



# Papakōwhai School

Growing Together – Igniting Potential



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## Papakōwhai School Newsletter

### Special Online Learning Newsletter

Kia ora koutou

**Papakōwhai School remains open for instruction. This information is being provided should the school need to close or if you or your family need to self isolate.**

**All home learning work will be communicated using SeeSaw. Your child received their home learning code today. Please check their school bags. It is important that you keep this in a safe place.**

If you don't receive this or you are not yet set up on SeeSaw, please [contact your child's teacher directly.](#)

If you don't know how to contact your child's teacher by email please contact the office, [office@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:office@papakowhai.school.nz)

You can download the Seesaw Family App for iOS, Android, or use the web to view your student's learning. If you are having trouble connecting to SeeSaw please contact Karen Siwalette, [karen@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:karen@papakowhai.school.nz)

**Every Monday we will send out to the entire school an online learning plan for the week.** If your child is well and at school you can disregard the notification.

**If your child is sick** they should stay home, rest and not do home learning. Please contact the office to say they are sick.

**If your child and family need to self isolate because they are a close contact or have had Covid 19** please contact the office to say your child is self isolating and will be learning at home.

**If your child is at home because school is closed** we will all be doing online learning so there is no need to contact the office.

## **NEWSLETTER**

Please keep up to date by reading the weekly newsletter – every Wednesday we send out a school newsletter by email and through our Skool Loop app ( details of this below). The newsletter is also posted to our website [www.papakowhai.school.nz](http://www.papakowhai.school.nz) If you don't already receive the newsletter this way, please provide an email address to the office to be included in the newsletter group. This group is also used to send out urgent notices and reminders.

Skool Loop App – this is free to download from the App Store (for Apple devices) or from Google play (for Android). Simply search for 'Skool Loop' and choose our school once installed. We use the App to send out notices and our latest newsletter.

## **HOME LEARNING EXPECTATIONS**

While the majority of children are at school we will send out a weekly plan for children to follow. If the majority of children are learning at home we will send out daily plans. We will provide two hours of specific literacy and Maths and inquiry work for children to do each day. There will be options to do other art, PE, or inquiry work if families want it. No work is compulsory. We won't require things to be done at a set time. If children cannot participate in a zoom meeting that's not a problem. Do what you can, when you can.

## **DIGITAL DEVICES FOR LEARNING AT HOME**

To prepare for online learning at any time, we need all Year 6 - 8 students who have a BYOD device to take their device and charger home every night.

For other learners we are able to supply devices while you are learning at home. Only fill in [this form](#) if:

1. You are required to self isolate at home because you are a close contact
2. You are required to continue self isolating after having Covid-19
3. The MOE requires the school to close.

Please contact Chris Robinson (Deputy Principal) [chris@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:chris@papakowhai.school.nz) if you need digital support.

## **HARD PACKS FOR LEARNING AT HOME**

The [same form](#) can be used to request a hard pack containing a Maths work book and reading books.

## **MANAGING WORKLOAD**

No one expects you to be working full-time at your job, caring for your family and being a full-time teacher. Set yourself a daily schedule of when you do Home Learning. Give yourself break times and set a finish time for the day. If things are getting on top of you with Home Learning please talk with your child's teacher.

## **ADDITIONAL SUPPORT**

If your child is not able to do the work that their teacher is setting, please talk with your child's teacher directly.

You can also contact Sue Jenkins ( Special Needs Co-Ordinator), [sue@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:sue@papakowhai.school.nz) or Lesley Hodge (Assistant Principal), [lesley@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:lesley@papakowhai.school.nz) for additional learning support.

If you need specific English Language support please contact Jill Clibborn, [jill@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:jill@papakowhai.school.nz)

## **MINISTRY OF EDUCATION RESOURCES**

You can also independently [Watch Home Learning TV | Episodes | TVNZ OnDemand](#)

There are also literacy, mathematics and science resources organised in early years, and school Years 1– 4, 5 – 8.

[Early Learning Years 1 to 4 | Learning from home Years 5 to 8 | Learning from home](#)

## **CARING**

We acknowledge that learning at home is different for everybody. It can be very stressful for some families. Don't put yourself under extra pressure. If at any point you need to take a break from Home Learning, there is no problem.

## **ASK FOR HELP**

We want you to know that our teachers are ready to respond to your questions or concerns. We will communicate directly with you as well as with our students. We don't want you to be unclear about what your child is meant to work on.

Ngā mihi nui

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