) For more information on this campaign see www.schoolibrariestransform.org.nz/

FOOD FOR WHANAU – THANK YOU!

Papakowhai School's Food for Whanau appeal has been a fantastic success. We were overwhelmed by the amazing generosity of our school community. Myself and the whanau leaders, would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who has been able to donate items to our School appeal. Your generosity will assist the Salvation Army in reaching and helping families in need over this festive season.

Thank you once again for your kindness and your big hearts, and we wish you and your families a safe and happy Christmas Season.

Seasons Greetings and happy holidays.

Jeanine Huynh and the Whanau leaders (Ruby, Alexia, Leah and Ishani).



HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Christmas holiday programme @ Adventure School, 18 - 23 Dec 2020



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

Summer Holiday Programme @ Adventure School, 18 Jan – 4 Feb 2021

3 weeks of popular and exciting activities await your child (e.g. Trip to Brookfield Outdoor Education Centre, Awesome Bounce, Laserforce, Marine Education Centre, Day trip to Eastbourne, Movies @ Lighthouse Cinema and much more).

BOOK ONLINE: www.asfc.co.nz or for more information email 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!

Poneke Dojo, Prince of Wales Park, Mt Cook, Wellington
8.30am - 3pm \$79 and after care 3 - 5.30pm \$15

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.n

TERM 1 2021 MUSICAL THEATRE CLASSES

Does your child love to sing, dance, act and perform? Performing arts classes led by London West End performer Sherene Clarke.

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SOME IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER

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| Wednesday 9 | End of year BBQ from 5 pm |
| Tuesday 15 | Leavers Assembly at 11 am. School closes at 1pm today – no ASC. |

FEBRUARY 2021

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

MARCH 2021

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

TERM AND PUBLIC HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2021

| TERM | START | FINISH | PUBLIC HOLIDAYS |
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| 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 |

WE WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY, RESTFUL AND FUN FILLED HOLIDAY!

