

Tena Koutou Katoa, Talofa Lava, Greetings to you all,
School has started well, it was lovely to see our students back at school. Classroom programmes have begun and routines put in place. This week our Health and Physical Education Plan is attached to the newsletter. This is also on our website. Feedback on our proposed plan is welcomed.

Meet the Teacher Night

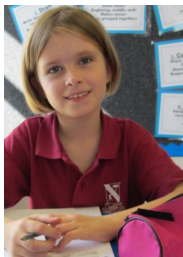
Our Meet the Teacher night will be held on the 21st February from 6.00 – 7.30pm. Further information on this will come out next week.

Stationery for 2017

If you have not purchased your child's stationery yet the packs are available from the Stationery Warehouse, just ask for a Papakura Normal pack. If you are unsure of your child's year level please contact either the classroom teacher or phone the school office. When purchasing any items from the Warehouse Stationery throughout the year please let them know your child attends Papakura Normal School as we receive rewards from them.

Student of the Week

Alyssa Simpson has made a great start to the new year in R26. She said it is her goal to "conquer her fears" this year. Alyssa now brings her togs and participates enthusiastically in swimming, working to improve her confidence and her kicking. In class Alyssa asks questions, shares ideas and settles to work well every day. Alyssa is playing and working with new people. She approaches every day with positive determination. Great attitude Alyssa!



School Leaders

Our 2017 school leaders are Lily Areaiti, Danielle Cope, Jack McWilliams, Mose Milo, Nikau Rangihuna and Abby Weeks. Congratulations!

School Swimming Pool

Swimming has started for all students in year 5-8. All students need to have their swimming togs as swimming is a part of the school curriculum. Given the number of drownings over the summer learning to swim should be a priority for us all.

Year 1 Swimming

This term the Year 1 classes will be swimming on Fridays of weeks 2 and 3.

Year 2 Swimming

The Year 2 classes will be swimming on Friday of weeks 4 & 5. Please remember to send your child's swimming togs and towels (named) in a plastic bag on these days. Please note swimming is part of the school curriculum and our pool **IS** heated.

Year 3 & 4 Swimming

The year 3 & 4 swimming will be held on Fridays from 1.45 to 3.00 pm. Your child will be told when they will be swimming—a timetable will be sent home.

Powhiri

In week 4, on Wednesday February 22nd, at 9.15 am in the school hall, we will have a Powhiri to welcome new staff, students and families to our school community.

School Donations

School Donations paid before 31st March will receive a 20% discount. These can be paid at the office, in cash or eftpos. Any parents wishing to set up regular automatic payments can do this through the office.

REMINDER—School Lunch Eating

There are two breaks during the day. 10 minutes at the beginning of each break is for students to sit and eat after which they can finish their eating or pack away left overs and go off to play. Should you have any concerns around Lunch eating please contact the office.

Reading Together Programme

We will be running our Reading Together Programme this term, starting on 1st March, 3.15 to 4.15 pm, held in the school Staffroom. This is a very enjoyable program designed for parents to help their children with their reading. If you are interested in attending, please contact the school office.

Kiwi Quiz

Our Kiwi Quiz winner is Eli from Room 10! Who is the Prime Minister of New Zealand? The answer is B. Bill English. Congratulations Eli!

Friends of The School

The Friends of the School group will hold their first meeting on Wednesday February 15th at 6.00pm. This will be the AGM meeting to elect officers. This will be held in the school Boardroom. We would love to see some new faces at the meeting.

Year 8 Parent Helpers Camp Meeting

In week 3 on Wednesday 15th there is a camp meeting for the parents who are going to camp with our year 8 students. This is at 6.30pm in the school Staffroom.

Pre-School Visit

Our first Pre-school visit will now be on **15th February**, not 22nd as in our Information Folder. Parents and New Entrant children need to come to the office prior to 9.30 am so we can leave the office promptly. Please do not be late.

Sunhats and School Shoes

Just a reminder that school sunhats are compulsory in Term 1 and Term 4, if your child is to play in the playground. These are available from the school office for \$8.00. Correct school uniform, including black leather shoes or sandals, is also a requirement. Canvas shoes are not an option as they quickly become smelly and tatty.

Kiwi Quiz

Where does the Northern Royal Albatross breed in NZ?

A. Otago B. Kaitaia C. Otago

Name: Room No:

Important Dates

15th February	-	Pre School Visit
15th February	-	Friends of the School Meeting
15th February	-	Year 8 Camp Meeting
21st February	-	Meet the Teacher