



# Papakōwhai School

Growing Together – Igniting Potential



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## Papakōwhai School Newsletter

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Kia ora koutou

### HEALTH INFORMATION EVENING TONIGHT!

Tonight we are meeting in the staffroom 7:30pm - 9pm to discuss our health curriculum. We will be specifically focussing on “Keeping Ourselves Safe” (KOS) and “Life Education” as these are the two units being taught in Term 3, however we are open to hear feedback about any areas of the curriculum. Please complete the [RSVP form](#). If you are not able to attend in person but would like to give feedback on our [Health and PE Curriculum](#), please email me, [mark@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:mark@papakowhai.school.nz)

For more information please see the end of this newsletter.

### SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS - nominations close at noon on Wednesday 3 August

A nomination form was emailed to those eligible to vote in the upcoming School Board election. If you did not receive an email and believe you are eligible to vote, please contact the returning officer, Alison Flint, by calling the school office or by emailing [alisonf@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:alisonf@papakowhai.school.nz). The electoral roll is held at the school office and is available to view during school hours. Please consider standing for election to the Board if you would like to help guide decisions made for the school over the next 3 years. There are 5 Board places available.

### WHĀNAU HUI MONDAY 1st AUGUST

We are sharing dinner on Monday 1st August 6pm - 8:30pm to connect and listen to our whānau who identify as Māori and those who would like to support the learning of Te Reo Māori and Te Ao Māori at Papakōwhai School. If you are able to attend please complete the [RSVP form](#) For more information please see the end of this newsletter.

**TŌTARA SHOWCASE- August 3rd! The Show is almost sold out!**  
Ticket sales will close on Friday 29th July and be issued to children on Monday 1st August. Future orders are now limited to two tickets per person.

The Tōtara team showcase is a show with dance, music and singing. All children in Tōtara are performing on Wednesday 3rd August at 7pm at Hosanna Church in Porirua. It will be a fun filled evening.

**Further details and ticket information can be found [here](#).**

### **RIMU SHOWCASE - SAVE THE DATE - 31st August**

Our Rimu Showcase will be held at the end of the month at Hosanna Church. Details and ticket information will be sent out next week. Showcases for Rātā, Mataī and Kauri will be in Term 4.

### **READATHON**



**Papakōwhai School is holding a Readathon for the month of August.** We are aiming to raise \$20,000 towards the cost of the amazing teaching assistants and librarians we have at our school. The cost of providing this level of support is close to \$400,000 per annum. About half of this is directly funded by the MOE and the remainder is funded through donations and hall hireage, and in recent years a surplus from running our after school care programme. With the current financial climate, reduced demand for after school care and other rising costs we need your support to continue to fund the current provision of teaching assistant support in our school.

All children in our school benefit from the work of our teaching assistants who run support programmes, help children one on one in class, work with extension programmes, help with English language learning and inspire our children to love reading.

**Children need to keep a reading log throughout the month of August.** If they fill out a reading log in their homework or communication book I would appreciate it if you could take a moment to fill in both logs.

You can choose how you want to sponsor.

- A set amount
- An amount per book read
- An amount per hour spent reading

We appreciate that there are lots of costs for parents, so we see this as an opportunity to share the sponsorship forms with grandparents, and wider whānau and friends.

**There will be a prize for the top reader in each class and the class that raises the most money.**

**On Monday we will send out a Readathon booklet.** If you don't receive one, please contact your child's teacher or the school office.

### **TAKING EXTRA CARE WHEN WAITING AFTER SCHOOL BY THE KINDERGARTEN**

I have recently been told about problems after school on the Kindergarten grounds, behind the Kindergarten building and Kindergarten car park. Students are repeatedly entering the section behind the kindergarten, digging up the bank, throwing stones and sticks, and interfering with the discarded items they have there waiting for a skip bin. Kindergarten teachers frequently ask students to move off the property to the footpath but they return day after day.

Kindergarten teachers are having to regularly ask students to stop playing around the cars, chasing, kicking balls and throwing items, and ask whānau to move off the driveway so they can back cars out. There has even been damage to one of the cars.

