

Kia ora koutou katoa whānau / Greetings families,



We have many wonderful children/tamariki at our school and I continue to enjoy the school because of this. It is fantastic for a principal to hear heart warming stories like the one I will share with you.



A new boy joined our school this week and as you will appreciate starting at a new school is daunting for a child. He needed someone with empathy to befriend him and help him to settle into his new school. Marius Wichman (Room 8) stepped up to the plate and took on the challenge with great enthusiasm. Very soon Marius' caring attitude saw the new boy come out of his shell and they were seen talking and laughing as Marius showed our new boy around the school.

Well done Marius you showed the Papakura Normal School Way; I am very proud of you.

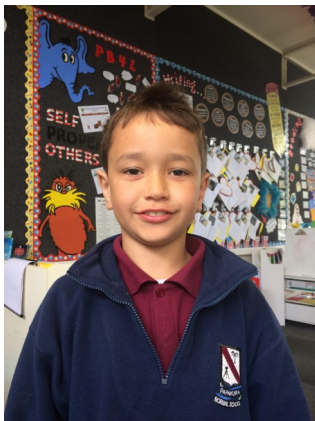
### Introduction of an Honours' System:

A new Honours' System will be established at our school. Ākonga/Learners will be able to collect points towards earning a Merit Badge in any of the following areas: Academics, Citizenship, The Arts, Sport and Service (to the school). Ākonga/Learners will be able to begin collecting points from Year 3. It will be a self-managing system so that your child is taught this important skill; the ownership will fall on them to ensure that they get things signed off as they work to collect Merit Badges in their area of strength. This, in turn, will see our ākonga/learners striving for success. We already have some talented sportsman in the school who have been awarded merit badges in sport.

Children/Tamariki who earn four of the five possible merit badges will then become contenders for the Honours' Badge. To meet the requirements they will need to have earned a Ribbon at some point since Year 3 onwards and a certain number of certificates. The Honours' Badge will see those gifted and talented children strive for success at our school/kura. Only children in Years 7 or 8 will be entitled to apply for their Honours' Badges. I want "striving for excellence" to become a norm for our tamariki/children.

### Student of the Week

Our student of the week this week is Grayson Albie Miratana from Room 10. Grayson has been working very hard in all school work and always tries his best. His writing group has made an awesome book which is now proudly displayed in our class library. Grayson is always happy to help others and works well as a team member. I am very proud of Grayson's hard work in class. Keep it up!



### Cups for End of Year Prize Giving

Can we please have the cups returned to school office as soon as possible so can have them engraved with the names of this years recipients. If they can be polished prior to return would be great. Many thanks.



### Touch Rugby Teams

Well done to our Boys' and Girls' Touch Rugby Teams who competed at Zone last Thursday. Our girls made the semi finals. Thanks to Barry Sutherland, Whistler's dad, who helped out on the day. Well done teams!

### CELEBRATION DAY 30 NOVEMBER

Our Friends of the School need whānau / parent help at Celebration Day. This will entail cooking and serving at different stalls.

Please phone the office on if you are able to help.



### Kiwi Quiz Winner

Our winner for last weeks Kiwi Quiz was Sarah Kim from Room 10. What colour is a Kowhai flower? The answer is A. Yellow. Well done Sarah!

### Kiwi Quiz

What percentage of the earth's water is fresh?

A. 2.5% B. 12.5% C. 15% D 25%

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### IMPORTANT DATES

30th November	- Celebration Day
13th December	- 10am Junior Prize Giving
14th December	- 1pm Senior Prize Giving
15th December	- End of Term 4
30th January 2018	- Term 1 Starts

## Room 11 learn about caring for the meek

As part of their inquiry learning the tamariki/children in Room 11 were required to look after ducklings for a day. They learnt a lot about caring for others and being gentle with the meek. Empathy was the huge learning concept. The three photos show Room 11 ākonga/learners caring for the ducklings. A huge thank you to Mrs P Goundar for bringing the ducklings to school.



Wednesday 1st November  
For 6 weeks  
4.00pm to 5.30pm

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## Year 5 and 6 Inter-house Athletics

1 <sup>st</sup> Place: points	Kauri House – 260	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place:	Pohutakawa House – 256 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Equal:	Kowhai and Totara – 217 points each		



### Papakura High School Open Day

Wednesday 6th December 2017 from 10.00 am – 2.00 pm. Get involved in their subject areas, meet the staff and kaitiaki (prefects), have a tour of the Kura. Kai for everyone. Meet in the school hall 10.00 am. RSVP 1st December 2017 Ph: 2964400.

### Year 8 Graduation Dinner

Our Year 8 Graduation Dinner is being held on Monday 11th December. We will soon give more information on this. Please put this date on your calendars. Please make sure that all Technology Fees are paid prior to this.

**IMPORTANT**