



PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
Week 2 ● Term 2 ● 12 May 2021

Kia ora koutou

CAINE WEBSTER

It is with great pleasure and a little sadness that I am letting you know that Caine Webster has been appointed as the new principal at Pauatahanui School starting in Term 3.

I think they have made an excellent choice and he will be awesome in this role. We have really appreciated the valuable contribution Caine has made to our school over the past four years. He will be missed.

The process for finding a new Deputy Principal will start this week so we can make a new appointment for Term 3. Change is unsettling but I know that with the strong staff we have, we will get through this transition well.

PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS

Thank you to everyone who came out in terrible weather over the last two evenings to meet with our teachers.

TEACHER ONLY DAY MONDAY 24TH MAY

School will be closed on **Monday 24th May** for a Teacher Only day. Please note this in your diaries. **Before and After School care will still operate as normal**. See more details further on in the newsletter.

BOOK CHARACTER DRESS-UP DAY

This year our Dress-Up day will be held on Thursday 20th May. Come along as your favourite book character and join in the fun! Visiting author Martin Chatterton will be presenting to Rimu, Totara and Kauri classes. We will have story reading for Matai and Rata.



BOOK CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY

MAY 20th 2021



Ngā mihi

Mark Smith

Principal

mark@papakowhai.school.nz

PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL ENVIRO CLUB

The Papakowhai Enviro Club has made some worm tea! It comes in approximately 300ml bottles for \$5 each and is a concentrated product so a little will go a long way. All funds raised will go toward our enviro projects (seedlings etc). Please return your order forms to the office and pay via internet banking or at the office via EFTPOS. The weeks' worth of orders will be delivered to your child's class each Thursday until the end of the term. Thank you for your support!
From the Papakowhai Enviro Crew.

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School will be closed on **Monday 24th May** for a Teacher Only day. Please note this in your diaries.

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.

SCHOOL POWHIRI

A powhiri for all new families and staff will be held on Monday 31st May at 9am, in the hall. This is to welcome our new students, their parents, families, and whanau. The Powhiri lasts about 20 minutes and will be followed by morning tea. Families will gather in Rata 5 prior to the powhiri. Invitations will be sent home today.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

The latest Book Club brochure were sent home last week. Spare copies are available at the office if you need one. Orders must be placed online (scholastic.co.nz/LOOP) by this Friday - 14 May.

PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Tuesday 1st June, Postponement Thursday 3rd June

The traditional competitive cross country still has a place in our school so our Year 4 to 8 students have been invited to register their interest if they would like to compete. 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 will be given daily opportunities to train at school. The training will be organised by Anne Bunton and Ben Jackson.

Further information will be sent home separately with more details about the event.

HAY FOR SALE!

We still have 4 bales of hay that were used during our fun run available to purchase for a small donation. They would be perfect to use for rabbits or guinea pigs or in the garden. Please contact the office if you are interested, office@papakowhai.school.nz

HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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



ARTY FARTY KIDS LTD - Term 2 Art Classes

Enrolments are open now! Please contact:

0221748558 or email office.artyfartykids@gmail.com

Saturdays, 10.30am – 12noon at Tawa Community Centre; Mark Making and Collage



MONDAY
DRAWING CLASS
5.00 - 6.30PM

STARTING 17TH MAY

THURSDAY
ADULT DRAWING CLASS
7.00PM - 9.00PM

STARTING 20TH MAY

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PLIMMERTON KINDY FUNDRAISER *Designer Wheat Bags by Sharlene*

\$20.50 Large Wheat Bag \$13.50 Ouchie Pack order by 31 May

State Plimmerton Kindergarten when you order and Sharlene will deliver to kindy weekly.
The kindergarten will receive \$7 for each large wheat bag and \$5 each ouchie pack sold.

<https://designerwheatbagsbysharlene.swiftly.nz/>

SOME IMPORTANT DATES

MAY

Tuesday 18	BOT meeting, 7pm, staffroom
Thursday 20	Book Character Dress-up day
Monday 24	Teacher Only Day
Wednesday 26	Year 8 – Gardasil vaccination
Monday 31	Powhiri for new families, 9 am

JUNE

Tuesday 1	Yr 4-8 School Cross country
Thursday 3	Cross Country postponement day
Monday 7	School closed – Queens Birthday weekend holiday
Wednesday 9	Cybersafety talk