

## PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 10 ● Term 1 ● 7 April 2021

Kia ora koutou

### PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL FUN RUN

It is nearly school cross country time and kids at almost every primary and intermediate school around New Zealand are getting their running shoes on, but research conducted by Sport NZ has found that one in four students aged 6 to 13 don't enjoy it.

While 73% like it, that's well below the enjoyment of playing with friends (99%), P.E. (94%) and club or school sport (92%). Sport NZ's research also found that enjoyment of school cross country declines as kids age: from 93% among 6-year-olds to 52% of 13-year-olds. Gender is also a factor, with boys significantly more likely to enjoy cross-country (80% compared to 65% of girls aged 6 to 13).

With this research in mind, we decided that now would be a good time to reflect on how Papakowhai School approaches cross country. A student survey, along with a video with how cross country could be more fun and engaging, was sent out to all classes. Responses and feedback from students was used to design the new and improved "Papakowhai School Fun Run"!

The purpose of the Papakowhai School Fun Run:

- whole school event
- being active
- having fun
- supporting one another
- being together to celebrate our successes

**Fun Run outline:**

**When:** Tuesday 13th April, beginning at 9.30am

To encourage whanaungatanga students will complete the fun run in whānau groups. The older students will support our juniors to make the event inclusive. Each whānau group will have 30 minutes to complete the course as many times as they can. The course is the same as the traditional cross country course, but with a few obstacles and challenges along the way; including running through sprinklers, jumping over hay bales and through tyres, crawling under cargo nets and through tunnels, jumping on the big blue mat and through hopscotch games. Students will be encouraged to go at their own pace, but also to set a goal for themselves. Obstacles will be optional and can be easily bypassed as they go around the course. There is also an opportunity for students to run the course as fast as they can and as many times as they can.

**Papakowhai School Cross Country:**

**When:** Early to mid Term 2

Traditional competitive cross country still has a place in our school. We still encourage and embrace competition and there is a pathway for our Year 4 to 8 students to compete against other students in our region. Early in Term 2, Year 4 to 8 students will be invited to compete in traditional cross country races. From these events we will be selecting our team that will travel to Queen Elizabeth Park in Paekakariki to compete in the Parumoana cross country.

Separate letters will be sent home with more details about each of these events.

Kind regards

Ngā mihi nui

Caine Webster

Deputy 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](mailto: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.

## **MOVIN'MARCH – AMAZING EFFORTS!**

It was fantastic to see the flurry of stamping during the last week of Movin'March. A huge thanks to all the students, whānau and teachers who got behind our walk and wheel theme, it was fantastic to see so much walking, scootering, biking, skating and park-and-striding to school. We'd love to see if this can continue at least until the end of term!

### **Please give your Movin'March Feedback – and win!**

Greater Wellington Regional Council would love to hear what you thought about Movin'March this year. You can complete the [whānau survey here](#), which should take 5 mins. All respondents can go into **win a \$100 Prezzy card**. Students can also take part in the [student survey](#) and be in to win a \$50 Prezzy card.

## **HEADLICE**

We have a few cases of headlice in school at the moment. Please check your child's hair regularly over the next week and treat if nits are found.

To help prevent the spread of headlice we suggest that long hair is tied back at school and children are discouraged from sharing hats, brushes, combs etc Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

### **PORIRUA CITY COUNCIL MAYORAL YOUTH FORUM**

Last week Carter McKee, Tara McGuire, Emily Stewart, Josiah Green, Cathy-Jean Williams-Whakatihi and myself, Lucy Byres, went to the Arena for a Porirua City Council Mayoral Youth Forum. We learnt all about how the Porirua City Council complete their ten-year plan and how they wanted to get some input from students in Porirua. Some of the things they talked about were the harbour, our streams, sewage, apartments, parking and many other important plans. The council did a youth consultation to inform kids about the future of Porirua and get our opinions on what is most and least important. Right now we're in the process of thinking of completing a submission. We all found the consultation fun, educational and interesting.



## **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, 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, contact us via our Facebook page or email [homeandschool@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:homeandschool@papakowhai.school.nz)



### **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 Facebook page.

**School Discos:** Friday 18 June 2021.

### **SEEKING SPONSORSHIP**

Our senior netball team, Papakowhai Whetu, are very excited about going to the AIMS games in Tauranga in September. The Anchor AIMS Games is an inter-school sporting competition where many thousands of 11 to 13-year-olds compete in a variety of individual and team sports.

The team needs to fully self-fund this week long trip to Tauranga and would love any support for this. If you, or someone you know would like to provide sponsorship to the team, please get in touch with Natalie Fountain at [natfountain@gmail.com](mailto:natfountain@gmail.com)

### **ANZAC DAY CIVIC SERVICE**

Porirua City Council have organised a commemorative service to be held at the Peace Memorial at Te Rauparaha Park on Sunday 25 April 2021. The service starts at 9am and everyone is welcome to attend. In the event of bad weather, the service will be held in the nearby NZCT Stadium in Te Rauparaha Arena.

## **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](mailto:homeandschool@papakowhai.school.nz)

## **2021 GREAT KIWI COMPETITIONS**

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 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**

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!





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NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED EVERYONE WELCOME

## 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/>

## SOME IMPORTANT DATES

### APRIL

<b>Tuesday 13</b>	Papakowhai School fun run
<b>Tuesday 13</b>	BOT meeting, 7pm, staffroom
<b>Wednesday 14</b>	Fun Run postponement day 1
<b>Thursday 15</b>	Fun Run postponement day 2
<b>Thursday 15</b>	Whanau hui, 6pm, staffroom
<b>Friday 16</b>	Last day of Term 1

### MAY

<b>Monday 3</b>	First day of Term 2
<b>Wednesday 5</b>	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:

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