



PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 9 ● Term 1 ● 31 March 2021

Kia ora koutou

TRIATHLON TRIUMPH! - A massive thank you to Niki Lister, Rose Crawford and all the amazing volunteer parent helpers who ran our Papakowhai School Triathlon on Sunday. We had 130 competitors run, swim and cycle their hearts out around the course. All the children who participated were awesome and really lived out our school values. It was a wonderful community event.

ROLE MODELS - We are so proud of our senior students. They are being great role models at school and on camps and trips they are going on. At school we really value senior students helping with leadership jobs, showing our school values in the playground and supporting younger students. Our Totara and Kauri students are really doing a great job of this.

FUN RUN - This year all children will participate in a school fun run on Tuesday 13th April. A competitive cross county event for Year 4 -8 will be held at the start of Term 2. Details of the fun run will be in next week's newsletter. Save the date!

EASTER - I know everyone is looking forward to the Easter break. Just a reminder that all schools are closed on Tuesday; this is not a teacher only day. There will be no Before or After School care and no supervision available during the day. Have a restful weekend and see you back on Wednesday.

Ngā mihi nui

Mark Smith

PRINCIPAL

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WHANAU HUI

The first whanau hui of 2021 will be held on Thursday 15 April from 6 – 7.30pm in the staffroom. An invitation was emailed to our Māori families yesterday but if you did not receive this, and would like to attend, please RSVP to Caine caine@papakowhai.school.nz or call the office on 233 8321. The purpose of this hui is to welcome any new Māori parents/caregivers and students, continue to foster Whanaungatanga with other families and to share some of our school wide Te Reo and Tikanga plans. A representative from our Board of Trustees will be attending and they will be sharing information about the work they do and how they might consult with our Māori community more effectively. We will provide a light supper, tea and coffee so please RSVP for catering purposes.

PURPLE DAY

A big 'thank you' to everyone who supported Purple Day by dressing up and bringing a donation. Papakowhai School raised \$900.70 for Epilepsy NZ!



HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

SECRETARY WANTED! We are looking for a someone to take over the secretary role: creating the agenda, taking minutes at meetings (once or twice a term, currently on Mondays at 7pm), keep an eye on the emails and ensuring the newsletter gets updated when needed? It's a small time commitment, just a few hours a month. If you think you have what it takes, speak to one of the committee members, contact us via our Facebook page or email

homeandschool@papakowhai.school.nz

Clothing Grab:- A few of our sponsors were missed off last Wednesday's acknowledgement. Huge thank you to Body By Science Mana who donated a \$500 package www.bodybyscience.co.nz; Bespoke Hair Design in Plimmerton, www.bespokehair.nz donated a \$100 voucher; FashionZhome, a local Aotea business, www.fashionzhome.co.nz who donated 2 beautiful mohair scarves and lastly In Disguise Costume Hire www.indisguise.co.nz who loaned us the racks to display the clothes. We really appreciate the support of these and all the local businesses from last week who supported this event.

UPCOMING EVENTS – save the date!

Home and School committee meeting: Monday 10 May, 7pm, in the staffroom.

Our Kids Online - Cyber Safety Talk: Wednesday 9 June 7pm. More details to follow soon in the newsletter and on the Home and School Facebook page.

School Discos: Friday 18 June 2021.

SPARE CLOTHING

We do have some spare clothing at the office for children to change into if they get wet or muddy at school but our range of sizes is limited. Please consider putting a change of clothing in your child's bag, especially if they do not like to borrow clothing.



CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS KAURI TRIP TO PARLIAMENT AND TE PAPA

As explained at the end of last year and at the start of this year, we will be requesting contributions when classes go on school trips in 2021. We did this so that the costs of trips were visible to families and the amount of the school donation was reduced accordingly.

Kauri syndicate classes have been on a trip to Parliament and Te Papa over the past week or so. A contribution request of \$10 towards the cost of this trip has been added to the school accounts of those children who attended and will appear on your next statement.

