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PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 2 ● Term 3 ● 4 August 2021

Kia ora koutou

SOME GOOD NEWS ON A COLD DAY

Do you notice anything missing in this photo?



Where has the playground gone? There it is!



I know that we all feel sad about the playgrounds coming down and play space being reduced. The good news is that our playground will be in place next to the astroturf by Friday and children can play on it next week. The MOE are also paying for a tube slide to come down the bank and three other pieces of climbing equipment. These extra pieces will be added by the end of the term. There will also be new climbing equipment added to the far side of the field where the sandpit used to be. All of this is MOE funded.

With the money we raised from the Readathon and the support of the Home and School we are also working on additional play equipment and tracks where the picnic tables currently overlook the field and the adjacent bank.

Despite the difficulties I think the end result is going to be awesome!

ALL CHANGE!

In order for trucks to access the bottom field our bike container had to be moved to a new position. Some skilful manoeuvring was needed by the hi-ab driver but last Friday afternoon it was safely delivered to its new spot outside Totara.



The bike track will also be reinstated at the end of the work by the MOE. This currently looks like a compacted gravel track. You will be able to use this to walk across the field during the construction period and of course the children can continue to use the bike track.



POWHIRI FOR OUR NEW DP AND NEW FAMILIES

There is a powhiri for our new DP, Chris Robinson, and new families on Monday at 9:15am. All families of children in Rata 6 and new families that have started are invited. You will receive a letter today.

New families will meet in Rata 6.

Parents of children who are not new are welcome to attend the powhiri for Chris. Please meet in the hall. There will be a cup of tea in the hall to follow.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

The Board are looking at ways to address traffic issues in and around Spey Place, the Whitford Brown intersection by Aotea Lagoon and the Paremata Roundabout. We would like your feedback/suggestions.

The link to the survey is [here](#) and we ask that you complete it by this Friday, August 6th 2021.

Ngā mihi

Mark Smith Principal

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SCHOLASTIC LUCKY BOOK CLUB

The latest Scholastic Book Club catalogue (issue 5) was sent home yesterday. Orders must be placed online through [scholastic.co.nz/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.co.nz/LOOP) or through the LOOP app available from the app store or google play. All orders need to be completed by Friday 13 August.

HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Calendar Art Orders

You are able to view your child's artwork via the school Seesaw app and purchases can be made via [Kindo.co.nz](https://www.kindo.co.nz) Orders close next Friday, 13th August. There are product samples at the office if you would like to view them before placing an order.



School Hoodie Orders Available:

Our beautiful school hoodies are available to be ordered. Please place your orders via [Kindo.co.nz](https://www.kindo.co.nz) before this Friday, 6 August. If you're not sure what size to get, pop into the office to try the sample sizes.

Save the date: - Wednesday 8th September we will be hosting a free talk "How Does Stress Affect Psychological Wellbeing?" Further details to follow soon.

YMCA SPORTS LEAGUES, TERMS 3 & 4

The YMCA are running a volleyball league on Mondays and a miniball/basketball league on Tuesdays/Wednesdays from Week 7 of this term; week beginning Monday 6th September. All games will be played at Te Rauparaha Arena in Porirua between 3.30 – 6pm; specific times will be provided once draws are finalised. The league will run for 12 weeks, finishing in the week beginning 6th December. The cost is \$30 for each sport and your child will need to wear a Papakowhai School t-shirt (\$38, available from the office). Letters with more details and the registration form are available from the office and all registrations need to be returned to the office by Tuesday 17 August at the latest.

ARTY FARTY KIDS - TERM 3 CLASSES

Do you have an Arty Farty Kid in your family?

Below are the classes on offer this term. Please get in

touch by email office.artyfartykids@gmail.com or

call/text on 022 174 8558 to book a place.

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MOVIE NIGHT 8 AUGUST - JUNGLE CRUISE

The Papakowhai Nga Whetū netball team fundraiser screening of Jungle Cruise, starring The Rock (Dwayne Johnson) and Emily Blunt is this Sunday, 8th August, at 5pm at the Lighthouse Cinema in Pauatahanui.

Tickets are \$20 per person. Email Natalie at natfountain@gmail.com to organise tickets and help the team get to the Anchor AIMS games in Tauranga.

OSCAR SUBSIDIES FOR BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE

If you are getting OSCAR subsidies for before and after school care, please remember that you need to get this restarted for Term 3 with WINZ; it does not automatically carry over from term to term so you will need to contact them again.

KIDS AND COFFEE

A playgroup for children under 5 to have fun and parents/caregivers to catch up over morning tea. Held at St. Barnabas church, 106 Mana Esplanade, every Friday during term time from 9.30 - 11.30am. For more information, please visit their Facebook page "Kids and Coffee – St. Barnabas" or phone 04 – 233 8572.

ZUMBA FUNDRAISER FOR OXFAM AOTEAROA

A 'Go Green' Zumba Party fundraiser for Oxfam is being held on Saturday 14 August at WOF Crossfit, 1 Prosser Street, Porirua, from 3.30 - 5 pm. Instructors from all over Wellington will be taking part in this epic session of Zumba dance. Come along in your best green outfit and accessories!! Tickets cost \$15 until 12 August from www.eventbrite.co.nz or \$20 on the door. There will also be a bake sale on the day.

SOME IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST

Friday 6	Last day for hoodie orders
Monday 9	Powhiri to welcome Chris Robinson, our new Deputy Principal
Thursday 12	Yr 7 Boostrix vaccinations, 11.30am, admin block
Friday 13	Last day for calendar art orders
Friday 13	Last day for Lucky Book Club orders
Tuesday 17	Swim trials, Cannons Creek pool
Tuesday 17	BOT meeting, 7pm
Tuesday 17	Last day for volleyball & mini/basketball registrations

SEPTEMBER

Friday 3	Onesie Day – gold coin donation for Wellington Free Ambulance
Monday 20	Teacher Only Day