



Papakura Normal School

Important Dates

16 Feb	Y7 & 8 Technology Starts
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Bell Times

This term we are trialing new bell times; this is to make more effective use of the school day. This change will be important for parents dropping off school lunches etc. School will begin at 8.55am. Please ensure your children are here in time to be organized for their school day! During the day we will have two breaks of 40 minutes, one at 11.00am and the other at 1.10pm. School will still finish at 3.00pm.

Stationery

We appreciate parents who purchase stationery early; this is a big help to teachers. All stationery needs to be covered. This is to protect books and encourage children to take pride in their books and their work.

Bizzy Bodz

Bizzy Bodz offers before and after school care at Papakura Normal School from 7.00am to 8.30am and from 3pm to 6pm, Monday to Friday. Before care includes breakfast and supervised activities. After school care includes afternoon tea, homework and supervised activities. The programme is CYFS approved and families may be eligible for an OSCAR subsidy from Work and Income. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from: www.bizzybodz.co.nz. For more information or to enroll your child(ren) ring: 533 6344 or leave a message or text on 021 837 236.

Mobile Phones

Just a reminder that mobile phones are not permitted and will be confiscated if they are found at school.

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2010 school year. We hope that everyone had an enjoyable and safe holiday. We would especially like to welcome all of our new families and our new staff. This year we have three new classroom teachers. Miss Helen Chalmers who is teaching in Room 24, Miss Monique Horne who is teaching in Room 11 and Mrs Alison Johnson who will be teaching in Room 10 (Thursday and Friday) with Mrs Katherine Robinson (Monday – Wednesday). We also have a new teacher aide, Deidra Smith, joining our staff. A list of full time teaching staff and room numbers is on the back of this newsletter.

School Uniform

Correct school uniform is compulsory at all times. During term 1 school hats must be worn at all times when students are outside.

Footwear

Parents are reminded that black, leather (lace up / buckle / velcro / slip on) school shoes or blue/black roman sandals may be worn. Please note that there is a distinction between school shoes and sneakers/sports shoes/dress shoes. Year 7 & 8 pupils must have closed in shoes for Technology. Socks are to be either black, navy or white. Please note that socks should not be worn with sandals.

Please note that school shoes do not include sports shoes or canvas shoes. In the event that a child has misplaced their shoes we are more than happy to support the wearing of some form of footwear to and from school; however, unless a child has a medical requirement to wear shoes throughout the day we would expect bare feet during the school day.

Aquatics

Aquatics lessons are alternate days. Swimming instruction and water safety skills make up our aquatics programme. This is our school P.E. this term. It is necessary and very important that children bring their togs and towel for every lesson.

Calendar of Events

A calendar of the terms events will come home with next weeks newsletter. (Just a reminder that newsletters come home every Thursday!)

Absences

If your child is away from school please advise the school prior to 9.20am on the day of absence by:

- a phone call (2950530 Option 1)
- a report form from the school's web site – www.papnormal.school.nz
- a text message to the school's 'absence' mobile phone (0272960019)
- an email message to the school on diannep@papnormal.school.nz

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

Year 7 & 8 Tech

Year 7 & 8 Technology starts in Week 3. Covered shoes need to be worn. Children will be out from 8.30am—2.00pm each Tuesday. Tech will be followed with sports / swimming at Totara Park (this will start Week 2). Tech Fees are now due. This is an actual cost per child to the school and is not a donation. It covers 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.

Update your Phone / Address Details

Parents are requested to advise the office if contact details have changed for the family or any emergency caregivers. Parents can advise any changes using the link provided on our website (www.papnormal.school.nz) or by contacting the office (note or phone call). It is important that we have up to date details in case of an emergency.

Closure of Porchester Road

Attached to this newsletter is a letter regarding the closure of Porchester Road in the coming weeks. Please read it carefully, especially if you live towards Takanini.

TAEKWON-DO KIDS CLASS - ONLY INTAKE FOR 2010

The Taekwon-Do Kids classes that are held in our hall will be accepting new beginners on the following dates:

Monday 1st March, (5-7 year olds) 5.15 - 6pm

Wednesday 3 March (8-10 year olds) 5-6 pm.

Taekwon-Do is excellent for discipline, fitness and of course, self defence. Classes are carefully structured using a special children's program, and all taught by Master Paul McPhail and his assistant instructors. Master McPhail is a 7th dan with 34 years experience in Taekwon-Do. For more information and to enroll your children in the class, please register on-line at <http://www.paulm.co.nz/tkd>. Alternatively you can ring or txt Master McPhail on 021 983 532 or email at pmcphail@itfnz.org.nz. Fees and other information are on the website: www.paulm.co.nz/tkd.