Please take extra care if you are waiting for your children by the Kindergarten after school. Thank you.

Ngā mihi

Mark Smith

Principal

[mark@Papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:mark@Papakowhai.school.nz)

## ONLINE LEARNING

Children who are self isolating as household contacts or who are recovering after feeling sick can access home learning by going to the school website [www.Papakowhai.school.nz](http://www.Papakowhai.school.nz) and clicking on the [Home Learning Activities Link](#) on the home page.

There are two weeks worth of home learning activities that are available to students at all levels. Please contact your child's teacher if you need further assistance.

## HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

**Quiz Night** - Friday 19 August, 7-10pm in the school hall, teams of up to 8 people @ \$100, sweet and savoury platters can be pre ordered. Get your teams together and book on Kindo!

### **SAVE THE DATE: Ladies Clothing Grab -**

Saturday 24 September 7- 9.30pm If you have sorted out your wardrobe over the holidays please drop your good quality, preloved items into the office.



## LUCKY BOOK CLUB BROCHURES

The latest book club catalogues were handed out today. All orders need to be placed online using Scholastic Loop and orders close on Friday 5th August. This term Scholastic are offering free books (from a limited selection of titles that will display before checkout) with a minimum spend of \$30 - good chance to stock up for the Readathon!

## SWIMMING TRIALS FOR TŌTARA AND KAURI (YEARS 5 - 8)

We will be holding our Parumoana Swimming trials on Tuesday 16th August at Cannons Creek Pool for our Year 5 - 8 students. Though trials are optional, we will be encouraging students to give it a go. Please have a conversation with your child at home if you would like them to take part.

Students can trial in 2 - 4 events. The events are:

**Years 5 & 6:** 25m freestyle, 25m backstroke, 25m butterfly and 25m breaststroke.

**Years 7 & 8:** 50m freestyle, 50m backstroke, 25m butterfly and 25m breaststroke

Each Year group will have a boys and a girls team, made up of 4 or 5 students. The students selected will be the overall fastest swimmers

across the different strokes. By entering the trials, your child is committing to taking part in the Parumoana event if chosen for the team.

If you have any further questions, please email Anne Bunton.

[pe@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:pe@papakowhai.school.nz)

### **STUDENT FUNDRAISING FOR DANCE TRIP**

One of our Year 8 students is fundraising for a dance trip to Sydney in early 2023. She is selling polar fleece neck warmers for \$10. These are great for sports training, skiing, walking the dog etc - some kids wear them all day! Available in Papakōwhai blue and gold but other colour combinations are available. To order (child and adult sizes available) or check colour choices email [muir.sarah@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:muir.sarah@yahoo.co.nz) or chat through fb messenger <https://m.me/sarah.muir.35>.

### **T.U.I. UKE LESSONS on Mondays @ 1.50pm in school hall.**

Come and join the Big Band! Every Monday, the hall is our Stage. All sorts of instruments and some fancy moves. Keeping the music live! For further details please contact Shane McAlister by email to [theukuleleinstitute@gmail.com](mailto:theukuleleinstitute@gmail.com) or text/call 027 27 37 47 5

### **HEALTH CONSULTATION EXTRA DETAILS**

The KOS programme is jointly taught with NZ Police and officer Amy Price will attend the meeting to answer your questions. This programme is about children keeping themselves safe in all kinds of situations but there is a specific focus on preventing and reporting abuse.

Marsha Chiet is the Life Education educator and she will also be present. The Year 1 -2 children are focussing on Health Eating, Year 3-4 on the importance of physical activity, Year 5-6 on good decision making for reputation, identity and resilience, and the Year 7 and 8 programme is about substance.

What to expect:

- A brief overview of how we implement the Health Curriculum at Papakōwhai School. To view the document click [here](#).
- Explanation of the “Keeping Ourselves Safe” and “Life Education” programmes.

- Questions and Answers about “Keeping Ourselves Safe” and “Life Education” programmes.
- Questions and Answers about the Health Curriculum in general.
- Any other feedback people want to give.

## **WHANAU HUI EXTRA DETAILS**

Your children are welcome to attend with you. They can share in the meal and either be part of the discussion or watch a movie in Kauri 5 while the discussion takes place.

