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# PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Week 6 ● Term 1 ● 10 March 2021

Kia ora koutou

Our Year 7 and 8 students are on camp this week in Teapot Valley south of Nelson.



Papakowhai School have camped at Teapot Valley for more than 30 years. It is an awesome tradition that we have as a school. The students travel on the ferry to Picton and catch the bus to Nelson. This year they are also doing some walking and paddling in the Abel Tasman National Park. We are looking forward to the awesome stories on their return.



We are thrilled to see so many students involved in Movin' March. This initiative is to get children walking, biking or scootering to school. Last year Papakowhai School were the champions for the Wellington Area with the most students actively walking or wheeling to school. If you are able to support your children to do this that would be great. Maybe you could try parking a little further away from school and getting them to walk part of the way to school. Children may win a prize by completing Movin' March passports. Please see your teacher or the office for blank passports and return completed passports to the office.



We all got a wake up the other night with the earthquake. We don't know when there could be another emergency. Please make sure the office has your current contact details and the names and numbers of people you have approved to be contacted in an emergency. The school will not release children to anyone unless they are named as emergency contacts, so please ensure these details are up to date. You can do this by emailing <u>office@papakowhai.school.nz</u>

Please make sure you follow Papakowhai School on Facebook and sign up to Skooloop. We will also put emergency information out via email and our website.

Ngā mihi nui Mark Smith PRINCIPAL mark@papakowhai.school.nz

# TAX CREDIT FOR SCHOOL DONATIONS AND OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

School donations and contributions qualify for the tax credit through Inland Revenue. This tax credit is 33.3 cents for each dollar paid. Tax receipts are issued by the school when you make a payment that qualifies for the tax credit. For further information please visit https://www.ird.govt.nz/income-tax/income-tax-for-individuals/individual-tax-credits/tax-credits-for-donations

If you cannot locate your receipts, you can email the school office for replacement copies. Please note that, due to other work commitments, it may take a little while for these to be provided but we will do as soon as possible.

## USING THE SCHOOL DRIVEWAY

<u>The school driveway is for vehicle access only</u>. Please do not use the drive for walking your children in and out of the school grounds - including before or after school care. The driveway is very busy and is not safe for children or adults to use as pedestrian access. There is a path close by - please use that. Also, those using before school care must not drive up after 7.45am, and only again after 4.45pm for those picking up from after school care. At other times it is only to be used by staff, delivery vehicles, contractors etc. Speed is restricted- please obey these rules as there have recently been near misses.

#### JUNIOR ASSEMBLY

We are holding a Junior Assembly in the school hall at 9.15am on Wednesday 17 March. All the Rata and Matai classes will be sharing their work and our new entrants will be introduced by their buddies. Please come along and join us.

## HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Under a fortnight now until the Women's Clothing Grab on Friday 19, 7:30 at Papakowhai school hall. Tickets (\$25 each) on sale NOW at <u>Kindo.co.nz</u> For less than the price of one new item you'll get a glass of bubbles, hot drinks and nibbles and your pick of as many items to take home as you like. We have all sizes including shoes, handbags and jewellery.



Tell your friends and join us for a relaxed, fun girls' night out.

Please drop your great quality clothing, shoes and accessories to the school office prior to the event.

A big thank you to our amazing event sponsors: Mojo Coffee, Seaview Therapeutics, Sheree Taylor Jewellery, Kapiti Chocolate Factory, Parka Insurances, New World Porirua, Barker's of Geraldine, Pacific Yogaflow, FOX ROAD Flowers & Gift Baskets, Team Ritchie - Harcourts Real Estate, Moana Road, Tussock Rise, Amway - Victoria Allott, Jules FitzGerald Independent Tupperware Consultant VIP Group

Please note that refunds will be given if we need to cancel the event due to Covid-19 restrictions.

