

PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
Week 3 ● Term 2 ● 19 May 2021

Kia ora koutou

TEACHER ONLY DAY MONDAY 24TH MAY

School will be closed for teaching on **Monday 24th May** as it is 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 – TOMORROW!

Our Dress-Up day is being held tomorrow, 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



PINK SHIRT DAY – THIS FRIDAY, 21st MAY



We are celebrating Pink Shirt Day on Friday to raise awareness about bullying prevention at our school. You can celebrate Pink Shirt Day by wearing a pink shirt or anything pink that you would like to wear. We are not collecting a donation. Just wear pink and enjoy the day !

AWESOME PARENTING EVENING

Our Home and School Committee are hosting a FREE Online Safety Information Evening event, delivered by 'Our Kids Online', on Wednesday June 9th at 7pm in the school hall.

This is a highly recommended, hard-hitting presentation to attend with your partner.

If you are a parent of any child who has access to a device or has their own phone you really want to make time to hear this presentation.

Learn how to make online access safer from NZ parents who are well-researched and are walking the talk.

The Papakowhai H & S Committee believe that all our parents should have the opportunity to learn about practical solutions to help with all the tech issues and decisions that are raised when our children are online. Please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter for more details.

Register now on [Kindo](#).

Ngā mihi

Mark Smith

Principal

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TEACHER ONLY DAY MONDAY 24TH MAY

School will be closed on **Monday 24th May** for a Teacher Only day. **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.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE - WINZ SUBSIDIES

Papakowhai Before and After School Care are OSCAR approved and you may qualify for the WINZ subsidy. Please check with the supervisor if you want a form to complete.

If you were receiving the subsidy last term, please remember to reapply for Term 2 as the subsidies do get stopped during the holidays and do not automatically re-start. You need to follow this up with WINZ.

ICE BLOCKS

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 next week during lunch time on Wednesday 26 May for \$1.

STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNT

This week statements will be issued to those who have balances on their accounts. Please note that these statements include the contributions requested for the Rimu trip held in the first week of this term, and also the Kauri trip held last term.

Payments can be made to the school account, 12-3140-0133108-01, or at the office.

Receipts are issued for those contributions that qualify for the tax credit available through IRD.

SCHOOL POWHIRI

A powhiri to welcome our new students, their parents, families, and whanau will be held on Monday 31st May at 9am, in the hall. The Powhiri lasts about 20 minutes and will be followed by light refreshments. Families will gather in Rata 5 prior to the powhiri.

HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Cyber Safety Talk: Wednesday 9 June, 7 – 8.30pm.

A FREE event delivered by 'Our Kids Online' in the school hall. Register now on [Kindo](#).

We would like to ask for home baking donations for this event. If you are able to provide some home-made treats please drop these off at the office during the day on the 9th.

UPCOMING EVENTS – save the date!

School Discos: Friday 18 June 2021 Heroes and Villains theme. There will be three separate discos for Rata, Matai & Rimu, and Totara & Kauri. Further information will be sent home soon.

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 that have registered their interest are busy training. From this event we will select the students that will



represent Papakowhai School in the Parumoana cross country.

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

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. Please return your order forms to the office and pay via internet banking or at the office via EFTPOS. Thank you for your support!
From the Papakowhai Enviro Crew.

AOTEA COLLEGE ENROLMENTS AND OPEN EVENING

COLLEGE OPEN EVENING is on Tuesday 15 June.

Session 1: 3.30 – 5pm and Session 2: 5.30 – 7pm

ENROLMENTS FOR 2022 Aotea College is now accepting enrolments for 2022. It is a zoned school, with an enrolment scheme in place to manage roll size. Young people living at addresses within the Aotea College zone have automatic right of acceptance.

Out of zone enrolments; the Board of Trustees have agreed to accept 5 Year 9 out of zone enrolments for 2022. All out of zone applications **MUST** be at the school by **Monday 26th July 2021** to be included in the ballot. The ballot will be held on Friday 6th August and parents will be notified of the outcome by Wednesday 11th August 2021.

To enrol your child please provide the following documents:

- 1) Completed enrolment form
- 2) Copy of your child's Birth Certificate
- 3) Proof of your in-zone address
i.e: rates/rental/utility bill in
parents/caregivers' name

Plus any parenting or guardianship paperwork if applicable.

COMMUNITY BADMINTON SESSIONS

Wellington North Badminton are super excited to be partnering Aotea College and Bishop Viard College to provide fun, social badminton sessions in the Porirua district for Terms 2 and 3 in 2021. Open to all ages, stages and abilities, gold coin donation.

Come along, bring the whole family and have a go!!!

Mondays 4-5.30pm Aotea College Gym

Wednesdays 4-5.30pm Bishop Viard College Gym

SOME IMPORTANT DATES

MAY

Thursday 20	Book Character Dress-up day
Friday 21	Pink Shirt day
Monday 24	Teacher Only Day – child care available if registered by Friday 21 st May
Wednesday 26	Year 8 – 1 st Gardasil vaccination
Monday 31	Powhiri for new families, 9 am

JUNE

Tuesday 1	Yr 4-8 School Cross country
Thursday 3	Papakowhai Cross Country postponement day
Monday 7	School closed – Queens Birthday weekend holiday
Wednesday 9	Free Cybersafety talk, 7pm in the school hall
Tuesday 15	Aotea College open evening
Friday 18	Heroes and Villains discos



Papakowhai Home & School Committee presents:

An Online Safety Information Evening

FREE

With Rob & Zareen Cope - Parents & Filmmakers

WEDNESDAY 9TH JUNE 2021 | 7PM - 8.30PM

17 SPEY PLACE, PAKAKOWHAI, PORIRUA

This is a FREE event, registrations required via myKindo.co.nz

More info: facebook.com/PapakowhaiHomeandSchool

- Understand the harms our kids are facing online in relation to pornography, predators, social media access and the 24/7 switched on effect.
- Learn practical solutions to keep your children safer online.
- Get advice on healthy ways to approach these tricky topics.
- Learn what to do when your child has been exposed to something harmful.
- This talk also includes an online safety plan tailored to suit your family's needs.

To find out more about Rob & Zareen's work visit www.ourkidsonline.info