What to expect:

- A shared dinner.
- Whanaungatanga time - a chance for people in the room to connect together
- A brief overview of what we have been doing to encourage the teaching and learning of Te Reo Māori and Te Ao Māori at Papakōwhai School.
- Time to listen to feedback from whānau

If you are able to attend please complete the [RSVP form](#)

If you are not able to attend in person but would like to give feedback, please email me.

## **NZEI CAMPAIGN**

Kia ora Papakōwhai whānau,

This is a big year for the New Zealand Teachers Union NZEI, as we have recently started our new campaign Wāwāhi Tahā Time for Tamariki. You, our amazing community, were our biggest advocates and supporters during the 2019 campaign and we want to make sure that you are kept informed with what is happening for this campaign.

We took part in online paid union meetings in mid June. These meetings gave us a good sense of the issues under consideration and negotiations started with the government this month.

The last 2 and half years have not been the easiest, but by having a dedicated principal, amazing, hard working teachers and support staff and our very supportive and tight knit community, we have made it through. Thank you for your hard work in helping to support your

children's online learning from home, while working from home yourselves. We know it wasn't easy!

We are asking you to support our teachers in our new Wāwāhi Tahā Time for Tamariki campaign to ensure that your children continue to get the best possible education.

In this campaign we be negotiating with the government to:

- Address widespread **understaffing**
- Value and **recognise teachers' work**
- **Enough time** for teachers to complete their work **during work hours**
- Support for teachers working with **high needs students**
- Recognition of the importance of **cultural skills**
- Greater **support for health & safety** in schools
- **Job security** for relievers

Click the link if you would like to watch the short campaign video that contains more information [Wāwāhi Tahā Time for Tamariki video](#)

Ways you can help:

1. Talk with your child's teacher about what this campaign means, to better understand how these changes would positively affect your child's education.
2. Speak out to the media and on social media about our campaign as the more voices and the more noise we can make, the more likely we are to be heard.
3. Meet or write to your local MPs and other people who can influence change, to ask them to support your tamariki's and their kiako.

Thank you again for your time and support.

Ngā mihi nui

Jeanine Huynh

CRT Teacher

NZEI Union Rep for Papakōwhai School



## ACADEMY DANCE CLASSES

Come and join the fun for Term 3! Visit us online for all the classes, timetables and details <http://www.theacademy.dance>

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## TAWA SQUASH CLUB - TERM 3 JUNIOR PROGRAMME

Monday night coaching begins on 1st August - 2 sessions @ 4:20 - 5pm and 5 - 5:40pm. Cost \$100 per term for 8 sessions.

Junior Club nights begin Friday August 5th, 5 - 7pm. \$5 for non members (first night free), free for members. Run by a qualified club coach. Parents most welcome to stay and observe or relax, food and refreshments available.

Mums N Bubs Thursday mornings 9:30 - 11am. Drop the older kids at school and come and have fun while learning how to play the "Healthiest Sport in the World" (bringing bubs is optional). Safe area for littlies.

In all cases rackets, balls and eyewear are available at the club for loan. Non marking shoes are required.

More details from Peter 027 677 8274 or [peter@tawasquash.co.nz](mailto:peter@tawasquash.co.nz)  
67 Main Road, Tawa (next to St Francis Xavier School)



## SOME IMPORTANT DATES

### AUGUST - READATHON ALL MONTH!

<b>Monday 1</b>	Life Education caravan arrives at school for 3 weeks
<b>Monday 1</b>	Whānau hui, from 6pm, in the staffroom
<b>Wednesday 3</b>	Nominations for School Board Elections close at noon
<b>Wednesday 3</b>	Tōtara showcase, Hosanna Church
<b>Friday 5</b>	Lucky Book Club orders close
<b>Tuesday 9</b>	Board of Trustees hui, 7pm, staffroom
<b>Tuesday 16</b>	Parumoana Swim Trials (Years 5-8 if registered)
<b>Friday 19</b>	Home and School Quiz Night
<b>Wednesday 31</b>	Rimu showcase, Hosanna Church