Should you wish to pay prior to the statement being issued you can do so at the school office or through the bank account - please reference it as "Kauri trip".

PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL TRIATHLON

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the school triathlon last Sunday and thank you to all the volunteers and Home and School committee members who helped the event run smoothly. We had a fantastic day and great fun was had by all. The top 3 place getters from the triathlon are as follows:

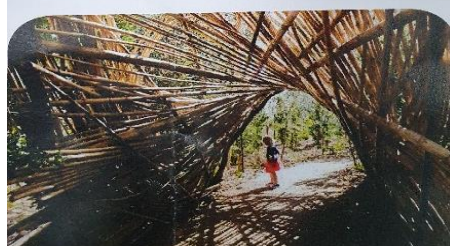
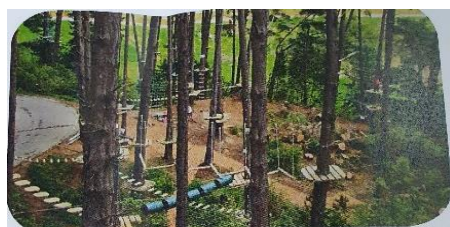
Boys	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
Yr 7	Jayvier Renton	Josh Scott	Quinn Strong
Yr 6	Cody Chen	Zach Blundell	Soren Hodgson
Yr 5	Miller Buck	Casey Spencer-Pratt	Jackson Crawford
Yr 4	Logan Wilson	Nate Hall	Brodie Nikolaison-Rowe
Yr 3	Mason O'Sullivan	Brooklyn Rowe	Niko Grant
Yr 2	Vincent Wellings	Angus Maitland	Brodie Hailwood
Yr 1	Carter Higham	Asher Rowe	Ayrton Carberry-Bezett

Girls	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
Yr 8	Nadia Wellings	Samantha Ansley	-----

Yr 7	Olivia Dilks	Sienna Wilson/ Charlotte Harrison	Marissa Wilson
Yr 6	Zaria Phelps	Lucy Bunton	Mya Feraru
Yr 5	Neveah Renton	Emma Harrison	Teagan Vos
Yr 4	Courtney Higham	Julia Tompson	Lucy Blundell
Yr 3	Elise Siwalette	Sophie Dilks	Milan Vos
Yr 2	Lucy Dudley	Celeste Richards/ Cassia Schofield	Amy Vos
Yr 1	Lexi Vos	Samantha Martin	Indy Clayton

EXPLORATIVE PLAY SPACE: PROJECT LEAD WANTED

The Home and School committee are looking for someone to help us dream up and create an explorative play space on the bank at the end of the field. DOES THIS SOUND LIKE YOU? You won't do this alone; you will have the backing of the committee and our network of able parents. We just need to find



someone with the vision and skills to make it a reality. We were thinking along the lines of ropes and slides with spaces to chill out. We envisage a place where the kids' imaginations can run wild. If you are

interested and would like to know more details

please contact Rose and Bernice at

homeandschool@papakowhai.school.nz

JOB VACANCIES AT PAKOWHAI SCHOOL

1) TEACHING ASSISTANT - We are seeking a teaching assistant to join our staff. This position could be up to five days a week for five hours a day (9-3pm, one hour for lunch) depending on the suitability and

availability of the applicant. We are also interested in applicants who can only work a couple of days per week who may want to job share. We are looking for someone who is keen and able to work with individuals and small groups. You will be part of a team of teacher aides well supported by our SENCO (Special Education Needs Co-Ordinator), Sue Jenkins. In this position you will most likely be asked to provide general classroom support to Year 5 - 8 students (9 -12 years of age). This position is term time only. The hours of work are 9am -3pm. The start date for this position is Monday 3rd May 2021. Please send your CV to Mark Smith at mark@papakowhai.school.nz You are also welcome to make an appointment to visit the school. Please email Mark if you would like to do this. The rate of pay will be in the range of \$22-26 per hour depending on the experience of the applicant. Please note this position could be combined with working at After School Care 3-6pm. Applications close Friday 16 April

