



Papakōwhai School

Growing Together – Igniting Potential



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Papakōwhai School Newsletter

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Kia ora koutou

JUST WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU

It has been a long three months since we went into lockdown on the 17th of August. I appreciate the way you have helped us by staying outside the school grounds, wearing masks, signing in and getting vaccinated. I see in the statistics that Papakōwhai (92% fully vaccinated) and Aotea (95%) have some of the highest vaccination rates in New Zealand, and probably the world!

It has been a disconnected and unwelcoming way to do school and community but I appreciate the support and patience people have shown. So thank you for staying the course while we have been at Level 2. No doubt there will be some interesting times ahead as we move to a new reality of covid in the community and the traffic light system.

It has also been very disruptive with our building projects this year. We are now expecting the new classrooms to be operational from the beginning of December.

Rata 5 will move to the new block along with the three Mataī classes. Rata 6 will be staying where they are until the end of the year. I am sorry that for some children they have not had a fit for purpose classroom at all this year. The children and teachers have done amazingly well. Thank you for your patience during this process.

Our new playground developments were all meant to be in place this year but with Covid-19 delays we hope that this will be in place for the start of the 2022 year. Thank you for your understanding.

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL SURVEY

This survey is for parents/caregivers of New Entrants who have started at Papakōwhai School in the last 12 months.

We are wanting to gather information on how your child has transitioned to school in 2021 to inform our transitions in the future. It is a 5 minute survey. Please click on the [link](#). This survey will close on Friday 19th November. You can omit questions if you do not know the answer or you choose not to answer.

CONGRATULATIONS TO A FORMER PUPIL

Papakōwhai School is very proud of ex pupil Erana Ngarimu who has been named as Head Girl at St Mary's College for 2022. Many congratulations Erana!

HELP YOURSELF TO OLD SCHOOL BENCH SEATS

New seating that we raised funds for in the Readathon is now going in and looks very smart. We have a number of old school wooden benches that people are welcome to. You will need a truck or trailer to pick them up. As Alex, our awesome caretaker, is changing over the seats, he is unbolting them from the concrete. You will need to come after school if you want to take one or more. Just come to the office and sign in and let us know what you are up to. Weekend pickup could be arranged but you will need a gate key so this will need to be preplanned by emailing heather@papakowhai.school.nz

VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PARENTS

Parents or caregivers who are dropping off, picking up or settling their children, or who are attending meetings or events on site are **still permitted to attend on site whether they are vaccinated or not.**

The requirement to be vaccinated **is only for those people who are working for the school, which may be unpaid work such as volunteering.** The table below will clarify.

Type of role	Are they required to be vaccinated under the Public Health Order?
Parents or caregivers dropping off, picking up, or settling children at a school or kura	No. The Order does not apply to people who are visiting the school.
Parents or caregivers attending meetings or events on site (e.g. for parent-teacher interviews)	No. The Order does not apply to people who are visiting the school.

<p>Parents, caregivers or volunteers at an EOTC or LEOTC programme or excursion</p>	<p>Yes. These people are required to be vaccinated because they are carrying out work (unpaid) at or for a school or hostel and they may have contact with children or students or will be present at a time when children and students are also present.</p>
<p>Parents, caregivers and members of the community who are volunteers at a school, kura or hostel</p>	<p>Yes. These people are required to be vaccinated because they are carrying out work (unpaid) at or for a school or hostel and they may have contact with children or students or will be present at a time when children and students are also present.</p> <p>If the volunteer is working offsite and will not have any contact with children or students as part of their role, then they are not required to be vaccinated.</p>

Ngā mihi
 Mark Smith
 Principal
mark@papakowhai.school.nz

HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

SCHOOL HATS We have wide brimmed school hats, embroidered with the school logo, available to purchase from the school office. They are available in navy or yellow in a range of sizes and cost \$22 each.



