



Papakura Normal School

Important Dates	
23 Feb	Y6 at Sonshine Ranch
23 Feb	Y8 Camp Evening 7pm
24 Feb	New Parents Morning Tea
25 Feb	Y7&8 Nth Counties Swimming

Absences

As many parents are aware there is considerable concern throughout the country with regard to truancy, particularly parent condoned truancy. All schools are required to monitor the attendance of children and to be proactive when it appears children are absent from school without good reason. Papakura Normal School has begun using a computerised attendance register program that easily allows the school to monitor attendance and to quickly identify children who are causing concern. It is very important that the school is advised of the reason for absences when a child is away – if no explanation is received then the child is deemed to have been truant.

Parents please assist the school by writing a note, phoning, texting or calling the school when your child is absent.

Camp

A camp newsletter has gone home to all Year 8 pupils today. The camp information evening is Tuesday 23rd Feb 7pm in the staffroom.

Dear Parents,

Thank you to those parents who made an effort to pay technology fees, it was a very good response and is an enormous help to us.

Information Update

All students should have brought home a sheet showing the information currently held on our school computer. It is important that the information is up to date so that appropriate people can be contacted in emergencies. Kindly check the information recorded – make any changes on the sheet and return it to the classroom teacher as soon as possible. If everything is correct please return the form with a big tick on it!

Preschool Visit

Next Wednesday February 24th we have our first preschool visit for the year and our new parents morning tea. The morning tea is in the staffroom at 10.00am. Parents and children who are coming for the visit need to meet in the office foyer at 9.30am on Wednesday.

Pataka Group

PATAKA (Papakura Takanini Boards of Trustees Cluster) are offering an evening seminar for Prospective Board members. The group is meeting on Wednesday 17th March from 7—9pm at Papakura Normal School. The evening will provide an overview to prospective members on the role of Boards of Trustees. A light supper will be provided.

SAINT KENTIGERN COLLEGE - OPEN DAY Wednesday 3 March 2010 9.30am – 12.00pm

Applications are now invited for enrolment at Saint Kentigern College in 2011. Years 7 and 9 are the main intake years but applications at other levels will also be considered where places are available. As places are limited, please register to attend. Scholarships are available for girls and boys who are currently in Year 8 at a New Zealand school, entering Year 9 in 2011. Scholarships are awarded to motivated students who display outstanding academic, sporting, artistic or musical ability. Applications for Scholarships close on 25 March 2010. **All candidates are required to sit a test on 1 April 2010.** For further information please contact Saint Kentigern College Admissions Phone: 09 577 0703 or email admissions@skc.school.nz

Student of the Week

Student of the Week goes to James Taylor of Room 23. He has had an excellent start to the new year, taking responsibility for his learning and following routines. Well done James!

0800WAGGING

If you see anyone who appears to be truant from any school please phone the District Truancy Service on 0800WAGGING (08009244464) to make a community referral.

Kiwi Kwiz

The winner of our Kiwi Kwiz is Leon Huang of Room 22. The appendix is the part of the human body that does not appear to have a function.

Bullying

Papakura Normal School has zero tolerance of bullying. Often the problem is that people are unaware that bullying is taking place — if we do not know about it, we can't deal with it. If any one becomes aware of bullying, we would encourage them to report the bullying to a teacher, management team member or by using the website report form.

Swimming Sports

Swimming Sports for Year 5—8 took place today at Massey Park. All children participated well. The parents / teachers team won the relay!! Children going on to North Counties on 25th February will be notified shortly. Photos next week.

Parent Teacher Group

Our first PTG Meeting took place last night. Some exciting ideas for the future were discussed. Watch this space for information about Friends of the School".

Kiwi Kwiz

According to the Chinese calendar, what begins on 14th February?

A. The year of the tiger B. The year of the woods C. The age of aquarius D. The age of China

Name: Room: Answer:.....