

PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
Week 4 ● Term 1 ● 24 February 2021

Kia ora koutou



Our annual school picnic is next Thursday 4 March. We will walk to the lagoon to show safe walking and celebrate our participation in Movin' March. Students will be buddied in older/younger pairs and will be clearly informed of safety issues by their classroom teachers. Parents/Caregivers and whanau are welcome to walk with us (we will be leaving school at 11:45 am) or you could drive to the lagoon and join us for lunch at 12:30 pm. The children do a range of activities in their whānau groups, including eating ice-blocks together. We head back to school at 2:15 pm.

Reminders for the picnic:

- All students will need:
 - Packed lunch including a drink bottle
 - Sunhat and sunscreen (sunscreen will also be provided at the lagoon)
 - Footwear suitable for walking long distance
- Students have been encouraged to wear the colour of their whānau group (shirt, sunhat, shorts/skirt etc) to demonstrate whanaungatanga (togetherness & belonging).

The group colours are listed below:-

- Kereru - green
- Hoiho - yellow
- Kaka - red
- Takahe - blue

For the rest of the month, please keep walking, cycling and scootering to school to get those stamps on your WOW passports! Completed passports can be popped into the box in the office and a new one collected. For more information about your whānau can participate in Movin' March head to -

<https://www.movinmarch.com/parents>

KiVa?

KiVa is an anti-bullying programme from Finland. KiVa is Finnish for “kind” or “nice”. The definition of bullying that is used as part of the KiVa programme is - Bullying is behaviour that is deliberate, repeated and there is a power imbalance.

The KiVa programme is made up of two parts:

1. Classroom lessons - each class will complete lessons based on which syndicate they are in.
2. Reporting of bullying - Students report bullying to the KiVa team (Lesley Hodge & Karen Siwalette) in the KiVa room at lunchtimes.

[KiVa lesson overview](#)

Unit 1 is designed specifically for younger students - Rata, Matai and Rimu. Unit 2 is designed specifically for the older students - Totara and Kauri.

1. Students report bullying to a teacher or visit the KiVa room (Office beside Library)
2. When students report bullying, either the teacher or KiVa teacher completes a screening form - this provides the KiVa team with information regarding the bullying.

3. The screening form enables the KiVa team to decide if what has been reported is bullying or a conflict.
4. Classroom teachers are informed of conflicts and they work through these issues with the students involved.
Parents are contacted if necessary.
5. If an incident is deemed as bullying, a teacher from the KiVa team will complete form. This involves:
 - a. Having a discussion with the student who is being bullied and identifying a buddy that can help them
 - b. Contacting this student's parents
 - c. Informing the classroom teacher of what is happening and who the students buddy is
6. Two KiVa team teachers complete form 3. This involves:
 - a. Meeting with the student who has been reported as the bully and discussing their behaviour. They are not labelled as a bully at this meeting.
 - b. Prompt this student to identify what they can do to change their behaviour
 - c. Contacting this student's parents
7. After one week a KiVa team teacher will meet with both students (separately) to ensure that the behaviour has changed.

Ngā mihi nui

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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

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SCHOOL POWHIRI

A powhiri for all new families and staff will be held tomorrow, Thursday 25th February. The Powhiri lasts about 20 minutes and will be followed by light refreshments. Families please gather in the staffroom at 9 am.

STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNT

Statements were issued by email last Thursday to all families. If your family did not receive one, it would be appreciated if you could let the school office know.

CAMP INFORMATION EVENING

There will be an information evening for parents about the Teapot Valley camp in Kauri block on Tuesday 2 March at 7 pm. **Parent helpers going on the camp must attend this meeting.**

CAMP PAYMENTS

Camp should now be fully paid up. If you have yet to complete payments it would be appreciated if this could be attended to now. If there are any issues, please contact Mark mark@papakowhai.school.nz

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ORDERS

The closing date for orders is this Friday, 26th February. All orders need to be placed through the Scholastic LOOP system – either on their website or via the app available from the App store or Google Play. Please remember to update your child's class for 2021.

School Swimming Timetable 2021

Starting Wednesday 10 th Feb	Starting Monday 1 March
Totara 1 and 2	Totara 3 and 4
All Rimu classes	All Matai classes
Kauri 5 (Year 6's)	All Rata classes

SHAVE FOR A CURE

Zoe Capstick is in Year 7 at Papakowhai School. She has decided to shave her hair for the Shave for a Cure charity. She is going to shave her head for her birthday in March! Here is the link to her fundraising page <https://shaveforcure.co.nz/zoe-capstick>

HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Registrations for the school **Triathlon on Sunday 7 March** close this Friday, 26 February. The event is open to all Papakowhai School children. Forms are available from the office.



2021 Womans Clothing Grab - Friday 19 March

A relaxed evening where the ticket price of \$25 gets you refreshments, the chance 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!** Even if you can't come to the evening, we'd love to receive your donations. Please drop off your clean ladies' clothing, shoes and accessories to the school office throughout February.

School Hoodies and Hats

Orders for school hoodies are open until Friday 5 March. Sample sizes are available to try on in the office. Hoodies are \$55 each and orders can be placed via www.kindo.co.nz Papakowhai hats are available from the office all year round and are \$22 each. Please ensure all items are clearly named.

Follow the Home and School Facebook page to stay up to date with all our events this year

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

SCHOOL COMMUNITY VEHICLE

We are delighted to announce that our school will be able to benefit from a 'school community vehicle', generously donated by local heating, air conditioning and electrical specialists [Fantail Services Ltd](#) for use by schools in the North Porirua and Porirua East Kāhui Ako Communities of Learning. The van will enable students to be transported around the Porirua area to inter school events such as chess tournaments, and technology challenges.



The 'School Community Van' seats 1 driver and up to 8 students and has been configured so that students can face each other in the vehicle if desired. Fantail Services Limited invested approximately \$45,000 in the vehicle and will pay for the cost of annual servicing as well as a \$2,000 per annum GPS system for added health and safety.

SOME IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY

Thursday 25	Powhiri for new families, 9am
Friday 26	Last day for Triathlon entries
Friday 26	Senior netball trials 4.30 pm
Saturday 27	Senior netball trials 8.30 am

MARCH – it's MOVIN' MARCH!

Tuesday 2	Yr 7&8 camp – parents information evening, 7 pm, Kauri block
Thursday 4	School picnic at Aotea Lagoon
Friday 5	Hoodie orders close
Sunday 7	School triathlon
Monday 8- Friday 12 inc	Year 7 & 8 students on camp at Teapot Valley, Nelson
Friday 19	Women's Clothing Grab

APRIL

Friday 2	Good Friday, school closed
Monday 5	Easter Monday, school closed
Tuesday 6	Easter Tuesday, school closed