

## PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 8 ● Term 1 ● 24 March 2021

Kia ora koutou

### Congratulations!



Congratulations to all of our senior students who participated in the North Porirua Endzone sports tournament yesterday. This is a fun, participation event but we still know that Papakowhai were very competitive!



We were so proud of all of our students last week who participated in our special wheels day for Movin' March. What an awesome turnout of wheels and fantastic decorations.

**Purple Day** - We have current and past pupils at our school with epilepsy. We want to show our support as a community by wearing purple to school this Friday. If you can find something purple please wear it on Friday and if you are able to bring a gold coin donation to support epilepsy research that would be awesome.

Epilepsy affects 1 - 2% of the population in New Zealand. To learn more about donating or volunteering please call 0800 374537 or visit [www.epilepsy.org.nz](http://www.epilepsy.org.nz)



### **Assessment and Reporting**

Over the next few weeks, students will complete their Term 1 assessments with their teachers. Students in Years 3-8 have finished standardised tests in Reading and Maths. Students in Years 1-3 are doing oral Reading Assessments (called Running Records) where they read a story or part of a story and the teacher analyses the strategies they are using to decode text and check their comprehension. Students in Years 1 - 8 are also doing oral Maths assessments to check their Number strategies. All students have also completed writing samples, which teachers analyse for strengths and next steps.

Teachers use these assessments and in-class observations to make teacher judgements against the levels of the New Zealand Curriculum. We do this for all children who have had at least two terms at school. For children in their first six months at school we only report on Key Competencies and personal and social development.

Teachers will complete reports on all students by the end of term and these will be shared with you in

Week 1 of Term 2. There will be an opportunity in Week 2 of Term 2 to make an appointment with your child's teacher to discuss their progress.

### **Support for students**

At Papakowhai School we have a chaplain. Anne is a wonderful listener and is available to meet with children on Wednesday mornings. If you think your child would benefit from meeting with Anne or you would like to know more about this free service, please contact Lesley Hodge

[lesley@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:lesley@papakowhai.school.nz)

We are a KiVa school. That means we are anti-bullying. Bullying is when someone experiences ongoing, harmful and deliberate actions from others. Children can report bullying to their teacher or go directly to our Kiva room at lunchtimes. You can report bullying directly to your child's teacher, Lesley Hodge or Caine Webster

[caine@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:caine@papakowhai.school.nz) and this will be followed up with our Kiva process.

Jill Clibborn co-ordinates English Language Learning support at our school. If you want to know more about this or you want to discuss your child's English language learning progress, please contact [jill@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:jill@papakowhai.school.nz) or your child's teacher.

Shauna Cory-Wright co-ordinates Gifted student support at our school. Shauna led a wonderful session last night at school for parents. If you would like a copy of the presentation or more information about gifted education, please contact [shauna@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:shauna@papakowhai.school.nz) .

Sue Jenkins co-ordinates additional learning needs support at our school. Sue leads our wonderful team of teaching assistants and also works directly with some of our students needing additional support. If you would like to know more about support that is

available for your child, please contact [sue@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:sue@papakowhai.school.nz) or your child's teacher.

Karen Siwalette is our Digital Leader in the school. If you are needing advice about cyber safety or how our school systems, including SeeSaw, work please contact [karen@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:karen@papakowhai.school.nz) or your child's teacher.

We value that you know your children the best and we appreciate that you advocate for your children. If there is something that needs to be put right for your child or you have a nagging concern that hasn't been addressed, please contact your child's teacher in the first instance. You can also contact Lesley Hodge (Assistant Principal) and Caine Webster (Deputy Principal) or myself.

I hope you are having a good week.

Ngā mihi nui  
Mark Smith  
PRINCIPAL  
[mark@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:mark@papakowhai.school.nz)

### **ENERGY DRINKS BEFORE SCHOOL**

We ask that children do not consume energy drinks before school if they have purchased these from the dairy in the morning.

### **TAX CREDIT FOR DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

School donations and contributions qualify for a 33.33 cents per \$1 paid tax credit available through IRD. If you have paid by 31 March 2021 it can be applied as a tax credit for this tax year. Signed receipts are provided to you.

It is now easier to claim for your tax credit - the following is taken directly from the IRD website;  
*"The easiest way to claim your donation tax credit is online in myIR - and you'll receive your refund sooner. Using myIR means we can work out your tax credit*

*without you having to file a claim when the tax year ends on 31 March.*

*You can submit your receipts any time throughout the tax year or submit them all together at the end of the tax year. You need to wait till after end of the tax year to receive your tax credit."*

Statements of account are being issued this week to advise of the balances in your student accounts.

## **HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

### **Papakowhai School Triathlon – this Sunday!**

The back numbers for the triathlon are being sent home today. If you have registered your child but do not receive a number please email [homeandschool@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:homeandschool@papakowhai.school.nz) If you had registered but are now unable to attend, please email [homeandschool@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:homeandschool@papakowhai.school.nz)



The Home and School AGM will be held on Monday 29 March in the staffroom. We will be re-electing the committee roles. The position of secretary is being vacated so if you are interested in knowing more about the role, contact Bernice at [homeandschool@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:homeandschool@papakowhai.school.nz) for more information.

