



PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 2 ● Term 1 ● 10 February 2021

Kia ora koutou

We have had such a great start to the year. It has been wonderful to hear about the summer holidays the children have had and to see their enthusiasm for returning to school. We are really looking forward to the year ahead together.

A SCHOOL POWHIRI for all new families and staff will be held on Thursday 25th February at 9.00am, in the Hall.

This is to welcome our new students, their parents, families, and whanau. The Powhiri lasts about 20 minutes and will be followed by morning tea. Families will gather in the staffroom prior to the powhiri.

PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS TUESDAY 23rd

FEBRUARY There are individual appointments available if there is something you would like to discuss and there is also an informal after-dinner time for those who just want to see the class and meet the teacher. School will finish at 3pm as normal.

Individual appointments will be available from 3:20 - 5:30pm. Each appointment is 10 minutes. These appointments are for parents who want to discuss specific learning, behaviour, medical, family or personal information privately with the teacher. Families who are new to our school might also want to take up this opportunity, even if there isn't a specific issue to discuss.

To make an appointment go to:

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the code **dhsgx**.

You will be sent an email confirming your booking details. You can change or cancel your booking at any time. The booking website will close at noon on Tuesday 23rd February. If you are not able to make a booking online, please phone the school office.

From 6:15 -7:30pm there will be an open evening where you can pop into classes without an appointment. The teachers will be available to meet you and chat informally with you. You are also welcome to look around other classes if you are new to the school or would just like to.

Ngā mihi

Mark Smith

Principal

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SCHOOL SWIMMING SESSIONS

Each year the school invests a significant proportion of its budget to providing quality swimming programmes to children. We know that children really improve when they have lessons at school every day for a two-week period. All children in Years 1- 6 are expected to participate in the swimming programme and bring their togs, towel and goggles every day they are rostered on for swimming. All Year 1- 6 children will receive eight lessons from the Easyswim School instructors. Swimming will happen Monday –Thursday. If swimming has to be postponed due to bad weather, there will be catch up sessions.

School Swimming Timetable 2021

Starting Wednesday 10th Feb	Starting Monday 22nd Feb Start date will depend on the weather and is subject to change.
Totara 1 and 2	Totara 3 and 4
All Rimu classes	All Matai classes
Kauri 5 (Year 6's)	All Rata classes

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The first Board of Trustees meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday 16 February, in the staffroom at 7pm.

SCHOOL CAMP FOR YEAR 7 AND 8'S

The camp for Year 7&8's is being held at Teapot Valley in Nelson, from 8th - 12th March. We would like to have the full contribution of \$420 paid by 21 February 2021. If you are unsure how much is due, please contact the office.

Camp information evening

There will be an information evening for parents wishing to find out more about the Teapot Valley camp in Kauri block on Tuesday 2 March at 7 pm.

Parent helpers attending camp must attend this meeting.

SCHOOL T-SHIRTS

We are waiting for our order of t-shirts to arrive. If you have ordered a shirt through Officemax or paid directly to the school (by internet banking or EFTPOS) we will be getting the children out of class and fitting them, hopefully next week. The teachers are aware that there is a delay in your child getting their t-shirt.

PAYMENTS MADE TO SCHOOL

Our preferred method is via our school bank account: 12-3140-0133108-01. We ask that transactions are referenced with your child's name and a description of what it is for e.g 'donation'. We also have two boxes in the office; one for forms and the other for cash. We would appreciate cash in an envelope clearly named with a description of what it is for. We also have EFTPOS at the office (no credit cards).

SUBWAY SCHOOL LUNCHES

Register at www.subwayexpress.co.nz Orders must be placed by Thursday at 7pm for delivery to school on Friday lunchtime.

HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The next Home and School meeting will be held on Monday 22 February at 7 pm in the staffroom. We are a group of parents who organise school community events such as the annual triathlon, Disco, End of Year BBQ, and quiz nights. We also help the school with some fundraising for larger purchases e.g. playgrounds. We meet about 3 times a term in the school staff room. We understand we all lead busy lives so our motto is "do what you can, when you can"; this way we can all work together to continue to deliver a great school community. We always welcome new members so feel free to attend any meetings or email Bernice for more information on homeandschool@papakowhai.school.nz



The first fundraising event of the year will be the school **Triathlon on Sunday 7 March** which is open to all Papakowhai School children and is a great way to understand what Triathlons are about. Entry forms have come home today. We need lots of helpers to run this event so if you are available to help please email homeandschool@papakowhai.school.nz

2021 Womans Clothing Grab - Friday 19 March

Our popular clothing grab is back this year! The easy, cheap and guilt free way to update your wardrobe that's great for the environment and your school community! A relaxed evening where the ticket price of \$25 gets you refreshments, the opportunity to take as many items home as you like from the tables, and the opportunity to bid on popular designer items starting at \$1. Tickets available via Kindo.co.nz

Donations of clothing needed! Here's your chance to support the H&S committee fundraising even if you can't come to the evening. We'd love to receive donations of good quality ladies' clothing, shoes and accessories. Please drop off your clean items to the school office (during opening hours 8am-4pm) throughout February. Ask your friends, family and colleagues if they want to donate too.

School Hoodies and Hats

Orders for school hoodies are open until Friday 5 March. Sample sizes are available to try on in the office. The order form is at the end of this newsletter or they can be ordered via www.kindo.co.nz Hoodies are priced at \$55.00 each. Papakowhai hats are available to buy from the office all year round and are \$22 each. Please ensure all items are clearly named as it is impossible to return lost items otherwise.

