



Papakōwhai School

Growing Together – Igniting Potential



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Papakōwhai School Newsletter

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Kia ora koutou

WALKING SCHOOL BUS

A walking school bus involves **students and adult supervisors walking in a group to school**. Each 'bus' walks along a set route with at least one adult 'driver' picking up children at designated 'bus stops' and walking them to and from school. For the month of March we are keen to have walking school buses leave from Aotea Countdown at 8:15am. The walking route would be:

- Through the track to Eskdale Road
- Turn left into Cromarty Place
- Down the track to the school field

This is a 15 minute walk. Children can meet the school bus at Aotea Countdown or join the bus along Eskdale Road.

We are looking for a parent/caregiver volunteer who is willing to:

- Commit to one day per week for the month of March starting March 7th.
- Arrive at Countdown at 8:05am on their day.
- Wear a hi-vis vest supplied by the school.
- Walk the group of students to school, leaving Countdown at 8:15am.
- Walk home or arrange their own pick-up from school.
- Be able to notify us by 7:30am if they cannot walk that day due to weather or ill health, so we can arrange a replacement or notify people that the walking school bus is cancelled.
- Have your name published in the newsletter so people know who our walking school bus “drivers” are.
- Attend a briefing online or in person about what to do.

If you are able to commit for the month of March, starting March 7th, please contact Chris Robinson, Deputy Principal, by emailing chris@papakowhai.school.nz by Tuesday 2nd March.

Next week we will publish the days that the walking school is operating and how to connect with this service.

COVID-19 UPDATE

There have been no cases of Covid-19 at Papakōwhai School to date.

CONTACT DETAILS

If there is a case of Covid-19 we will contact our school community by email and Skool Loop app straight away. It is very important that you are connected during this time. If you do not receive the school newsletter by email, please contact the school office as soon as possible to give them your preferred email contact or connect to the Skool Loop app through Google Play or the App Store. For contact tracing purposes we do need your correct address and phone numbers. If these have recently changed please email them to office@papakowhai.school.nz

SELF ISOLATION

You must:

- self-isolate if you test positive for COVID-19.
- self-isolate if you live with a person who has COVID-19.
- self-isolate if you are identified as a Close Contact of someone who has COVID-19.

You are not required to self isolate if you live with a person who has been identified as a close contact. However if you develop symptoms you should isolate and get a test. For more information, please visit: <https://covid19.govt.nz/isolation-and-care/how-to-self-isolate/>

WHAT HAPPENS IF THERE IS A CHILD CONFIRMED AS A CASE?

We will contact our whole school community straight away. The class the child is in will be immediately sent home while cleaning and contact tracing is carried out.

If your child is not identified as a close contact they will be able to return to school. You will need to monitor your child and if they develop symptoms they will need to isolate and get a test.

If your child is identified as a close contact they will need to self isolate for seven days from their last contact with the person who was positive for COVID-19. They will need to produce a negative test result before returning to school. Siblings are able to return to school. You will need to monitor them and if they develop symptoms they will need to isolate and get a test.

If your child tests positive for Covid -19 they will need to isolate for at least 10 days while they recover from COVID-19. Siblings also have to self isolate for 10 days.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THERE IS A STAFF MEMBER CONFIRMED AS A CASE?

We will contact our whole school community straight away. The class or classes that the staff member was in will be immediately sent home while cleaning and contact tracing is carried out. Depending on the nature of the staff member's role and/or if a large number of staff are identified as close contacts we may need to close the school until we can achieve safe staffing levels.

REPORTING ABSENCES

Please let us know if your child will not be attending school by phoning the office (04)2338321 or emailing, office@papakowhai.school.nz

- Name
- Class
- Reason for absence

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CHILD NEEDS TO DO LEARNING AT HOME?

All home learning work will be communicated using SeeSaw. If you don't know what this is 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

Every Monday we 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.

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 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.

Ngā mihi

Mark Smith

Principal

mark@papakowhai.school.nz

USED FACEMASKS AND LITTERING

Please ensure your masks are safely in your bag when you leave/come to school. Dispose of used masks in bins at home or in the classroom. Papakowhai residents have complained of masks littering the footpath between Yarrow Place and Eskdale Road.

HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

School hats & hoodies

Papakowhai School wide brimmed school hats and hoodies, embroidered with the school logo, are available to purchase. Sample sizes of the hoodies are available to try at the office. The hats are available in navy or yellow and cost \$22 each, and hoodies cost \$55. Please get your orders in, via Kindo, by this Friday, 25th February. Hats are available to purchase year round, directly from the office.



The School Triathlon on Sunday 6 March has unfortunately had to be cancelled due to the red traffic light status but look out for a Duathlon later in the year.....

It was great to see 4 new faces at our meeting on Monday night. If you're interested in helping out with School Events please email us on homeandschool@papakowhai.school.nz

LET'S GET MOVIN' IN MARCH!

We're a Movin' March school and counting down to Tuesday 1st March when we'll start stamping passports in class as part of the [Walk or Wheel Passport Challenge](#) throughout the month. Walking or wheeling to school is a great way to get active, know your neighbourhood, kick start learning for the day AND take care of the environment.

Remember students don't have to complete their passports to go in the draw to win a \$400 [MYRIDE](#) voucher at the end of March!

Fancy going in the draw to win a scooter? Parents who take part in our [Whānau Facebook](#) competition will be in to win 1 of 5 adult or child [Micro Scooters](#) or a Family Pass to [Staglands](#) or [Zealandia](#).

Check out the Movin' March [website](#) for more on these competitions and how you can take part.

PAPAKŌWHAI SCHOOL ENVIRO CLUB

The Papakōwhai Enviro Club has made some worm tea! It comes in approximately 300ml bottles and is a concentrated product. It will be sold for \$5! All funds raised will go toward our enviro projects (seedlings etc). Please return your order forms to the office. You are able to pay via internet banking (please use your child's name and worm tea as references) or at the office via EFTPOS. Please remember to drop the order form in at the office. The orders will be delivered to your child's class each Thursday until the end of the term. [☰ Worm Tea order form](#)

Thank you for your support!

Also.....

The Papakōwhai Enviro crew are beginning to collect colourful plastic bottle tops (milk bottles tops etc) to make some collaborative art this year. Donations can be dropped off to Mataī Tahi or the school office.

SOME IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH - It's Movin' March all month!!

Wednesday 16	BOT hui, 7pm
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