



**PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**  
Week 5 ● Term 1 ● 3 March 2021

Kia ora koutou

It has been another eventful weekend at Level 2. Thank you for supporting us with our Level 2 protocols. We hope that we can all resume Level 1 freedoms very soon.

Unfortunately, our school picnic to Aotea lagoon tomorrow is cancelled. We are a large group and we cannot control or contact trace all the parents or members of the public who may also be there. We will try to find another date this term to make this work.

The School Triathlon on Sunday is postponed until Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March. While we may be at Level 1 on Sunday the Home and School Committee need certainty to be able to run the event.

Camp and field trips are still able to go ahead at Level 2. We wish all of our Year 7 and 8's well as they travel to Teapot Valley Camp in Nelson on Monday.

The children are really enjoying swimming in the pool with the warm weather we have been having. All Rata and Matai classes and Totara 3 and 4 have swimming lessons Thursday and next week. Keep remembering those togs every day!

As a school we have been focussing on the social skills of friendship and respect. It would be great if you had a dinner table conversation about friendship and

respect at home and ask your children what they know about demonstrating these skills.

Ngā mihi nui

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### **HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Due to Covid alert level changes the School triathlon has been moved to Sunday 28 March. If you missed out on entering for the first date you can now pop into Kindo and register; entries will close Friday 19 March. If you had registered but are now unable to attend, please email [homeandschool@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:homeandschool@papakowhai.school.nz) The event is open to all Papakowhai School children. Entry forms are also available from the office.



### **2021 Woman's 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](http://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.

### **School Hoodies and Hats**

Orders for school hoodies are open until this 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](http://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/>

## **GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION**

We will be holding an information evening about Gifted and Talented Education at Papakowhai School on Tuesday 23 March at 7.30pm in the staffroom. Parents who have children on the gifted register will receive a personal invitation. However, anyone who is interested is also warmly invited to attend.

## **LOST WATCHES**

We have several watches (digital and fit bit type) at the office in the lost property. If your child has misplaced their watch please ask them to call in at the office and describe it to one of the office ladies.

## **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://shaveforacure.co.nz/zoe-capstick>

## **MONTESSORI AKONGA PORIRUA**

Porirua Montessori, based in Cannons Creek, offers tutoring for children in Years 1-8 in a warm home atmosphere with hands on materials. Cost is \$45 per hour. Contact Lisa at [poriuamontessori@gmail.com](mailto:poriuamontessori@gmail.com)

## **CODING LESSONS WITH CODINGNZ**

In today's world, it's essential for young people to learn how to create technology not just consume it. Coding NZ's online lessons empower students, aged from 9 to 18 years, with the tools they need and helps give them the best chance at being successful in our increasingly digital age. Lessons are 1 hour per week at 4, 5 or 6 pm with an expert tutor available online. Free trial lessons available now at [codingnz.com/signup](https://codingnz.com/signup)

## LATE NIGHT FRIDAYS AT THE ZOO

late Fridays are coming back for March!

The Zoo will be open until 7.30pm every Friday in March so you can make the most of the daylight with friends and whānau, enjoy evening talks and see your favourite animals at dusk. Visitors will also get half price entry from 4pm!

Entry for Late Fridays is included if you are a Zoo Crew member, plus you can bring-a-friend for free (t's & c's apply: please visit

<https://wellingtonzoo.com/late-night-fridays-terms-and-conditions/>). So if you're not already a member, this would be [a great time to join!](#)

## SOME IMPORTANT DATES

### MARCH – it's MOVIN' MARCH!

<b>Friday 5</b>	Hoodie orders close
<b>Monday 8- Friday 12 inc</b>	Year 7 & 8 students on camp at Teapot Valley, Nelson
<b>Tuesday 16</b>	BOT meeting, 7pm, staffroom
<b>Friday 19</b>	Women's Clothing Grab
<b>Tuesday 23</b>	School photographs for Rimu and Totara
<b>Tuesday 23</b>	Gifted and Talented Education evening, 7pm, staffroom
<b>Wednesday 24</b>	School photographs for Matai and Kauri
<b>Sunday 28</b>	School triathlon

### APRIL

<b>Friday 2</b>	Good Friday, school closed
<b>Monday 5</b>	Easter Monday, school closed
<b>Tuesday 6</b>	Easter Tuesday, school closed