Please follow our Facebook page to stay up to date with all our events this year

<https://www.facebook.com/PapakowhaiHomeandSchool/>

PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL CHESS CLUB

The chess club is open for children from Year 3 upwards and will be starting again tomorrow, Thursday 11 February, in Totara 2 (Mrs Cory-Wright's classroom). The classes are led by Scott Wastney, a NZ chess champion, and cost \$75 a term or \$240 for the year - a discount of \$60 on the termly rate. A letter with the permission slip and outlining the options for fee payments is available from the office.

PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NETBALL

Registration forms for netball are available from the office and need to be returned by Friday 19 February. The fee for netball this year is \$40. Trials for the Year 7 & 8 teams will take place at the end of February. Some of the coaches have kindly offered to run training sessions for the Year 7&8's in the lead up to the trials – full details are available from the office.

UKULELE CLUB

Love to sing, bang, stomp, jingle, hum, strum, or just tell a good joke? Join Uke Club on Mondays from 2 pm, in the school hall. Contact Shane more details on 027 27 37 47 5 or email theukuleleinstitute@gmail.com



BEGINNERS BALLROOM & LATIN DANCE COURSE

Papakowhai School hall on Wednesdays at 7.30 pm, from 17 February, for 8 weeks. A fun form of fitness for the mind, body and soul! \$135 per person or \$20 per person casually – SPECIAL 2 FOR 1 OFFER
RUNNING AT THE MOMENT! For full details or to book, please contact Tanya Scherzer 0274807645 or email Tanya.scherzer@gmail.com

KARATE CLASSES

Every Tuesday, Papakowhai School Hall
Juniors (from 8 years old) - 5.45 to 7.00pm
Seniors (from 16 years old) - 7.00 to 8.00pm
For details contact Alan Campbell on 022 361 4990

THE ACADEMY DANCE AND STAGE SCHOOL

A new dance school has opened in Porirua! The Academy are offering a variety of dance classes in many genres, for ages 3 years through to adult! They are dancing out of Papakowhai School Hall on Monday evenings and Saturday mornings and also Mungavin Hall. The Academy are offering a 50% discount to Papakowhai students for their Tuesday evenings classes at Mungavin Supper Room: 'Shooting Stars' for 7-10 year olds from 6 - 6.45pm and "Stage Stars" for those aged 11years +. To enrol just visit www.theacademy.dance and on the enrolment form under 'discount code' use #papakowhai50% so instead of costing \$130, the term will ONLY be \$65!

PLACES AVAILABLE IN GIRL GUIDING

Girl Guiding is a great way for girls to learn new skills, get involved in the community, and have fun with their friends each week! There are places available for Term One in local units: Pippins (5-6 year-old girls) meet on Wednesdays, 4 - 5pm, Brownies for (7 - 9 year-old girls) meet Wednesdays 5.15 - 6.45pm. Guides (9 - 12 year-old girls) Wednesdays from 6.30 - 8pm. Girl Guiding is \$90 per term, there is full financial support available.
Visit <https://girlguidingnz.org.nz/join-us/> or contact Katrina at ggnz.rangituhi@gmail.com

PUKERUA BAY SOCCER CLUB REGISTRATION

Registrations for grades 5 (turning 5 in 2020) to 14 are now open and will close on 1 March 2021.

Low Registration Fees: \$50 for grades 5&6, \$90 for grades 7-12 and \$100 for grades 13&14 (mixed competition) \$100 for Sunday girls' competition.

Includes Nike shirt and shorts. Family discounts available! Practices potentially in Pukerua Bay and/or Plimmerton (or wherever most suitable for team). To register or for more information call **Iain Maclean** (0274203056) or **Neil Snowling** (0212291739), visit www.pukeruabaysoccer.org.nz or email pkb@pukeruabaysoccer.org.nz

TAWA SQUASH CLUB JUNIORS – Friday nights

Tawa Squash Junior Club night has started for 2021 with a brilliant programme run by one of the resident coaches, Matt Green. Kids - learn to play the "Healthiest Sport in the World" (according to Forbes magazine) 5pm start for all. 5-8 year olds have 1/2 hour fun games on one court while the rest have 2 hours including coaching. Normally \$5 for non-members but FREE for February! Contact Tawa Squash Club for more details, 232 8200, info@tawasquash.co.nz



**MONDAY
DRAWING CLASS
4.30PM - 6.00PM**

**THURSDAY
ADULT DRAWING CLASS
7.00PM - 9.00PM**

**SUNDAY
COLLAGE CLASS
3.30PM - 5.00PM**

**TERM 1 2021
SPACES AVAILABLE**

SOME IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 16	BOT meeting, 7pm
Friday 19	Netball registrations close
Monday 22	Home and School meeting, 7pm
Tuesday 23	Parent/teacher meetings
Wednesday 24	School picnic at Aotea Lagoon
Thursday 25	Powhiri for new families, 9am

MARCH

Tuesday 2	Yr 7&8 camp – parents information evening, 6 pm, Kauri block
Friday 5	Hoodie orders close
Sunday 7	School triathlon
Monday 8- Friday 12 inc	Year 7 & 8 students on camp
Friday 19	Women's Clothing Grab

TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2021

TERM	START	FINISH	PUBLIC HOLIDAYS
1	Thursday 4 February	Friday 16 April	Easter – school closed on Good Friday, 2 April, and Easter Monday and Tuesday, 5&6 April
2	Monday 3 May	Friday 9 July	Queen's birthday, 7 June
3	Monday 26 July	Friday 1 October	
4	Monday 18 October	Thursday 16 December	Labour Day, 25 th October