

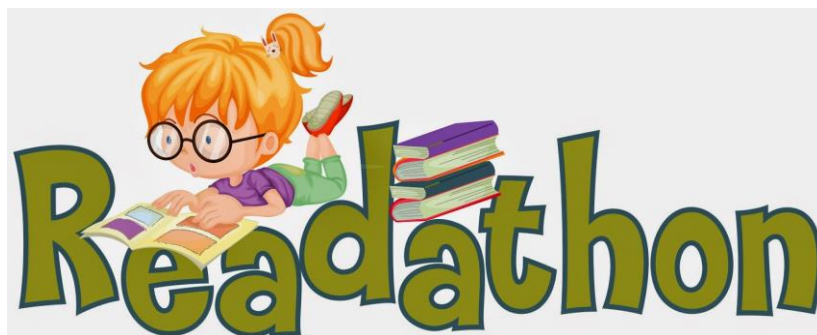
**PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**  
Week 5 ● Term 2 ● 2 June 2021

Tālofa Lava

Warm Pacific greetings to you for Samoan Language Week!

**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 sent out a Readathon booklet. If you didn't receive one, please contact 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.**

**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 this Friday, 4 June. The survey link is here

<https://forms.gle/mdGCNwBR1LSpAPjb6>

### **ARTICLE IN STUFF**

Many of you saw our article in STUFF this week. Together with the BOT, I am actively advocating for our staff and students at Papakowhai to have the amazing spaces our learners deserve. Here it is if you missed it.

[School plays classroom musical chairs, as growing Porirua population piles on roll pressure | Stuff.co.nz](#)

### **STAFFING**

Mr. Ben Jackson, our teacher in Kauri 4, is moving to the Bay of Plenty at the end of term. Ben's wife Sally has secured a new job and they are moving to be closer to family. We will really miss having Ben on staff. Mrs Caro Herring will be teaching the class full-time from the start of Term 3.

Tofa Soifua

Mark Smith

Principal

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### **INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES WEEK - JUNE 14-18**

Papakowhai School is highlighting the different languages spoken by many of our students. We have asked some of our students to speak in their first language to make a video to share and highlight the diversity of languages spoken at our school. During International Language Week (Week 7) we will be flying the flags of some of the countries most widely represented in our student body so please look out for your country's flag. We will also be participating in some other activities throughout the week to

celebrate International Language Week.

Learning an international language encompasses much more than language proficiency. Knowing an international language means knowing about the culture that is the foundation of that language.

We would love your help if you can spare some time to come in and chat, demonstrate, make, sing, dance, play something from your culture to show the students.

Please get in touch with Jill Clibborn if you can help:

[jill@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:jill@papakowhai.school.nz)

### **PAID UNION MEETING NOTICE**

School will close at 1pm on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June for an NZEI Teachers Paid Union Meeting.

After School Care will still operate as normal.

Children staying on for After School Care (ASC) will eat their lunch in the hall and then go out to play at lunchtime. They will be supervised in the hall from 2pm-3pm by our Teaching Assistants. There will be an additional one-hour charge on your ASC invoice for this. Supervision of children from 1pm is only available for registered users of After School Care. Please contact the office if you would like to register your child for ASC.

If you are a regular user of ASC on a Wednesday and will be using ASC on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, you don't need to do anything.

If you are a regular user of ASC on a Wednesday and won't be using ASC on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, you need to contact Susan Dixon.

If you are registered ASC user but don't normally book on a Wednesday, you need to contact Susan Dixon.

### **JUNIOR ASSEMBLY - THURSDAY 10 JUNE**

Our next Junior Assembly will be held in the hall next week, Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>, at 9.15am. All classes in Rata and Matai will be sharing their work so please come along and find out what they have been doing.

## 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.

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.

**School Discos:** Friday 18 June, Heroes and Villains.

There will be three separate discos for Rata, 4.30 – 5.30pm; Matai & Rimu, 5.45 – 7.15pm; and Totara & Kauri, 7.30 – 9pm. Tickets, pizza and merchandise can all be ordered through [Kindo](#) before Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June. Flyers with more information are available from the school office.

Helpers are also needed on the night to make the event a success. Please email [homeandschool@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:homeandschool@papakowhai.school.nz) if you are able to help out.

## SPARE CLOTHING

Because of the wet weather we have had this week the grounds have become very muddy. We have a limited supply of spare clothing for children to borrow so could we please ask that your child has some spare clothes in their bag. Also, if your child comes home in school clothing, could this please be laundered and returned to the office within a few days – thank you.

## **SENIOR ASSEMBLY - THURSDAY 24 JUNE**

At 9.15am on Thursday 24 June the following classes from the senior school will be sharing their work: Rimu 2, Rimu 4, Rimu 5, Totara 2, Totara 4, Kauri 2, Kauri 3 and Kauri 4. You are welcome to come and see what they have been working on.

## **TOTARA ZOO TRIP CONTRIBUTION**

Last Thursday Totara syndicate visited the zoo. If your child went on the trip, the \$17 contribution requested towards the cost of the trip has now been added to the statements of account. It would be appreciated if this could be paid at the school office or through the school bank account.

## **PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL ENVIRO CLUB**

The Papakowhai Enviro Club has made some worm tea! 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!

## **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 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 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

## **ONE DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS – KOHA ENTRY**

During Queens Birthday weekend (Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> 9am – 11pm and Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 music, 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](mailto: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!

## **GOLD COIN COMMUNITY DAY AT NGA MANU NATURE RESERVE – MONDAY 7 JUNE**

Your gold coin donation goes to the non-profit Nga Manu Trust, which contributes to national and local conservation through its involvement in many species breeding programmes such as kiwi, tuatara, whio/blue duck, as well as endangered lizard species and plant conservation.

Pack a picnic and enjoy a fun family day out in Waikanae! You will experience both forest and wetland habitats and walk-through aviaries offer close-up encounters with rare NZ wildlife.

At 2 pm (rain or shine) watch the Nga Manu eels being fed – purchase an eel feeding token for \$2 to have a go at feeding an eel yourself.

Join the free guided forest walk at 2:15pm - meet at our eel pond after the eel feeding.

## SOME IMPORTANT DATES

### JUNE – READATHON THIS MONTH!!

<b>Thursday 3</b>	Papakowhai Cross Country
<b>Monday 7</b>	<b><u>School closed</u></b> – Queens Birthday weekend holiday
<b>Wednesday 9</b>	Free Cybersafety talk, 7pm in the school hall
<b>Thursday 10</b>	Junior Assembly, 9.15am
<b>Tuesday 15</b>	Aotea College open evening
<b>Friday 18</b>	Heroes and Villains discos
<b>Wednesday 23</b>	Paid Union meeting – <b>school closes at 1pm, ASC still running</b>
<b>Thursday 24</b>	Senior Assembly, 9.15am



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](http://myKindo.co.nz)

More info:  
[facebook.com/PapakowhaiHomeandSchool](https://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](http://www.ourkidsonline.info)