



Papakōwhai School

Growing Together – Igniting Potential



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Papakōwhai School Newsletter

Week 8 | Term 4 | 8 December 2021

Kia ora koutou

STEP RIGHT UP MATAI AND RATA 5!

The block is finished!

From Friday Rātā 5 will be working in the new block. Mataī classes may start on Friday or Monday. Your teacher will advise you.

In recognition of this change, **parents and caregivers of Rātā and Mataī will be allowed onsite to take their children to class.** We ask that adults wear a face covering and you must sign in using the tracer app. This is on display at the gate and outside the classrooms. Parents and caregivers will not be able to come inside the classroom but you are welcome on the new deck.

The construction site is still a work in progress. You can access the new block from Yarrow Place (by the Kindergarten) and you can come down the path by the pool and access the block from the field. The pathway on the western side of the hall remains closed as the asphalt could not be laid this week due to the rain. This will be finished before Christmas.

The toilets for the new block are still to be added so children will need to come up the path by the hall to access the toilets between Totara and Kauri blocks. We are working hard to have new toilets in place for the start of 2022.

Thank you for your patience during what has been a very long and difficult building project.

YEAR 8 LEAVER CELEBRATION ON MONDAY 13TH DECEMBER

This is a student only event. A link to a live stream of the speeches will be sent out on Monday via SeeSaw. If you do not receive the link please contact chris@papakowhai.school.nz Only 7-7:30pm and 8-8:30pm will be live streamed. This event will be held in our school hall. Students will need to be collected from the school hall at 9:30pm. Please park in Spey Place and walk up to collect your child.

Programme

6:30 Arrive and mingle, photos

6:50 Welcome

7:00 Kauri 1 and 2 book and kowhai presentations (words about each student)

7:30 Dinner

8:00 Kauri 3 and 4 book and kowhai presentations (words about each student)

8:30 Dessert and dance party

9:30 Finish

FINAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE YEAR 8 LEAVERS

THURSDAY 16th DECEMBER

This event will be open to parents/caregivers of Year 8 students to attend. Up to four parents/caregivers can register to accommodate shared parenting arrangements. This will be a vaccine only event and you must register your attendance by Wednesday 15th. There will be no walk ups. Unfortunately siblings, extended whanau or members of the wider school community will not be able to attend. All Tōtara and Kauri classes will be in attendance. Please register [here](#). **We need parents/caregivers to arrive at 11:45am so we have time to get everyone scanned and seated. Please wear a mask to this event.**

The assembly will start promptly at 12 noon. At this assembly we will have our prizegiving and leaving certificates. There will be a kapa haka performance and poly group performance and yes we have booked the piper!

If you have any questions about these events that you would like to discuss please feel free to contact me.

CLASS PLACEMENT LETTERS

These will be sent home on Friday, 13th December. The class placement letter also contains information about start of year arrangements, dates and times.

We have read through hundreds of parent requests and taken these into account when we have placed your children. If you did not get your request it does not mean you were not listened to or your request not valued.

In determining class placement we look at age, gender balance, balancing the learning and behavioural needs in the class, parent requests and teacher recommendations. It is a careful and considered process.

If you do not receive your child's class placement letter, please contact me. **We generally provide one copy of the class placement letter per family and ask that you share this. If this is not possible and you need a duplicate copy please let me know and I will email it to you.**

START OF SCHOOL/END OF YEAR

School finishes on Thursday 16th December at 1pm. Parents and caregivers of Year 1, Year 2 and Year 8 students can come on site to collect their children. All other children will need to be collected from the gate. **School starts back on Thursday 3rd February at 8:50am.** The Office will re-open on Thursday 27th January.

PARUMOANA SPEECH FINALS

Last week **Jack Rudhall** and **Hadley Fale** represented Papakowhai School at the Parumoana Speech competition. They both spoke very well, and we would especially like to congratulate **Hadley** who placed second in the Year 7&8 final.



Ngā mihi
Mark Smith
Principal

mark@papakowhai.school.nz

EPRO8 FINAL

Our Epro8 team of Year 5 students **Sacha Herd, Miller Buck, Adam Buckley** and **Alex Kairua** took part in the Wellington Region Grand Final last week. They had an amazing day and placed fifth in the competition - congratulations team!



FOUND ITEM ?GARAGE DOOR OPENER

We have a fob with buttons 1- 4 on a pink lanyard at the office. If it belongs to you please get in touch. We have also just had a purple door key handed in so call us if it is yours.

WELLINGTON SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Several Papakowhai School students took part in the Wellington Championships on Saturday and the following results were shared with us: **Travis Carnegie** won the 200m freestyle and placed second in the 400m Freestyle; **Mackenzie Carnegie** did well with a bronze in 50m breaststroke and silver in 200m freestyle; **Lauren Crawford** won bronze in the 100m & 200m backstroke. **Camille Zhou** had an outstanding meet with apparently 7 medals which included golds, silver and bronze.

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

FOOD FOR WHĀNAU

We would like to say a big 'thank you' to everyone for your amazing donations which were passed on to the Salvation Army on Friday. Congratulations go to Rātā Tahi for their incredible effort as they brought in 155 food items which worked out at 9.1 items per child and won them the class prize!

The kaitiaki Chloe, Cathy-Jean, Lucy, Keira and coordinating teacher Jeanine Huynh are very grateful for your generosity which will assist the Salvation Army in reaching and helping families in need over this festive season.



SCHOOL HOLIDAY FAMILY BIKE FUN!

Hire a reasonably-priced Porirua Green Bike and enjoy a healthy family outing around Porirua/Tawa using our wonderful off road cycle tracks. Participants can bring their own bikes but at least one person in the party would need to hire a bike (\$22 for up to 5 hours hire). When the hire bike is returned you'll receive a \$10 voucher to spend at the Get Fixed cafe. The bike hire adventures will be operating 7 days a week over the school holidays, beginning on Saturday 11 December. For more information and bookings please call 0223953124 or email richardwithford@gmail.com

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

GTMA'S CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME!

This year, Good Time Music Academy is providing 3 days of activities before Christmas! Friday 17th December - Make Christmas themed videos and photos in front of an EPIC green screen!

Monday 20th December - Painted Plates & Mugs: Brighten up Christmas dinner with your own personalised plate & mug.

Tuesday 21st December - Sugar and Spice and all things nice. Christmas cookie decorating time!

The holiday programme is for ages 5 - 13 years at Goodtime Music Academy, 50 Victoria Street, Alicetown, Lower Hutt. Full day (9am - 4pm), \$70, Early start (8 - 9am) + \$10, Late finish (4 - 5pm) + \$10

Visit www.goodtimemusicacademy.co.nz/holiday-programme

**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 open in December. Watch this Space!!

For more information e-mail holprog@asfc.co.nz or call 027-454-697

SOME IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER

Thursday 9	Aotea College orientation day
Thursday 9	Rata Athletics Day (postponed from Monday 6th)
Monday 13	Rimu Athletics Day (pp day Wednesday 15th)
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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