**Clothing Grab:** We had a huge crowd of over 80 people who happily went home with some wonderful preloved clothes. A huge thank you to all our amazing 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) who helped to make this event so successful. A big thankyou to Kristy and Suzanne for all the organising of clothes and sponsors, and to the committee who helped out on the night.



## **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 and Kauri 3 who will share their work later in the year.

## **2021 GREAT KIWI ENGLISH, MATHS AND SCIENCE PAPERS.**

The University of Canterbury Centre for Assessment and Monitoring (UCCAM) is again running the great Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science competitions for Primary, Intermediate and Secondary schools. The Kiwi competitions are written by New Zealand teachers and are based on the New Zealand curriculum. The online competitions will be completed during the last 3 weeks of Term 2 and the first week of Term 3. All participating students will be awarded a certificate. **Entries for all papers close on Friday 7 May.** The entry fee is \$9.50 per paper and students must return the signed permission slip at the end of this newsletter, with payment, to enter these competitions. Please complete the form and return to the Office. Payment can be made by cash, EFTPOS, or internet banking (details on permission slip).

## **HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES**

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



**BOOKINGS OPEN!** 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!

### **Kelly Sports Holiday Programme**

At Ngatitoa Domain from Monday 19 – Friday 30 April (excluding Monday 26 April), for ages 5 – 13 years.

Many different sporting activities for full days:

7.30am – 5.30pm, \$50; school days: 8.45am – 3.15pm, \$40; or half days: 7.30am – 12.30pm or 12.30 – 5.30pm, \$35. For the full programme, more information or to make a booking, please email

[porirua@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:porirua@kellysports.co.nz), visit

<https://kellysports.co.nz/our-programmes#hp>

### **Fantail Nature School holiday programme**



### **Goodtime Music Academy**

Term 1 Holiday Programmes registrations are now open at [www.goodtimemusicacademy.co.nz/holiday-programme](http://www.goodtimemusicacademy.co.nz/holiday-programme) Get in quick to secure your spot!

Learn how to play a range of instruments, join a giant band, get arts & crafty, and make loads of friends!

The holiday programme is for ages 5 – 13 years.

Monday 19th April - Friday 23rd April at Goodtime Music Academy, 50 Victoria Street, Alicetown, Lower Hutt.

**Prices:** Full day (9am to 4pm) - \$70, Early start (8 to 9am) - \$10, Late finish (4 to 5pm) - \$10

## JUNIOR ROCK AND ROLL NATIONALS

New Zealand's best young rock and roll dancers will be competing in the junior Rock 'n' Roll nationals at Te Rauparaha Arena on Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 April. Public Gallery tickets are \$15 for adults on both days. Under 14's get in free (when accompanied by an adult) Tickets can be purchased via Ticketek or on the door. Visit [www.rocknroll.org.nz](http://www.rocknroll.org.nz) or [www.sporty.co.nz/kapimanarnr](http://www.sporty.co.nz/kapimanarnr) for more details.

## TAI CHI AND KUNG FU

New classes have started in our school hall. Glen Keith is running Tai Chi and Kung Fu classes from 7.30pm on a Thursday evening. The first class is free to see if it suits you. Please contact him directly for more information or visit the website (contact details at bottom of flyer below).

<h1>Tai Chi</h1> <p>TRADITIONAL YANG STYLE TAI CHI</p>		<h1>Kung-Fu</h1> <p>SHAOLIN FUT GAR KUNG-FU</p>	
			
<p>Health, Vitality, Well-Being <b>Thursdays 7.30pm-8.30pm</b> Papakōwhai School Hall 17 Spey Place, Papakōwhai</p>		<p>Confidence, Fitness, Self-Defense <b>Thursdays 8.30pm-9.30pm</b> Papakōwhai School Hall 17 Spey Place, Papakōwhai</p>	
<p>“Rich in culture and tradition, Tai Chi and Kung-Fu is great for improving your mind, body and spirit... a journey of self-discovery... let me help you take the first step...”</p>			
	<p>Sifu 師父 Glen Keith 格兰 凯思 (021) 2830927 <a href="http://www.futgar.org.nz">www.futgar.org.nz</a> <a href="mailto:glen.keith@outlook.com">glen.keith@outlook.com</a></p>		



## **KERRY SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING**

The Kerry School dancers came to entertain us last week. If your child is interested in Irish dancing please contact Sharon by email at [kerrydancers@xtra.co.nz](mailto:kerrydancers@xtra.co.nz)

Beginner classes on the following days and locations:

Plimmerton School Hall on Sundays: Pre-schoolers

from 9.30 - 10am and School age, 10 - 11am.

Ngatitoa Hall on Thursdays: School age, 4.30 –

5.30pm

## **SOME IMPORTANT DATES**

### **MARCH – it's the last week of MOVIN' MARCH!**

<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>Monday 29</b>	H&S AGM, 7pm, staffroom
<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

## GREAT KIWI UCCAM COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

**Form and payment to be received by Friday 7 May.**

I give permission for my child/ren to participate in the following 2021 UCCAM competitions:

CHILD'S NAME	CLASS	SUBJECT

I enclose \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$9.50 per subject)

OR

I have paid by EFTPOS on

\_\_\_\_\_

OR

I have paid by internet banking (12-3140-0133108-01)  
on \_\_\_\_\_

Please reference with child's name and 'UCCAM'.

Parent/caregivers signature:

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