



Newsletter No 1

Principal: Judy Morgan

Papakura Normal School

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2009 school year and especially to families who are new to Papakura Normal School. A term 1 calendar is included on the back of the newsletter. There will be additions, but the main events are here for you to put in your diaries! For our new families, the newsletter comes home **every** Thursday with the oldest Papakura Normal School child. We do have spares in the office, if necessary.

Stationery

A big thank you to parents for purchasing stationery so quickly. All stationery needs to be covered. This is to protect the books and encourage children to have pride in their books and work.

Security

We must ask parents to wait outside rooms to collect children and not in the junior corridor. This is necessary as a child's bag was stolen from the cloakroom outside Rooms 20 and 21 last week by an adult male. Parents watching, assumed was the child's father. It was not. This incident has been very distressing for everyone concerned.

School Uniform

Most children have begun the year looking very smart. Just a reminder that school sunhats and black leather shoes or sandals are required. Sunhats can be purchased at the office for \$6.50. Year 7 and 8 children at technology require closed in shoes for safety reasons.

Bible in Schools

Bible in Schools is for Year 5 and 6 children this year. If you do not wish for your child to participate please send a note to your child's teacher.

Keyboard Lessons

Keyboard and Piano lessons are available at Papakura Normal School again this year. For more information contact Music in Schools Ph 268 1257.

Swimming

Our swimming sports will be held at Massey Park next Friday 20th February. Year 5 and 6 will start at 9.40am and Year 7 and 8 will start at 12.15pm. Mrs Martinovich is looking for all strong adult swimmers to challenge the children in the adults verse children's swimming relay. Please meet Jen at the deep end of the pool at 12.00.

Pre-school Visit

Our first pre-school visit and new parents morning tea will be held next week Wednesday 18th February. Pre-schoolers meet at the office at 9.30am. The morning tea is at 10.00am in the library. All new parents to Papakura Normal School are welcome to attend.

Reporting Absences by Parents

A reminder that a follow-up note is no longer required if the school has been advised of a child's absence by one of the following methods:

a phone call (2950530 Option 1)
a face-to-face explanation
[a report form from the school's website](#) - www.papnormal.school.nz
a text message to the school's 'absence' mobile phone (0272960019)

[an email message to school](#)

All reports should state the student's name and the reason for the absence.

If a child is away from school it is the responsibility of the parent to advise the school prior to 9.30am on the day of absence.

Year 7 & 8 Tech Fees

Year 7 & 8 Technology Fees are now due. This is an actual cost per child to the school and is not a donation. It covers all the costs of materials and transport to Weymouth Intermediate.

Payment Options:

- 1 x payment of \$120.00
- 4 x payments of \$30.00 (payable at the beginning of each term)
- Pay by auto payment weekly, fortnightly or monthly
- Internet banking

N.B. This fee is payable by WINZ for those families who qualify. Please see the office for information.

Ice Blocks

Frozen Juicies will be on sale from next week for .50 cents. They will be sold at 12.20pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The timetable is as follows:

Monday: Year 7 & 8 (from R 1)
Wednesday: Year 1 & 2 (from R 5)
Thursday: Year 3 & 4 (from R 3)
Friday: Year 5 & 6 (from R 4)

Junior Rugby Club

Registration is taking place for the Papakura Wasps Junior Rugby Club on the following dates: Tues 17th Feb 6.00 - 7.30pm, Thurs 19th Feb 6.00 - 7.30pm and Sat 21st Feb 9.00 - 12 noon at Massey Park. For more info phone Larissa on 292 4400.

Lunch Helpers

We require another couple of lunch helpers please to take orders from the children in the mornings in the Hall. This requires about 45 minutes from 8.30am. If you are able to help, please see the office.

Car Pool / Uniforms

If anyone from the Longford Park area is interested in a walk / car pool share, please phone Carleen 296 7566. Also if anyone has and secondhand school T-shirts Size 10 & 12 and Shorts Size 14 please phone Carleen.

Orienteering

Counties Manukau Orienteering Club are holding their summer series on the following dates: Wed 18th Feb at Conifer Grove and Thurs 12th March at Totara Park, Manurewa. Start time is between 5.30pm and 6.45pm. New comers most welcome. Cost \$5.00 per adult, \$3.00 per student and \$10.00 for a family. For more info check out the website www.cmoc.co.nz

Music School

Papakura Music School is taking enrolments on 14th February 9.00am - 12 noon at Mansell Senior School. Papakura Music School provides low cost music tuition and instrument hire for students Year 1 - 8 on Saturday mornings. Phone Scott on 021 950 298 or visit the web site on www.papakuramusicsschool.org

Family Fun Day

The Heart Foundation is staging a 5 or 10km walk / run at Ambury Regional Park in Mangere on Valentine's Day, Saturday 14 February. For further information on Heart Walkers visit www.heartwalkers.org.nz. Cost is free for children and \$5.00 for adults.