



# Papakowhai School

Learning Together



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Dear Parents/Caregivers

The Ministry of Education have put together a summary of the feedback they received in Term 1 this year about roll growth in North Porirua, particularly Aotea. There is a survey on the Ministry's website that is only open until **Friday 18 August 2017**. I understand this is the final opportunity for consultation. To read the full summary of feedback and to take part in the online survey go to:

<https://education.govt.nz/ministry-of-education/consultations-and-reviews/aotea-north-porirua-future-schooling-provision/>. The Ministry state that a decision will be made in Term 4 2017.

The Ministry identified these options and released them to us on Friday last week. The Board of Trustees have not had an opportunity to meet to discuss them. We are meeting as a BOT on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm. My comments as the Principal of Papakowhai School are in italics.

### Short Term Options

- **Enforce zoning for all north Porirua primary schools:** There will be a review of school zones, including a new zone for Rangikura School, once a final decision is made. *Papakowhai School is not changing its zone for 2018 but we are expecting to reduce our zone for the 2019 school year.*
- **Increase capacity of existing primary schools:** The Ministry are adding additional classrooms to Rangikura School and at Papakowhai School. *Totara Block will be redeveloped and modernised to create four classroom spaces instead of the existing three. It will look similar to Kauri. This work will happen over the summer and the block will be ready to occupy in Term 2 2018. There is no plan to add any additional classrooms after this development.*

### Longer Term Options

- **Option 1**  
Year 7 – 13 provision at Aotea College, in conjunction with creating a new Year 1 – 6 primary school. For this option to be viable a number of schools would need to agree to change their provision to Year 1 – 6.
- **Options 2 and 3**  
**Increase Year 1-8 provision either by creating a new primary school (Option 2) or a new second campus of Papakowhai (Option 3), with development to occur either at/near Aotea College.** Papakowhai's zone would likely be affected in all permutations of this option. If a new, independent school is built, then the Papakowhai zone would likely be changed. This could potentially be to the midway point between Papakowhai and new school site but would need to be determined in consultation with Papakowhai and other affected schools. If a second campus of Papakowhai is built, then Papakowhai's zone would be extended to include all of the Aotea development. It may also be necessary to review the zones of other nearby schools, including Rangikura. Participants also requested information about the second campus option. If a second campus of Papakowhai were created, it would be equipped with its own full set of resources (technology, fields, etc). The survey asks for your preferences on how a second campus should be organised. The sites could be split by student years (a junior campus for Years 1 – 4, and a senior campus for Years 5 – 8), or by geography (in which case each site would offer Years 1 – 8). The second campus would be

managed by the Board and Principal of Papakowhai, and they would determine any additional leadership requirements for the second campus.

*A zone set at a "midway point between Papakowhai and new school site (at or near Aotea College)" would mean a school of 450+ in Aotea and a school of about 150 in Papakowhai. This raises concerns for me about the long term viability of Papakowhai School and difficulties managing an interim period of 3-5 years while a new school is established and built. To rebalance the rolls of the schools a significant proportion of Aotea would need to be zoned for Papakowhai School. The Ministry have not yet had any discussions with Papakowhai School about the second campus option.*

- **Option 4**

- **Establish Year 7-10 middle schooling and Year 11-13 senior schooling**

- This would involve changing the year levels of Aotea College to Years 7 – 13, and creating a Year 7 – 10 middle school campus and a Year 11 – 13 senior secondary campus on the current Aotea College site. The campuses would be configured in a way that provides separation for younger and older students. To create a viable middle school model and address the roll growth pressure facing schools across younger year levels, a number of schools would need to change to Year 1 – 6 to create capacity for future growth.

Kind regards

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## **POWHIRI FOR NEW FAMILIES**

We are going to have a powhiri for new children and their whānau on Thursday 17 August at 9:30am. Parents/caregivers and extended family and friends are welcome to attend and are asked to gather in the staffroom from 9 am. If you were new to Papakowhai School at the start of this term or the end of Term 2 you should have received an invitation. Please contact the office if you did not receive one. The powhiri is for all new children not just our new entrants.

## **READATHON**

Papakowhai School is holding a Readathon for the month of August to raise money for a new projector for our school hall. Recently the Home and School Committee generously donated money for a new sound system. Part 2 of this set up is to have a projector that can show videos, presentations and photos even when the sun is shining and the lights are on. The new projector will link in with the sound system. We need to raise \$7000 to buy the projector and have it installed. We will use the projector for assemblies and presentations in the hall. Children need to keep a reading log throughout the month of August. If you did not receive a Readathon booklet please collect one from the office or email the office to send one to you.

