



PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
Week 8 ● Term 2 ● 23 June 2021

Kia ora koutou

CHRISTOPHER ROBINSON - NEW DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

I am excited to inform the community that our new Deputy Principal is Mr. Chris Robinson. He is an experienced school leader and is currently the Deputy Principal at Maidstone Intermediate.

Chris is passionate about leading learning in both STEM and Digital Technologies. He has led the implementation of the Digital Technologies Curriculum at his current school.

Chris currently leads Te Ao Māori professional development at Maidstone and has been part of the team that strategically aims to bring Te Tiriti o Waitangi to life in his kura while also supporting Māori tamariki to be successful as Māori.

Chris loves being part of a team and enjoys building relationships (and having a bit of fun along the way!) He has an excellent work ethic, values new experiences and is not afraid to make mistakes.

Chris will be starting in Week 3 of Term 3.

There is a farewell assembly for Caine Webster and Ben Jackson at 2:15pm on Thursday 8th July in the hall.

MATARIKI CELEBRATION FRIDAY 2ND JULY 7AM

Papakowhai School are celebrating Matariki by having an early morning event at school on Friday 2nd July beginning at 7am.

Matariki signals the Māori New Year. It is a time of renewal and celebration in New Zealand that begins

with the rising of the Matariki star cluster (the Pleiades or Seven Sisters).

Overview for the morning:

- Arrive in the hall between 7am and 7:15am - Matariki video, Karakia & Waiata
- In whānau groups light tea light candles and walk over the rainbow
- Meeting in designated whānau classes for a light breakfast and activities
- Our celebration will conclude at around 8:15am

In preparation for our Matariki celebration all students will be given a tea light candle to take home on Monday 28th June. We want students to decorate a jar that can hold the tea light candle at home to create a Matariki celebration jar. Children can bring their Matariki jar to the Matariki celebration on Friday 2nd July.

All Papakowhai Whānau are welcome to attend our Matariki celebration, including pre-schoolers.

All children must be accompanied by an adult. Before School Care will still operate in Rata 5 (our staffroom). Before School Care children can only participate in the Matariki celebration if they are accompanied by an adult.

If you have any further questions about our Matariki event please contact caine@papakowhai.school.nz

Ngā mihi
Mark Smith
Principal

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SENIOR ASSEMBLY TOMORROW – NOW CANCELLED

~~At 9.15am tomorrow, 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 along and see & hear what they have been working on.~~

PARUMOANA CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

On Thursday 17 June, 47 Papakowhai School students represented the school at the Parumoana Cross Country event at Queen Elizabeth Park, Mackay's Crossing. The students gave it their all and did extremely well. 18 students have made it through to the Regional event to be held in Week 10:-

Year 4 Courtney Higham, Theo Green, Sophia Ritchie, Sophia Nguyen, Bradley McMullin

Year 5 Daniel Collins, Mutu Ngarimu, Miller Buck

Year 6 Anaé Mundell, Zaria Phelps

Year 7 Joshua Scott, Mikayla Sheffield- Cranstoun, Charlotte Harrison, Holly Bryant

Year 8 Nadia Wellings, Blake Hansen, Travis Carnegie, Daniel Ferguson

Congratulations to all the students who took part and good luck to those that will be running in the regional races.



RATA TRIP TO ZOO

The contribution of \$17 being requested for the zoo trip on 16 June has now been added to the statements of account for those who attended. This can be paid by EFTPOS at the office or directly into our bank account, 12-3140-0133108-01, referenced with your child's name and 'Rata trip'.

READATHON

Only one more week to go!!! Please support us and your child's reading by sponsoring them for our Readathon. You can pick up a Readathon record sheet from the office or get one emailed to you from office@papakowhai.school.nz Keep reading – maybe your class will earn the most sponsorship money or you may be the best reader in your class!

FOUND KEY

If you have lost a key with a picture of Moana on it please come to the office and tell us what charms are on the keyring.

HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

KINDO

It was noticed when the Home and School were processing the disco orders that a few parents had not updated their child's class from last year. This meant that some tickets had the wrong class number. To avoid this please check your child's class when doing any Home and School orders on Kindo – thank you.



