

Kia ora koutou katoa whānau / Greetings families,

Homework

Myth: Homework is a necessary evil

Reality: Meta-analysis has shown that the amount of homework a student does in primary school has no effect on student achievement or progress. The research is not saying that there should be no homework, but if schools are going to set homework (which many parents expect) then the focus should be on the type of homework given. Homework does have more effect on results for secondary school children, but generally students are given way too much. A short time spent practising what was taught that day can have the same effect as one or two hours of study. Professor Hattie says what happens in the classroom is what matters most. Five to 10 minutes practising what was taught at school that day has the same effect as one to two hours studying something different. The worst thing you can do with homework is give young kids projects to do.

<https://npjscilearncommunity.nature.com/users/19748-professor-john-hattie/posts/20734-dispelling-educational-myths>



STRANGER DANGER

Conifer Grove School have reported that a man and woman driving a van tried to get a girl into their van by offering her an ice-cream. The girl ignored the couple and ran home to her parent, she is safe. We are not sure if the man and woman will try again. Please talk to your children about stranger danger and that they are not to get into a stranger's van or car.

Student of the Week

Room 13's student of the week is Alyssa Moore-Williams. Allie is a polite, hard working and self-motivated member of Room 13. Over the past 3 and a half terms, I have been able to see Allie grow as a student and as a person. She strives to do her very best in everything. Allie is starting to gain more confidence in class and she is becoming more outgoing when it comes to group or whole class sharing. We have been extremely lucky to have her in Room 13 this year. Well Done Allie! Keep up the great work! :)



CELEBRATION DAY

30 NOVEMBER

Open invitation for whānau / families to attend.

Time:

10.00 am to 2.00 pm

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 295-0530 if you are able to help.**

PURPLE

As you know, we're always looking for ways to make your life easier, especially around back to school time. So, this year we've teamed up with Purple School. Purple School will be your online destination for all your kids' school needs in one place. Brought to you by some of New Zealand's most loved brands; The Warehouse, Warehouse Stationery, Schooltex and Noel Leeming. In preparation for the launch of this amazing experience, Purple School is giving away some awesome prizes, two for you and one for our school too! Attached is a brochure with registration details.

Kiwi Quiz Winner

Our winner for last week's Kiwi Quiz was Poppy Harris from Room 10. What percentage of the earth's water is fresh? The answer is A. 2.5%. Well done Poppy!

Cups for End of Year Prize Giving

This year we will not be sending the Big Cups home with our cup recipients. Each recipient will be given a small cup to take home and a photo will be taken of the recipient with the cup as a memento.



Kiwi Quiz

When Abel Tasman sighted New Zealand in 1642 he thought it was connected to ... ?

A. Africa B. Europe C. South America D. Australia

Name: _____ Date: _____

IMPORTANT DATES



30th November

13th December

14th December

15th December

30th January 2018

- Celebration Day

- 10am Junior Prize Giving

- 1pm Senior Prize Giving

- End of Term 4

- Term 1 Starts



Counties Manukau Sport

Papakura Fun Run



Free Event
Sunday 19th November
10:00am to 12:00pm

Pulman Park
Walters Road
Papakura

Papakura Local Board
 Auckland Council

3.5 km, 5 km, 10 km
Walk Run Push Bike
 (Biking for children 12 years and under)

Register on line or on the day
www.cmsport.co.nz
 2 x \$1000 sports pack to the biggest groups who register and run the 5km.

To register contact Guy Barton
 E: guvb@cmsport.co.nz
 M: 029 437 1058

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Auckland Library

Looking for fun, free ways to keep your children/ tamariki learning and building their reading skills over summer? Sign up for Kia Māia te Whai - Dare to Explore, Auckland Libraries' summer reading programme for children aged 5-13 years.



Don't miss out! You can register online from 20 November at www.daretoexplore.nz or visit one of our 54 participating libraries. This is a great activity to do with friends, so encourage your child's buddies to come along and join the adventure in English and Te Reo Māori. Fill your children's summer holidays with exciting challenges and take part in the free activities offered at your local library.

Free summer reading adventure at Auckland Libraries for kids aged 5-13.
 9 December 2017 - 17 January 2018
 AWESOME CHALLENGES IN ENGLISH AND TE REO MĀORI
 FUN EVENTS | AWESOME PARTY | MAKE NEW FRIENDS

Find out more 09 397 9209 or visit daretoexplore.nz

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School Caretaker to start in January 2018

Do you have practical handyman skills, the ability to work unsupervised, self-manage, and are security conscious? You need to be honest, reliable, have initiative and be trustworthy. Key tasks: grounds, security, building maintenance, health and safety, gutter cleaning and roof clean. If you are interested, please email office@papnormal.school.nz

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR OUR SCHOOL ROLL 2018

If your child/ren are NOT returning to Papakura Normal School in 2018 please return this slip to the school office as soon as possible. We need to have numbers so we can organise our classes for next year.

Child's Full Name: _____

Room _____

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Room _____