## **ENVIROSCHOOLS**

It was exciting to see our senior pupils planting on the banks at school last week. This is part of our EnviroSchools and Inquiry work. They have made a great start on stopping erosion and beautifying our banks. The children showed fabulous enthusiasm and participation. It was fantastic to be utilising school-made compost with very impressive worm population! This will be an ongoing, long term project for enhancing our natural landscape and creating a lizard habitat. Well done Kauri!



## HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Home and School Committee meeting to be held Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm – please note the earlier time.

**SAVE THE DATE:** A Ladies Christmas Shopping night will be held at school on Friday 3 November from 7 – 9.30 pm. Please make a note in your diary – further details will follow nearer the date.



## SICKNESS

At the moment we have a nasty tummy bug and a persistent cold virus circulating around the school. We would like to remind everyone to wash their hands often to help reduce the spread of these bugs and to keep their child home if they are not well. We would also like to remind parents that the Regional Public Health Department recommends that children are kept home from school for 48 hours after the last episode of vomiting and/or diarrhoea. This is to reduce the risk of the bug spreading to other students or staff.

## PARENT MEETINGS AND PORTFOLIOS

Thank you to all the parents that came to the parent-teacher meetings this week. Rata, Rimu and Totara children need to **return their clearfiles to their teacher by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August**. We would also like all **goal setting sheets for Year 2- 8** children to be returned by the same day.

## FUNDRAISING BAKE SALE

The Papakowhai Stars Netball team are heading away to the AIMS Games in Tauranga for a week in September and are fundraising to reduce costs for the families involved. They are running a bake sale at school, where children can purchase baked goods kindly supplied by Voong's Bakery. The order form has come home today and is repeated on the back of this newsletter. The goods will be delivered to your child's class on Friday 18 August. **Orders must be returned to the office, with payment, by 3:30 pm on Wed 16 August**. Sales are cash only; there is no change available so please send the exact money or any extra will be gratefully received as an additional donation! Thanks in advance, The Papakowhai Stars.

## RECYCLING HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES

Please bring your used batteries to the office. Any queries, please contact Maria Whitehead on [maria.ik.whitehead@gmail.com](mailto:maria.ik.whitehead@gmail.com)

## SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Our first assembly of this term will be held on Monday 21 August at 10 am in the school hall. The classes that will be sharing their work with us are Rata 1, Rata 2, Rata 3, Rimu 6, Totara 2 and Kauri 2.

## GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS

There will be a meeting about Gifted and Talented Education (GaTE) at Papakowhai School on Tuesday 22 August at 7.30pm in the staffroom. Letters of invitation will be sent to the parents of children who are already on our GaTE register but anyone is welcome to attend.

## **AOTEA COLLEGE BARBERSHOP FUNDRAISING SHOWCASE**

Thursday 24th August from 5.30pm at Te Manawa, Aotea College.

Support their winning Barbershop Choruses and Quartets that are heading to Nationals. Gold coin entry.

There will be hot dinner, desserts and drinks available to purchase ... chicken curry and rice, chop suey, cakes, coffee, tea, cold drinks etc. plus a Grocery Raffle, Silent Auctions, great prizes and Entertainment galore. Thank you to the local supporters who have sponsored some of the prizes and auctions, i.e. the Body Shop, Hungry Tiki, the Lavender Room, Pauatahanui Lighthouse Cinema, to name a few.

Sorry no EFTPOS so please bring your cash with you.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

#### **August**

Monday 14

Tuesday 15

Tuesday 15

Wednesday 16

Thursday 17

Monday 21

Tuesday 22

#### **September**

Tuesday 26

#### **Readathon running throughout the month**

Yr 6 - 8 NZ Book Awards trip (for those that have registered)

Yr 7 Boostrix vaccination

Yr 3&4 ICAS Maths paper

BOT meeting, 7 pm, staffroom

Powhiri, 9.15am

Assembly, 10 am, school hall

GaTE meeting, 7.30 pm, staffroom

School Photographs -Rata, Year 8 and teams

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## **PAPAKOWHAI STARS BAKE SALE ORDER FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate how many of each item you require

<b>Item</b>	<b>Price/item</b>	<b>Number ordered</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Mini Mince Pie	\$1.50		
Mini Sausage Roll	\$1.50		
Blueberry muffin	\$2		
Banana choc chip muffin	\$2		
½ doz muffins (please state flavour/s required)	\$10		
Cookie	\$2		
Lolly cake	\$2		

**Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please return form and cash payment to office by Wednesday 16 August, 3.30 pm.**