PSYCHOLOGICAL WELLBEING AND STRESS TALK

Thursday 25th November at 7pm, in the hall, Papakowhai School. Come along to a free event about Psychological Wellbeing and Stress, presented by Dr Kirsty Everett, Clinical Psychologist. Kirsty will cover tips and strategies for reducing stress and improving wellbeing. The talk is aimed at adults. This is a free event but please register through Kindo (kindo.co.nz) to secure your place (please register under one of your children's names). Please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter for more information.

CAN YOU HELP KAURI TAHI?

Kauri Tahī are looking for donations of glass jars with lids or plastic bottles to use for their upcoming Eco Fair. If you have any of these items, please email Miss Parker (kelly@papakowhai.school.nz) or drop them off to the school office. Thanks very much for your support.

2022 YEAR 4 NGATI TOA NETBALL TEAMS

Papakōwhai School takes part in the Ngati Toa Netball League each year. From next year Ngati Toa will have teams for Year 4 students as well as the teams for Year 5 and over.

Games are played on a Saturday, at the Ngati Toa Courts. The juniors generally play in the afternoon.

To help with planning and the purchasing of new uniforms, it would be good to gauge the level of interest of our present Year 3 and 4 students. If your child is in Year 3 or 4 this year and would be interested in playing netball next year for Papakowhai School, please send a brief email to netball@papakowhai.school.nz with your child's name and 2021 year group by Friday 4th December. Thank you.

MOUNTAIN BIKE CLUB CHAMPIONS

The local Mountain Bike Club championships were held last weekend and a group of students from Papakōwhai School; **Blake Murray, Fraser Stratford, Ryan Visser, Easton Buck, Bryce Visser, Quinn Brittliff and Josh Collins** did amazingly well. When all the kids' points earned over the season were tallied up, Papakōwhai School won the school trophy, taking it away from Kapiti College!



The Club Champs are run annually by PNP Cycling Wellington and start in September with a race every two weeks; normally 5 races but, due to Covid, reduced to 4 this year. The races are held at various tracks around Wellington.

While riders race as individuals, when they register they can say which school they attend. Every competitor gets awarded points for entering as well as for their placing in each race, with maximum points being awarded for 1st place.

Individual results: **Fraser** came 4th in each of his races, **Bryce** made the podium for each of his events so took out 3rd place overall in the U13 Boys category and **Ryan** placed second in one of his races. Registration for WORD Mountain Bike will open in December for Term 1 2022. WORD stands for Wellington Off Road Development and is an organisation which encourages bike riding; kids need to be a minimum age of 7. Rides are after school from 4.30-6.30pm, on a Monday for 7-9yr olds and Wednesday for 10-12 year olds at Colonial Knob, Porirua. Please click on this link <https://www.word.org.nz/wellington-bookings> if you are interested.

HOCKEY AT AOTEA COLLEGE

This term we have eight Year 6 - 8 students, Ethan Brown, Samantha Ansley, Maddie Simkins, Dilkash Banat, Hester du Plessis, Grace Stapleton, Oliver Dixon and Charlie Dixon taking part in a 6 week beginners hockey course after school at Aotea College. During their hour long session, they are learning hockey skills and playing 6 a side games against other local schools.



LOST PROPERTY

We have lots of unnamed lost property at the school. It will be put out on the deck near Totara block tomorrow, Thursday 18th, so please encourage your child to check through it.

We have been handed two colourful keys that were found on Tweed Road. If you think they may be yours, please contact the office and let us know what colour they are.

We also have a 9 oz Avent bottle that was found near the school this week. It has the name Sylvie on the lid. Please contact us if you would like this back.

FOOD FOR WHĀNAU

Christmas time is almost upon us and for many families it is a time of year to happily come together and celebrate the festive season.

Unfortunately for some families this is not the case and, now more than ever, food banks need our help to supply food and toys to support those families in need. This year, Papakowhai School is going to be running a food drive appeal called “**Papakowhai Christmas Food for Whānau**”. Children are encouraged to bring non perishable items to donate which could include:

- Canned goods or dry foods such as rice, cereals, pasta.
- Toiletries
- Pet food
- Toys
- Books
- Christmas decorations

All donations will be much appreciated!

