



PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
Week 1 ● Term 2 ● 5 May 2021

Kia ora koutou

TEACHER ONLY DAY MONDAY 24TH MAY

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PARENT/CAREGIVER TEACHER MEETINGS

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REPORTING TO PARENTS

Papakowhai School is a place where we believe in child-centred learning. We want learning to be:

- Valued and enjoyed
- Success orientated
- Based on children's needs
- A balance of academic, social, physical, cultural and creative activities
- Pursued within a supportive environment

We want to encourage your involvement and support in your child's learning so we can work together in the best interests of your child.

On Friday you will receive your child's first progress report for 2021. New Entrant children, in their first six months at school, receive a Key Competencies report. Year 1 – 8 students also receive a report on Literacy and Maths. Year 2 – 8 students, also receive a report on Inquiry Learning.

Comments for Maths, Literacy and Inquiry have been collaboratively developed as a staff. Children achieving at the same level will receive the same comment. We have done this to give greater clarity and consistency in our reports to you. Teachers have individually identified focus areas for your child. Focus areas are next learning steps or areas that may need further consolidation. Personal and social comments are individual for each child.

Please read this report in conjunction with your child's learning journal on SeeSaw. This gives examples of your child's work and learning at school.

Reports will be emailed to parents, if you have changed your email address and have not let the office know please update your details by contacting office@papakowhai.school.nz before Friday.

Ngā mihi
Mark Smith
Principal
mark@papakowhai.school.nz

PARENT/CAREGIVER TEACHER MEETINGS

Teachers will be available to discuss your child's progress on Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th May. School will finish at 3pm as normal on both days.

Individual appointments will be available from 3:15 - 8pm on the Monday and 3:15 - 6pm on the Tuesday.
Each appointment is 15 minutes.

To make an appointment go to:
www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the code **ts9m5**.

You will be sent an email confirming your booking details. You can change or cancel your booking at any time up until noon on the 10th of May. If you are not able to make a booking online, please phone the school office on 233 8321.

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Before and After School care will still operate as normal. Please confirm your child's attendance with Susan Dixon. Normal fees will apply.

There will also be child care at school made available between 9 - 3pm. The cost for this is \$25 per child for 6 hours' care. A combination of our teacher aides and non-classroom teachers will look after children between 9am and 3pm. **We have capacity for up to 80 students. You need to [register here](#) to secure your child's place.**

The children will not be doing "schoolwork" on the day. Children will bring their morning tea and lunch and have break times as normal.

Programme for the day

- Library time
- Screen time
- Craft/art activity
- Some free play time
- PE in the hall
- A video for the last hour of the day.

RECEIPTS FOR TAX CREDIT

If you have misplaced your receipts to claim the tax credit for school donations and contributions and need a copy please email the school office. Please be aware that these requests will be actioned when time permits. For those who have already requested these please note that it may be a few days before these can be sent to you.

RIMU TRIP HELD ON 4 AND 5 MAY 2021

It sounds like Rimu had a wonderful trip to the Wellington Museum and Matiu/Somes Island. The cost per pupil of \$25 will appear on your next statement of account. Payments can be made to the school bank account or by EFTPOS at the office.

PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Tuesday 1st June, Postponement Thursday 3rd June

The traditional competitive cross country still has a place in our school. We still encourage and embrace competition and our Year 4 to 8 students have been invited to register their interest in competing in our school cross country. It would be great if you were able to talk to your children about the cross country and giving it a go. From this event we will be selecting our team that will travel to Queen Elizabeth Park in Paekakariki to compete in the Parumoana cross country. The first 5 place getters in each age group and gender will be selected. Students who have expressed an interest in competing in the cross country will be given daily opportunities to train at school. The training will be organised by Anne Bunton and Ben Jackson.

Separate letters will be sent home with more details about the event.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

The latest Book Club brochure will come home with your child this week. Orders must be placed online (scholastic.co.nz/LOOP) by next Friday, 14 May.

HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Home and School committee meeting: Monday 10 May, 7pm. As the staffroom will be in use for the parent/caregiver interviews, please email homeandschool@papakowhai.school.nz for new venue.

School Hoodies and Hats

Orders for school hoodies are open until Friday 14 May. Sample sizes are available to try on in the office. Hoodies are \$55 each and orders can be placed via www.kindo.co.nz Papakowhai hats are available from the office all year round and are \$22 each. Please ensure all items are clearly named.



UPCOMING EVENTS – save the date!

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

School Discos: Friday 18 June 2021.

ICE BLOCK FUNDRAISER

The Papakowhai nga whetu netball team are fundraising to go to the AIMS games in Tauranga. They will be selling ice blocks at the school on Wednesday 12 May for \$1.

2021 GREAT KIWI COMPETITIONS – For students in Years 5 – 8 only (Students in other years that have entered will be contacted next week and reimbursed).

The University of Canterbury Centre for Assessment and Monitoring (UCCAM) Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science competitions will be completed during the last 3 weeks of Term 2 and the first week of Term 3. **Entries for all papers close this 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).

KIDS CLOTHING SWAP

Plimmerton School PTA invite you to a Kids Clothes Swap fundraiser on Saturday 8th of May at 2pm. Please see their PTA Facebook page for more details <https://www.facebook.com/events/386916452275108>

To reserve tickets forms.gle/SrTWckXXPiWk1Znz7

They would appreciate your support; buy a ticket, bring a group of friends, share on Facebook. For further information contact

plimschoolkidsclothesswap@gmail.com

PAREMATA SCHOOL COMMUNITY MARKET

A market is held on the second Saturday of every month at Paremata School hall. The next one is this Saturday, 8 May, from 10 am – 2 pm. There are food stalls, fresh produce, arts and crafts and a kids market.

MUMS GO FREE AT STAGLANDS THIS WEEKEND

As a special Mother's Day treat all mums are being offered free entry into Staglands on Mother's Day weekend!

To receive this gift, click on [THIS LINK](#), print the voucher and bring it to Staglands this weekend.

Alternatively, save paper and tell the ticket office staff the secret password: AKA: 'GREEN MUM'

Conditions apply.

SPOTLIGHT PERFORMING ARTS – TERM 2 CLASSES



Does your child like to sing, dance, act and perform?

Would you like your child to build more confidence and make more friends?



Performing arts classes led by a London West End performer!

After school and weekend classes in Aotea, Johnsonville, Karori and Lower Hutt!

Two-week trials available.



SPOTLIGHT
PERFORMING ARTS

For more information, please visit

www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz

DRAMA CLASSES

Helen O'Grady Drama Academy Their international curriculum will help explore performance skills and creativity, overcome shyness, develop positive self-esteem, grow imagination, make new friends and have lots of fun. Fun after-school classes for 5 – 17 year olds held in Khandallah, Tawa, Whitby, Lower Hutt. To enroll or for more information please phone 0800 161 131 or visit www.helenogradynz.co.nz

SOME IMPORTANT DATES

MAY

Friday 7	Reports emailed home
Monday 10	Parent Teacher meetings
Tuesday 11	Parent Teacher meetings
Tuesday 18	Papakowhai School Yr 4-8 Cross Country races
Tuesday 18	BOT meeting, 7pm, staffroom
Wednesday 19	Cross country postponement day
Thursday 20	Book Character Dress-up day
Monday 24	Teacher Only Day
Wednesday 26	Year 8 – Gardasil vaccination

JUNE

Tuesday 1	Yr 4-8 School Cross country
Wednesday 2	Cross Country postponement day
Monday 7	School closed – Queens Birthday weekend holiday
Wednesday 9	Cybersafety talk

GREAT KIWI UCCAM COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

For students in Years 5 – 8 only

**Form and payment to be returned to office 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:
