



# Papakowhai School

Learning Together



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## PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 9 ● Term 4 ● 12 December 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Thanks everyone for making 2018 an awesome year at Papakowhai School.

Thanks to our supportive Board of Trustees, chaired by Gary Tonkin, for their careful oversight of the school, our amazing Home and School Committee, led by Rose Crawford, our dedicated and hardworking staff and to the great children who come to Papakowhai School each day ready to learn together.

Special thanks to Leigh Comeskey, the editor of the beautiful magazine you will receive on Tuesday. What a privilege to have such a great record of 2018.

Thanks to our wonderful team of Before and After School care workers ably lead by Susan Dixon. It is great to know that the children are being well cared for outside of school hours.

Thank you to our brilliant office and support staff and to Mr Geary our awesome caretaker. They are magnificent.

Thank you to all our teachers, they do a superb job. Thank you to Janie Goosen and Nik Edwards for their work in Rata and Kauri in the latter part of the year. We wish them both well as they finish their fixed term contracts.

Finally, thank you to our Year 8's; you have been a tremendous group of role models in our school. All the best for the next part of your learning journey.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

We had a wonderful celebration on Monday night last week at our Leaver's Dinner. It was such a perfect evening, we enjoyed the sunshine, a good meal and enthusiastic leavers celebrating one another's graduation from primary school. Thank you to everyone who attended for making it such a wonderful night.

**Tonight we have our Home and School BBQ.** Come and have an easy and fun dinner with us. The event runs from 5:00 – 7:00pm.

**On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 11am we are having an assembly for our Year 8 leavers.** Due to the large numbers of adults we have attending our final assembly Year 1 children in Rata will not be attending. If it is important to you that your child in Rata does attend the assembly, please contact Lesley Hodge at [lesley@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:lesley@papakowhai.school.nz) and we will make sure they attend.

**School finishes at 1pm on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. There is no After School Care on the last day.**

**School starts back on Thursday January 31st at 8:55am.**  
The Office will re-open on Thursday 24th January.

## **REPORTS AND CLASS PLACEMENT LETTERS**

These will be sent home on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December. The class placement letter also contains information about start of year arrangements, dates and times.

New Entrant children who started this term and older children who have had less than a term at Papakowhai School will not receive a written report.

We have read through 140 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 report or class placement letter, please contact me. **We generally provide one copy of the report and 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.**

Happy Christmas and best wishes for a new year of exciting opportunities to learn together.

Kind regards

Mark Smith

PRINCIPAL

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## HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

### 2018 END OF YEAR SCHOOL BBQ

**Wednesday 12 December, 5 - 7pm**

Our end of year BBQ is tonight!! Dinner will be available (from 5-7pm) including burgers (\$5), sausage in bread (\$2) and soft drinks (from \$2 - \$4). There will be live entertainment in the school hall from 6 - 7pm from our talented school choir, school band, theatrical dancers and the Sally White cheerleaders.

**Save the date:** Coming on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019

Papakowhai School Triathlon! For all ages (Years 1 – 8)

Papakowhai Home and School Fundraiser

More information to come in Term 1 so watch this space



## **LOST PROPERTY**

Please remember to check the lost property before the end of term as unclaimed items will be donated to charity over the summer holiday.

## **BRINGING END OF YEAR BOOKS ETC HOME**

Please be prepared this week and next and send extra bags with your children so that they can bring home their books, artwork, pens etc, and other end of year crafts and goodies.

## **CAMP 2019 (FOR NEXT YEAR'S 7 AND 8'S)**

Thank you for those who have returned their camp forms. Please remember to pay the fees as per the option that you agreed to. We are expecting some payment to have been made by this Friday, 14 December.

## **2018 SCHOOL DONATIONS AND FEES**

As mentioned in last week's newsletter we would appreciate all 2018 fees being paid before the end of the year.

## **2019 SCHOOL DONATIONS AND FEES**

The Board of Trustees met last night and decided that the school donation will remain at \$290 per child and before and after school care charges will be unchanged for 2019. The Athletics and Reading Eggs will continue at \$22 each. The Hapara fee will be \$7 due to the upgrade of the program. The Technology fee for Year 7 and 8's will be \$70. This is the cost of the consumables for the children who attend the Plimmerton Technology Centre. There will also be a charge for the school magazine introduced. All fees will be requested next year. You can also choose to pay when ordering stationery through MySchool.

It is important to note that the school donation does qualify for the tax credit of 33 cents per dollar paid. By having this one request for a donation rather than requesting charges for all activities you are able to claim the tax credit. This donation includes the costs of

providing the swimming and gym program (which costs over \$50 per child), school trips, the Life Education (Harold the giraffe) caravan, the costs of running the Seesaw program to assist the reporting and communication with parents, the purchase of many resources used at school for your children, as well as many other costs associated with enabling us to complete the plan we have for next year. Without the donation we simply cannot afford to do all we have planned.

### **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

**Grace Williams** ( Year 8 student) has just been awarded the ANZCA prize for the top mark in Grade 4 Music theory for all of NZ, Australia, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia & Thailand. It's a pretty big achievement and extra special for Papakowhai School as one of our teachers, Rosemary O'Hara, is Grace's music tutor.

Well done Grace!

### **PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL MINIBALL**

Congratulations to Papakowhai Blue team (Year 1 and 2) who won their league. They were unbeaten, winning all 6 games!



Papakowhai Green (Year 3 and 4) came 3<sup>rd</sup> in their league. Papakowhai Red came 8<sup>th</sup> and Papakowhai Yellow came 17<sup>th</sup>.

Good luck to the following teams who are playing in their finals this Thursday afternoon:

Year 5 & 6: Papakowhai Orange and Papakowhai White  
Year 7 & 8: Papakowhai Black

### **KAURI RUA GOOD DEED**

A few weeks ago Kauri Rua decided to collect cans of food to donate to schools in Porirua that have children that aren't privileged enough to have a decent meal each day. Kauri Rua students brought in cans from their homes. Chad Thomson and his family packaged the cans into boxes and sent them off to schools, families, and people in need. Kauri Rua collected 112 cans altogether. We are extremely proud of our good deed. Thank you to everyone who donated a can. Everyone deserves to have a full belly before and after school no matter what.

### **KIDS ON BOARD WEBSITE**

Do you need some ideas for things to do with the kids over the holidays? Perhaps you're going away and looking for a good playground, walk or cafe that's family friendly? Everything listed on <http://kidsonboard.co.nz> has been tried, tested and LOVED by other families. Ask other families for their ideas on the Facebook page [www.facebook.com/KidsOnBoardNZ](http://www.facebook.com/KidsOnBoardNZ)

### **NATURE SCHOOL – BUSH SPROUTS**

Nature School NZ Trust are again running their awesome Bush Sprouts holiday programme on 14 - 17 January 2019 and 28 January - 1 February 2019 at Battle Hill Farm forest park. These forest school-inspired nature play days are for 4.5 - 10 year olds who enjoy making new friends and challenging themselves. They make fires, cook yummy food on the fire, do whittling, play in the stream, climb trees, make huts, geocaching, games, bush play and more! Nature School Trust are also running a free 'Go Girls' day on 18 January 2019, funded by the Zonta club of Mana. This is for girls around 8-10 years of age and is all about giving them a go at the Bush Sprouts programme in a super supportive, empowering environment. Please contact Leo Smith [leo@natureschoolnz.co.nz](mailto:leo@natureschoolnz.co.nz) for more details.

## **AFTER SCHOOL FUN CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

The holiday programme runs at Adventure School, Whitby from Monday 14 through to Tuesday 5 February. There are trips such as a cinema visit, Laserforce, bowling and many others. For full details and to book a place visit

[www.asfc.co.nz](http://www.asfc.co.nz)

## **CODECAMP - SUMMER HOLIDAYS**

Primary and Intermediate aged groups held in Wellington, Petone and Porirua in December 2018 and January/February 2019.

CodeCamp allows kids to develop 21st century skills in a fun and action packed environment. Create games, apps & work with robots and electronic building blocks. The cost is \$395 per week for the Holiday Program (from 9am-3pm, Monday to Thursday). For further information visit

<http://codecamp.co.nz/junior-holiday-codecamp/>

## **SQUASH KIDS (MANA SQUASH CLUB)**

Ngati Toa Domain from 14<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019. Phone: 027 276 4433 (Eva) or 0272358335 (Clair) or

email: [squashkidsfun@gmail.com](mailto:squashkidsfun@gmail.com) Quality childcare is

provided in safe surroundings to do the things they enjoy.

They provide squash training daily for those who want it, games and exploring the local surroundings safely, all while providing space and time to relax and unwind in a friendly environment.

## **BOYS SUMMER DANCE WORKSHOP**

Extreme Dance in Paremata Drive, together with the Royal Academy of Dance (RAD), are holding a 2-day workshop, 23 & 24 January 2019, from 9 am – 3.30 pm. The Project B workshop is aimed at boys, aged from 8 – 18 years, and will be led by experienced male teachers to include ballet, hip hop and contemporary dance. Places are limited (cost \$60 for RAD members, \$70 for non-members and \$30 for community card holders) and applications close on January 10. For further information, please contact RAD on 04 382 8924 or email [info@rad.org.nz](mailto:info@rad.org.nz) Application forms are available at [www.rad.org.nz/project-b](http://www.rad.org.nz/project-b)

## **ALLY TODD SWIMMING AT DISCOVERY SCHOOL**

January School Holiday Programme – Fees each week \$80

Swim for 30 mins every day for 5 days:

Monday to Friday 7 - 11 January, 14 - 18 January 2019

or swim for 40 mins each day for 4 days:

Tuesday to Friday, 22 - 25 January 2019

Please complete an expression of interest form at the swimming pool reception or contact them

at [allytoddswimming@gmail.com](mailto:allytoddswimming@gmail.com)

Bookings for the next school term are also welcome

Term starts Monday 28th January.

## **FILL THE BASIN!**

T20 cricket at the Basin reserve on Sunday 6 January 2019.

Cricket Wellington are offering free entry to the T20 matches; The Blaze and Firebirds v the Canterbury Magicians and Kings, on Sunday.

## **SOME IMPORTANT DATES**

### **DECEMBER**

<b>Wednesday 12</b>	School BBQ, 5 – 7 pm
<b>Thursday 13</b>	Rimu trip to Aotea Lagoon
<b>Monday 17</b>	Kauri end of year trip
<b>Tuesday 18</b>	Last day of term. Final assembly 11 am, school closes at 1 pm today. There will be no ASC today.

### **JANUARY 2019**

<b>Thursday 31</b>	First day of school
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### **FEBRUARY**

<b>Wednesday 6</b>	Waitangi Day – school closed
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### **MARCH**

<b>Sunday 3</b>	Papakowhai School Triathlon
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**WE WISH YOU ALL A SAFE  
AND HAPPY HOLIDAY**