Items can be brought to school, to your child's class, between **Monday 22nd November and Friday 3rd December**. Everything collected will then be donated to the Salvation Army Food Bank in Porirua. Remember, the class with the most items donated, will be in to win a prize!

Thank you so much for all your support, in trying to make this Christmas a little better for some local families.

The kaitiaki: Lucy, Cathy-Jean, Chloe, Keira, Mia and Jeanine Huynh (Tōtara CRT teacher)

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Christmas Holiday Programme @ Adventure School,
17 - 23 Dec 2021 BOOKINGS OPEN NOW! Trip to
Awesome Bounce, Roller Skating, Carnival,
Christmas Movie and more. You can view and book online:
www.asfc.co.nz



Summer Programme @ Adventure School, 17 Jan – 4 Feb 2022
Bookings will be open in December. Watch this Space!!
For more information e-mail holprog@asfc.co.nz or call 027-454-6975

CHRISTMAS CRAFT SESSIONS WITH ARTY FARTY KIDS

Will you have some last minute Christmassy things to do when school has finished? Book your kids into a creative craft session or two to keep them busy.

20, 21 and 22nd December Morning session - 10am - 12 noon

Afternoon session 2 - 4 pm

23 December Morning session only - 10am - 12 noon

Please contact Sara to book a place office.artyfartykids@gmail.com



SOME IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER - Dental van at school all month

Thursday 18	Totara and Kauri speech finals
Wednesday 24	Year 8's - 2nd Gardasil (HPV) vaccination
Thursday 25	Free Psychological Wellbeing and Stress talk, 7pm, in the school hall. Please register via Mykindo
Friday 26	Reports will be emailed to families

DECEMBER

Friday 3	Parumoana Speech Competition
Thursday 9	Aotea College orientation day for students enrolled as Year 9's, 2022
Monday 13	Year 8 Leavers Celebration Evening, 6.30pm, school hall
Thursday 16	Final day of school for 2021- school finishes at 1pm and there is no ASC provision today

FEBRUARY 2022

Thursday 3	First day of Term 1, 2022
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PAPAKOWHAI
HOME &
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COMMITTEE

WELLBEING TALK

TIPS & STRATEGIES FOR
MANAGING YOUR PSYCHOLOGICAL
WELLBEING & REDUCING STRESS

A 1-HOUR INTERACTIVE
PRESENTATION +
DISCUSSION WITH
DR KIRSTY EVERETT

7 PM
25TH NOVEMBER 2021
PAPAKOWHAI
SCHOOL HALL

STRESS IS EVERYWHERE, FROM THE SCHOOL TRAFFIC
QUEUE, TO WORK, TO HEALTH AND HOME LIFE.

HOW DOES STRESS AFFECT PSYCHOLOGICAL WELLBEING?

JOIN US FOR A 1-HOUR PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION
ABOUT PSYCHOLOGICAL WELLBEING IN A WORLD OF
HIGH LEVELS OF STRESS. EXPLORE THE CONCEPT OF
PSYCHOLOGICAL WELLBEING AND THE NEGATIVE IMPACT
OF STRESS.

KIRSTY WILL DISCUSS SIGNS TO LOOK OUT FOR AND
WAYS TO IMPROVE YOUR PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH.

DR KIRSTY EVERETT IS A REGISTERED CLINICAL
PSYCHOLOGIST WITH 15 YEARS OF
EXPERIENCE WORKING IN MENTAL HEALTH.
SHE IS PART OF THE PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL
COMMUNITY AND WORKED IN COMMUNITY
MENTAL HEALTH FOR CAPITAL AND COAST
DHB BEFORE MOVING INTO PRIVATE PRACTICE
IN 2019. KIRSTY WORKS WITH A WIDE RANGE
OF MENTAL HEALTH DIFFICULTIES IN BOTH
INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP THERAPY. KIRSTY
ALSO PROVIDES CLINICAL SUPERVISION FOR
A WIDE RANGE OF HEALTH PRACTITIONERS,
WELLBEING SERVICES, AND ORGANISATIONS.

THIS IS A
FREE EVENT
PLEASE REGISTER
VIA MYKINDO TO
SECURE YOUR
PLACE