ICE BLOCK FUNDRAISER – next Wednesday

The Papakowhai nga whetu netball team are fundraising to go to the AIMS games in Tauranga later this year. They will be selling ice blocks at lunchtime on Wednesday 30 June for \$1 each.

LOST JERSEY – ANY SIGHTINGS?

One of our new entrants misplaced her unicorn jersey last week. If this has accidentally been scooped up with your child's belongings, please return it to the office.



AOTEA COLLEGE HOCKEY FOR YEAR 8 STUDENTS

Aotea College would like to hear from any Year 8 students who are enrolled at Aotea College for 2022 and would like to play hockey (beginners welcome). They are in the process of setting up a new development team which is ideal for Year 9 students and complete beginners. Being part of a fun and friendly sports team is a great way to settle into college! If you would like receive further information about this, please or call/text 021 1685 788 or email naomilee1973@gmail.com

PAREMATA SCHOOL QUIZ NIGHT

Yeah Nah Quizzes are running the Paremata School quiz on Saturday 26 June from 7pm. Buy a table (\$160) or an individual ticket (\$20 each) and meet some other locals. Tickets available online https://www.paremata.school.nz/1059/online_stores/1-shop-online-quiz-tickets or email kate@parka.co.nz

It will be a fun filled night with amazing prizes for the winners, best dressed team and best team name.

There will be platters on the tables and a bar serving wine & beer. Look out for the raffle tickets available soon. Share this event with all your friends too <https://www.facebook.com/events/336667254490786>

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME @ ADVENTURE SCHOOL



BOOKINGS OPEN from Friday, 11 June!

2 weeks of popular and exciting activities await your child (e.g. Awesome Bounce, Laserforce, Ice Skating @ Frosty Spot, Space Place, Lighthouse Cinema and much more). BOOK ONLINE: www.asfc.co.nz or for more information e-mail holprog@asfc.co.nz or call 027-454-6975. Our opening times are 7.30am - 5 / 5.30pm. We are approved for Oscar subsidies! Children from all schools are welcome 😊

GOODTIME MUSIC ACADEMY PROGRAMME

At Goodtime Music Academy young holiday heroes, aged 5 – 13, get to learn how to play a range of instruments, join a giant band, get arts & crafty, and make new friends!

Dates: Monday 19th July - Friday 23rd July

Location: Goodtime Music Academy, 50 Victoria Street, Alicetown, Lower Hutt.

Prices: Full day (9am to 4pm) = \$70 plus options available for Early start (8-9am) + \$10 and/or Late finish (4-5pm) + \$10

WRITING AND ART PROGRAMMES

"Write like an Author" will teach young writers, 9 – 14 years old, the skills and techniques that professionals use: www.writelikeanauthor.com

"Draw Like an Artist" teaches students, aged from 8 – 12 years, the techniques that professional illustrators use: www.drawlikeanartist.com

These 3 day programmes will be held at **Raroa Intermediate** from **Monday, July 12** until **Wednesday, July 14**, 9am to 4pm each day and cost \$260 (book before 5 July and receive a \$65 discount). Please visit the relevant website to book. There are also 'Junior' and 'Advanced' one day courses on offer – please visit the websites for these details.



SPOTLIGHT
PERFORMING ARTS

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.

Limited spaces so book your place now!

www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz

HELEN O'GRADY DRAMA ACADEMY CLASSES

Their international curriculum helps explore performance skills and creativity, overcome shyness, develop positive self-esteem, grow imagination, make new friends and have lots of fun. Running for over 40 years, fun after-school classes for 5 – 17 year olds are held in Khandallah, Tawa, Whitby & Lower Hutt. To enrol, or for more information, please phone 0800 161 131 or visit www.helenogradynz.co.nz

SOME IMPORTANT DATES

JUNE – READATHON THIS MONTH!!

Thursday 24	Senior Assembly, 9.15am cancelled due to Covid alert level change
Tuesday 29	BOT meeting, 7pm

JULY

Friday 2	Matariki celebration, from 7am
Tuesday 6	Wellington Region Cross Country
Wednesday 7	Rimu swim sports
Thursday 8	Regional cross country postponement day
Thursday 8	Farewell assembly for Caine Webster and Ben Jackson, 2.15pm, school hall.
Friday 9	Last day of Term 2
Monday 26	First day of Term 3