



## PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 7 ● Term 1 ● 17 March 2021

Kia ora koutou

We had a wonderful junior school assembly this morning. All classes from Rata and Matai shared their work. We also introduced the 17 children who have started school since the start of the year.

I am so proud of all the students who shared work today. It is not easy to stand up and speak in front of so many people.

At the assembly this morning I told a story about classrooms and reading that exemplifies our Papakowhai School values. I would like to retell it to you...

The BOT shared with you last week that the four new classrooms being added to Papakowhai School have been delayed until the start of Term 3. This is Ministry of Education process issues not the BOT's.

All term I have been concerned that the delay would mean we would have to close our library. However, because they really value reading at our school, the staff have agreed to go without a staffroom for Term 2 so that library can remain open. Rachel Berney and Sara Watchorn open Rata 5 next week in a small classroom space we have created in the far corner of Rata. This will be perfect for the rest of term as there are only a handful of students in this class. This class will be full by June and so from the start of Term 2 this class will be in what is currently our staffroom.

I am very proud of our staff for making this sacrifice and it shows that they really place the children's best interests at the heart of what they do.

The staff will take their morning tea and lunch breaks in the hall but the hall will still be able to be used for before and after school care, for school activities during the day and for hall hire in the evenings.

I challenged our youngest students today that when they don't feel like reading at home, or making an effort to select a new book to bring home, to think of the staff giving up the staffroom for the benefit of reading at our school and do the right thing.

I know that parents and caregivers are busy and there are many competing pressures so it can be hard to make the time to read with your children at home. My challenge to you today is on days when it can be hard to fit in reading at home to think of our staff making a sacrifice for readers and make it a priority. It really makes a difference!

Ngā mihi nui

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### **SENIOR ASSEMBLY – TUESDAY 30 MARCH**

Our first Senior assembly is scheduled for Tuesday 30 March, at 9.15 am, in the hall. The classes sharing in this assembly are all odd numbered classes in Rimu, Totara and Kauri EXCEPT Rimu 5 who will share their work later in the year.

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

Wacky Wheels Day -

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!!



**Māehe Manawa Ora  
Movin' March**

1-31 March 2021 | [movinmarch.com](http://movinmarch.com)



## HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE



**Women's Clothing Grab** - this Friday at 7:30pm in the school hall. Tickets (\$25 each) on sale NOW at [Kindo.co.nz](http://Kindo.co.nz) 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.

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

**Papakowhai School Triathlon** - Entries for the rescheduled triathlon close on Friday evening. If you have already entered your child you don't need to do anything, but if you missed out on entering and are available on the new date (28th March) be sure to complete their entry via [Kindo.co.nz](http://Kindo.co.nz)

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.

## 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. Please RSVP to Shauna Cory-Wright if you plan on attending [shauna@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:shauna@papakowhai.school.nz)

## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

We have two photo days next week; Tuesday 23 March for Rimu and Totara and Wednesday 24 for Matai and Kauri photos. If your child is in Totara and is taking part in the Endzone Tournament we will endeavour to make sure that their class is photographed when they are back. Children will bring home a flyer today (as pictured below). Please complete the form on the reverse and return to the office for sibling photographs to be taken. Rata classes will be having their photographs taken in Term 3.

### Papakowhai School on Tues 23rd & Fri 24th March, 2021

We will photograph portraits of all students as well as class photos.

**You do not order/pay for your child's portraits or class photos until AFTER PHOTODAY.**

You will receive an order form featuring a photo of your child after photoday. (Packs available below)

<p><b>Pack A \$40.00</b></p> 	<p><b>Pack B \$35.00</b></p>  <p><b>Packs include:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Pack A: 10x8, 2x 5x7, Postcards, Wallets, Calendar and Class <input type="checkbox"/> Pack B: 2x 5x7, Postcards, Wallets, and Class <input type="checkbox"/> Pack C: 1x 5x7 and Class <input type="checkbox"/> Pack D: 2x 5x7, Postcards, Wallets, but no Class <input type="checkbox"/> Pack E: Class only</p> <p>Complimentary Packs A-D include portrait file voucher. Email the code on the included voucher to us, and we send the file by return. A, B &amp; D include complimentary B&amp;W 5x7's.</p>	<p><b>Pack C \$30.00</b></p>  <p><b>Pack D (Portraits) \$20.00</b></p> 	<p><b>Pack prices</b> (do not pay now) A = 40.00 B = 35.00 C = 30.00 D = 20.00 E = 16.00</p>
<p><b>Pack E (Class) \$16.00</b></p> 			

Family/Sibling Photos: Order form is on reverse of advice note which your child will bring home. Order form MUST be returned to school office before photoday for photo to be taken.

## HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Autumn Holiday Programme @  
Adventure School, 19 - 30 Apr 2021

AFTER SCHOOL  
**FUN CLUB**

**BOOKINGS OPEN from Monday, 22 March!** 2 weeks of popular and exciting activities await your child (e.g. Trip to Southward Car Museum, Laserforce, NZ Police Museum, Roller Skating Rink, Movies and more).  
BOOK ONLINE at [www.asfc.co.nz](http://www.asfc.co.nz) or for more information e-mail [holprog@asfc.co.nz](mailto:holprog@asfc.co.nz) or call 027-454-6975. Opening times are 7.30 am – 5 / 5.30pm.  
Children from all schools are welcome!

## Fantail Nature School holiday programme



## 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

<http://gopi.org.nz/our-activities/photo-competition/>

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 [a great time to join!](#) T's & c's apply: please visit <https://wellingtonzoo.com/late-night-fridays-terms-and-conditions/>

## SOME IMPORTANT DATES

### **MARCH – it's MOVIN' MARCH!**

<b>Friday 19</b>	Women's Clothing Grab, 7.30pm, school hall
<b>Tuesday 23</b>	School photographs for Rimu and Totara
<b>Tuesday 23</b>	Rata - trip 1 to Pataka
<b>Tuesday 23</b>	Parumoana Endzone Tournament (Yr5&6 and Yr7&8)
<b>Tuesday 23</b>	Gifted and Talented Education evening, 7pm, staffroom
<b>Wednesday 24</b>	School photographs for Matai and Kauri
<b>Thursday 25</b>	Kauri 3 & 4 trip
<b>Thursday 25</b>	Rata - trip 2 to Pataka
<b>Sunday 28</b>	School triathlon
<b>Monday 29</b>	Kauri 2 trip
<b>Tuesday 30</b>	Senior Assembly (Rimu, Totara and Kauri), school hall, 9.15am
<b>Wednesday 31</b>	Kauri 1 & 2 trip

### **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
<b>Tuesday 13</b>	Papakowhai School cross country
<b>Tuesday 13</b>	BOT meeting, 7pm, staffroom
<b>Wednesday 14</b>	Cross country postponement day 1
<b>Thursday 15</b>	Cross country postponement day 2
<b>Friday 16</b>	Last day of Term 1