



Papakōwhai School

Growing Together – Igniting Potential



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Papakōwhai School Newsletter

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Kia ora koutou

TŌTARA TRIUMPH

The Tōtara Showcase was awesome! We were treated to a wonderful showcase of dancing, jokes, music and singing from our Year 5 and 6 students. Thank you for your support for this event and well done to all the Tōtara teachers and students.



PRIMARY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP AWARDS 2022

Congratulations go to two of our amazing kaitiaki who were recipients of the Primary School Leadership Awards 2022; **Sienna Wilson** and **Joshua Scott**. They attended a prize giving on Monday and were presented with their awards by the Porirua Mayor, Anita Baker.



***Sienna** is a motivated, resilient and highly capable leader in our kura. She faces new and challenging tasks with enthusiasm, and ensures that everything she does is done to the best of her ability. As a Kaitiaki of our school, Sienna demonstrates impressive*

maturity and reliability. She is a wonderful example of our school values; manaakitanga and whanaungatanga. Sienna has been a committed member and leader of our school kapa haka for several years. Other students naturally look to her as our kaea, and she leads our karanga with mana and grace. We are so proud of Sienna and know she has a successful final year at Papakōwhai School ahead of her.

Josh is the kind of leader who does so by example. He is always the first to put his hand up to take leadership opportunities and is incredibly reliable. We have seen this at our kura in his roles as kaitiaki, as tuakana when learning with teina, as whānau group leader, as general helper at school events, as classmate and as friend. He lives our school values of



whanaungatanga, manaakitanga, respect and fairness at all times. He is humble and goes out of his way to say thank you. We are so proud of Josh and he is a very deserving recipient of this award.

READATHONS ARE GOOD FOR YOU AND FOR US!

Research by the National Literacy Trust in the UK in 2018 surveyed over 32,000 children about the benefits of Readathons. Children who had participated in a readathon compared to those who hadn't:

- Enjoyed reading more
- Were more likely to read something in their free time daily
- Had on average higher perceptions of their reading ability
- Read a wider variety of materials
- Had more positive attitudes towards reading
- Were more likely to use the school library

By sponsoring children in our readathon you will be supporting our school to:

- Staff our library full-time
- Provide teaching assistants to run extension programmes
- Have teaching assistants to provide general support in all classrooms
- Enhance the levels of support for children with specific needs

I hope you received a Readathon booklet and your child has started to record their reading in it. If your child has been away or you didn't receive one, you can print one off [here](#), ask for one at the office or see your child's teacher.

There is a prize for the child in every class who does the most reading and the class that raises the most funds. Thank you for your support with this.

RIMU SHOWCASE WEDNESDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER

Our Rimu show is confirmed for Wednesday 7th September. The date was moved last week because of illnesses. You can find out all the information you need and how to book tickets by clicking [here](#).

PŌWHIRI TUESDAY 23 AUGUST

Our next school pōwhiri for all children who have started with us this term and their families is on Tuesday 23rd August at 9am. For more information and how to RSVP please click [here](#)

ENROLMENTS FOR 2023

Out of Zone Places

After significant years of growth Papakōwhai School is no longer at risk of overcrowding. In 2021 we hit our peak roll of 560 students. This year's roll is about 20 less children than last year and we are expecting the same reduction over the next few years. We have managed the pains of growth and now we need to manage the challenges of reduction by carefully transitioning the school back to a roll size of between 465 and 510.

To carefully manage this transition, **the BOT have approved up to 10 out of zone places for 2023 at the Year 1 level.** There will be places for siblings of current students and there may be a limited number of places for students not currently linked to the school.

If you currently live out of zone, have children already attending Papakōwhai School, and you have a new entrant child who turns 5 in 2023 and you have not already completed an enrolment form for 2023 please contact the office and complete an enrolment application by 1 September at the latest.

The process is as follows:

- Pre-enrolment of out of zone Year 1 children need to be received by September 1st, 2022.
- A ballot for out of zone places will be held on September 2nd.

In Zone Places

To assist with planning for 2023 we need to check we have an accurate list of enrolments for next year.

If you fall into one of following categories, please contact the Office by Friday September 2nd:

- i) You live in zone and have a new entrant child who turns 5 in 2023 and you have not already given pre-enrolment details to the Office.
- ii) You live in zone and currently have a child attending a different school that you intend to enrol at Papakōwhai in 2023.