The School triathlon will now take place on 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 <u>homeandschool@papakowhai.school.nz</u> The event is open to all Papakowhai School children. Entry forms are also available from the office. Follow the Home and School Facebook page to stay up to date with all our events this year <u>https://www.facebook.com/PapakowhaiHomeandSc</u> <u>hool/</u>

## **MOVIN' MARCH EVENTS AT SCHOOL**

<u>Scavenger Hunt</u> – Thursday 11 March @ school hall. Come along

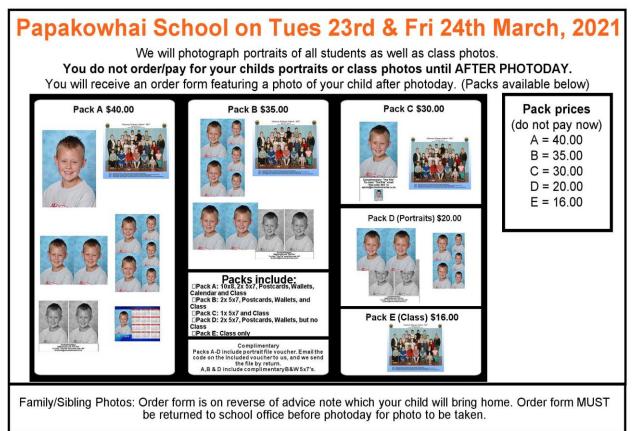


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at 1.10pm tomorrow and take part in our Movin' March scavenger hunt! Earn extra stamps for your WOW passports by completing the hunt. <u>Wacky Wheels Day</u> - Thursday 18 March The senior enviro girls are organising a Wacky Wheels day on Thursday 18th to encourage children to bike, scooter or walk to school. Dress up your bike, scooter, skateboard or even your shoes!! There will be prizes for the best dressed. We can't wait to see all of your Wacky Wheels!!

## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

We have two photo days this term; Tuesday 23 March when Rimu and Totara will have their photos taken and Wednesday 24 for Matai and Kauri photos. Rata classes will be having their photographs taken in Term 3. Children will bring home sibling photo order forms (similar to below) next week.



#### **GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION**

On Tuesday 23 March an information evening about Gifted and Talented Education at Papakowhai School will be held in the staffroom at 7.30pm. Parents who have children on the gifted register have received a personal invitation but anyone who is interested is warmly invited to attend.

#### SHAVE FOR A CURE

Zoe Capstick, a Year 7 student at Papakowhai School, has decided to shave her hair for the Shave for a Cure charity for her birthday in March! Here is the link to her fundraising page

https://shaveforacure.co.nz/zoe-capstick

## PAREPLIM JUNIOR RUGBY REGISTRATION

Registrations are open now for nursery grade through to U13's. There is also rippa rugby available in all grades if tackle rugby isn't for your child. Visit <u>www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/142956</u> to register or head down to the clubrooms on Saturday 13 March (9 – 11 am) or Wednesday 17 March (5 – 7pm). If you have any queries please email

juniorconvener@pareplimrugby.co.nz

## FRIENDS OF PATAKA ARTS TRAIL, 13 & 14 MARCH

Friends of Pataka Art gallery have organised an Arts Trail in the Porirua area from Tawa to Pukerua Bay. There are plenty of studios and artists' hubs to visit. For more information and to download the trail brochure, visit the Pataka website <u>https://pataka.org.nz/whats/events/friends-of-</u> <u>pataka-arts-trail-2021/</u>

# GUARDIANS OF PAUATAHANUI INLET PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

The GOPI 2021 Photographic Competition is underway with planning well on track. All current details can be found on their website <u>http://gopi.org.nz/our-activities/photo-competition/</u> The annual Youth Photographic Workshop, open to anyone under 18yrs old, will take place on Sunday 21 March from 4:15 to 7:15pm. It is run by Destina Munro of the Kapiti Camera Club and will be held at the cottage on the Pauatahanui Wildlife Reserve. Booking is essential as places are limited: an entry form is available on their website.

#### LATE NIGHT FRIDAYS AT THE ZOO

Wellington Zoo will be open until 7.30pm every Friday in March with 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. If you're not already a member, this would be <u>a great</u> time to join! T's & c's apply: please visit <u>https://wellingtonzoo.com/late-night-fridays-terms-and-conditions/</u>

#### SOME IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH – it's MOVIN' MARCH
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Year 7 & 8 students on camp at	
Teapot Valley, Nelson	
BOT meeting, 7pm, staffroom	
Junior Assembly (Rata and	
Matai), 9.15am, school hall.	
Women's Clothing Grab	
School photographs for Rimu	
and Totara	
Gifted and Talented Education	
evening, 7pm, staffroom	
School photographs for Matai	
and Kauri	
School triathlon	
Senior Assembly (Rimu, Totara	
and Kauri), school hall, 9.15am	

#### APRIL

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