



PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
Week 4 ● Term 2 ● 26 May 2021

Kia ora koutou

CROSS COUNTRY

We are holding a competitive event for Year 4- 8 children next week, on Tuesday 1 June, for children who want to represent Papakowhai School at the Parumoana Inter-School Cross Country competition later in the month.

Children who have registered to take part will also receive a notice today. If you have any queries about registering for the event please contact Anne Bunton, anneb@papakowhai.school.nz

The event will be held between 9:30 and 11am. Whanau are welcome to come and support your child.

Approximate timings:
Year 4 Girls - 9.30am
Year 4 Boys - 9.40am
Year 5 Girls - 9.50am
Year 5 Boys - 10am
Year 6 Girls - 10.10am
Year 6 Boys - 10.20am
Year 7&8 Girls- 10.30am
Year 7&8 Boys - 10.45am

A message will be posted on Skool Loop and the Papakowhai School Facebook page if the event is postponed (postponement day, Thursday 3rd June).

We are in need of 4 parent helpers to support the running of the event. If you are able to help, please could you make contact with Anne Bunton, anneb@papakowhai.school.nz

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 (staffroom) prior to the powhiri.

BOOK CHARACTER DAY



Thank you so much for supporting our book character day last week. Martin Chatterton was our guest author and he did two wonderful presentations to Rimu, Totara and Kauri syndicates. Rata and Matai also had story time with a funny guy in red and white stripes. The children looked fantastic!

PINK SHIRT DAY

Thank you too for your support of Pink Shirt day. It was a big week in the costume department, but this is a worthy issue to highlight. Remember we are a KiVa school. If your child is experiencing bullying, we want you to speak up. You can contact your child's teacher or our senior leadership team:

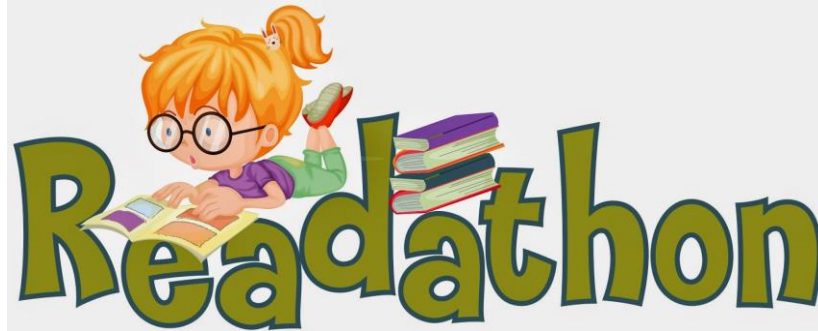
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READATHON

Papakowhai School is holding a Readathon for the month of June to raise money for outdoor seating and creating new play spaces. We are aiming to raise \$15,000 for this purpose with the remainder coming from BOT funds, grant applications and partnering with our Home and School Committee.



On Monday we are going to send out a Readathon booklet. If you don't receive one, please contact your child's teacher or the school office.

Children need to keep a reading log throughout the month of June. You can choose how you want to sponsor:

- A set amount
- An amount per book read
- An amount per time spent reading

There will be a prize for the top reader in each class and the class that raises the most money.

Ngā mihi

Mark Smith

Principal

mark@papakowhai.school.nz

PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL COMMUNITY SURVEY

Traditionally we have undertaken community consultation once a year, usually in Term 3. While this provides valuable information, the Board feels it would be better to gather feedback more regularly.

Please take a few minutes to complete a short survey (only 10 questions). The closing date for responses is Friday 4 June. The survey link is here

<https://forms.gle/mdGCNwBR1LSpAPjb6>

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE - WINZ SUBSIDIES

Papakowhai Before and After School Care are OSCAR approved and you may qualify for a WINZ subsidy - please ask the supervisor for a form to complete. If you were receiving the subsidy last term, please reapply for Term 2 as the subsidies are stopped during the holidays and do not automatically re-start. You need to follow this up with WINZ.

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](#).

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.

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. Flyers should come home today with information about the disco times, parent zone, food and merchandise and tickets. Helpers are also needed on the night to make the event a success. Please email

homeandschool@papakowhai.school.nz if you are able to help out.



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. Order forms are available from and should be returned to the office. Please 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.

ONE DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS – KOHA ENTRY

During Queens Birthday weekend (Saturday 5th 9am – 11pm and Sunday 6th 9am – 4pm June) the One Dance National Ballroom Championships will be held at Te Rauparaha Arena. If you love watching ‘Dancing with the Stars’ come along and enjoy all the glitz and sparkle associated with a live ballroom dancing competition.

A special koha/gold coin entry price has been negotiated for Porirua school children and their whanau; just let them know which school you are from on entry. For further information please email wellingtonsecretaryfatd@outlook.com, call/text 021484599 or check out the Te Rauparaha Arena Facebook page. Keep your eyes peeled and you might spot Mrs Flint in all her finery!

SOME IMPORTANT DATES

MAY

Monday 31	Powhiri for new families, 9 am
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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