If you have a friend or family member that does not have a child currently attending Papakōwhai School and you think that they may fall into one of the above categories, or may be interested in the out of zone ballot, please get them to contact the Office also.

Leavers

If you have a Year 1 - 7 child currently attending Papakōwhai School and you are planning to enrol them at a different school in 2023 please notify the Office by Friday September 2nd.

If you are unclear about the boundaries of the school zone, please refer to our website. Please note all streets that are part of the “grandparenting clause” are counted as in-zone enrolments. If you have any questions or concerns about your child’s eligibility to enrol at Papakōwhai School in 2023 please contact me.

Ngā mihi

Mark Smith

Principal

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SPARE CLOTHING

As the weather has been very wet recently there are now several areas of mud around the school grounds and playgrounds. We have a limited amount of spare clothing at the office so we would be grateful if students could have a change of clothes in their bag in case they get dirty during break times.

Also, if your child has borrowed clothing from the school, could these items please be laundered and returned to the office.

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 @ \$20 each can be pre ordered. Get your teams together and book on Kindo!



CALENDAR ART

Now it's August, think ahead for family Christmas presents

😊 Your child's artwork is available on Seesaw to view and Kindo is open for calendar art to be ordered. Closing date is Friday 19 August.

LADIES CLOTHING GRAB - Saturday 24 September, 7- 9.30pm

Please sort through your wardrobe and drop your good quality, preloved items into the school office. Tickets are now available to order on Kindo @ \$25 each which includes a drink and supper.

FUNDRAISING Please email homeandschool@papakowhai.school.nz if you have a business that is willing to donate a product or service that we could use for a raffle or silent auction at our upcoming events.

SCHOOL HOODIES

These are available now to order through Kindo. There are samples in the office if you or your child would like to have a look and try on for size. Orders close Friday 26 August.

TERM DATES FOR 2023

The Board of Trustees have agreed the following term dates for 2023. It is as yet unknown whether Teacher Only Days in 2023 will be negotiated for NZEI members. If they are, we will finish Term 4 earlier.

Term 1

Start: Wednesday 1st February

Finish: Thursday 6th April

(Public Holiday: Monday 6th February, Waitangi Day)

Term 2

Start: Monday 24th April.

Finish: Friday 30th June

(Public holidays: Tuesday 25th April, Anzac Day & Monday 5th June, Queen's Birthday)

Term 3

Start: Monday 17th July

Finish: Friday 22nd September

Term 4

Start: Monday 9th October

Finish: Tuesday 19th December

(Public holiday: Monday 23rd October)

FOUND!

A key was found last week near the Rata playground. It has a white background with images of a particular fruit on it. If you think it is yours, please contact the office and let us know which fruit is pictured.

SOME IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST - READATHON ALL MONTH!

Tuesday 16	Parumoana Swim Trials (Years 5-8 if registered)
Friday 19	Calendar Art orders on Kindo close
Friday 19	Home and School Quiz Night, 7pm, school hall
Sunday 21	School photos orders close
Tuesday 23	Powhiri, school hall

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 6	Kids Lit Quiz
Tuesday 6	BOT hui, 7pm
Wednesday 7	Rimu Showcase, Hosanna Church, Drivers Cres, Cannons Creek; starts at 7pm
Monday 12	Artsplash - choir rehearsal and performance
Tuesday 13	Year 5&6 Parumoana Swim sports
Thursday 15	Year 7&8 Parumoana Swim sports
Friday 16	Netball Prizegiving

Monday 19	School photos for Rātā, Year 8's and netball teams.
Wednesday 28	Dental van arrives at school. Will be here until end of November.
Friday 30	Last day of Term 3



Where is this?



How many notes in a musical scale?



What is the tallest mountain in the world?

Did you find that easy.....then gather some friends and book a table for the annual quiz.

Tickets on Kindo
\$100 a table (max 8 people per table)



FRIDAY 19 AUGUST 2022
AT
7 PM - 10 PM

R18
Wine and Craft beer available for purchase.

Raffles and silent Auctions

Sweet and Savoury Platters
\$20 (must be pre-ordered)