2) AFTER SCHOOL CARE - We are seeking an After School Care Assistant to join our staff and work at our wonderful programme for up to three days per week;
Mondays - 2.45 - 5pm
Wednesdays - 2.45 - 5pm
Thursdays - 2.45 - 6:15pm

We are also interested in people who may only be able to work one or two of these time slots. The Thursday shift is not suitable for a high school student, as it involves closing the programme at the end of the night with just one other staff member. This position is term time only. The start date for this position is Monday 3rd May 2021. If you have school age children at Papakowhai School, they could attend the programme while you are working at no cost. We would not be able to care for pre-school children.

Please send your CV to Mark Smith at mark@papakowhai.school.nz
Applications close Friday 16th April.

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 or for more information e-mail 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 Ngatitua Domain from Monday 19 – Friday 30 April (excluding Monday 26 April), for ages 5 – 13 years.

Many different sporting activities for full days:

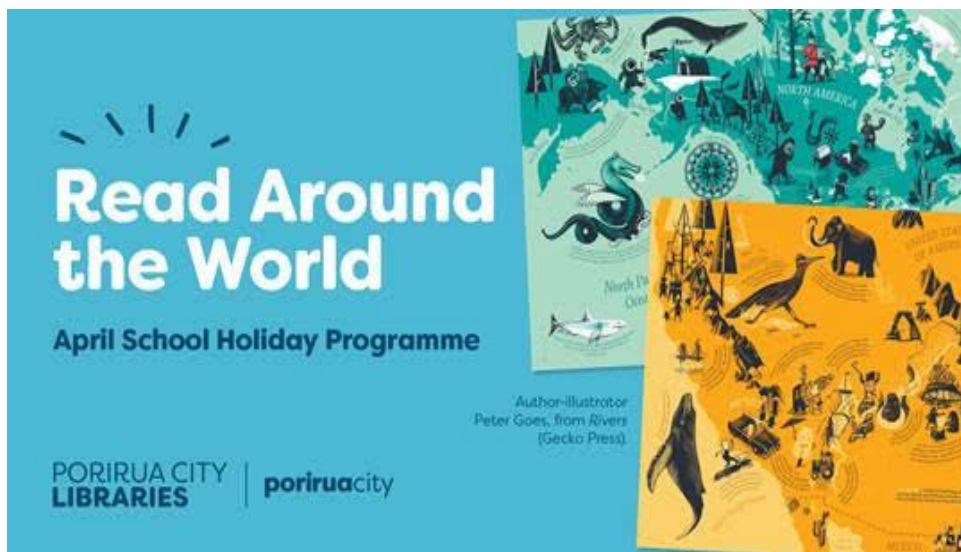
7.30am – 5.30pm, \$50; school days: 8.45am –

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

Porirua City Library



This time last year, the holiday programme the library wanted to present fell foul of the first Covid19 lockdown and has been sitting on the shelf ever since. Now it's been taken down, polished up, and had some awesome attributes added to make it the best trip around the world you are likely to get these holidays! So, with no further ado, they are proud to present the new Read Around the World!

<https://porirualibrary.org.nz/whats-on/school-holiday-programme/>

Goodtime Music Academy

Registrations are open at

www.goodtimemusicacademy.co.nz/holiday-programme

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, Lower Hutt.

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

SOME IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL

Friday 2	Good Friday, school closed
Monday 5	Easter Monday, school closed
Tuesday 6	Easter Tuesday, school closed
Tuesday 13	Papakowhai School fun run
Tuesday 13	BOT meeting, 7pm, staffroom
Thursday 15	Whanau hui, 6pm, staffroom
Friday 16	Last day of Term 1

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Monday 3	First day of Term 2
Wednesday 5	Rata and Matai swim sports

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:
