



# Papakura Normal School

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Important Dates	
3 May	Y7/8 Zone Orienteering
7 May	BOT Elections
10 & 14 May	Year 5/6 MOTAT Trip

Dear Parents,

A big thank you to those who supported us on Anzac Day. Staff who attended were very proud of Papakura Normal School children. They looked good and the behavior was excellent. The school leaders, and in particular our head boy and girl, were fine role models to our younger children and showed why they have been chosen.

## BOT Elections

There will be an election for the Board of Trustees. Voting papers have been posted and need to be in by May 7th. We have six candidates standing for the Board. Mrs Naidu has been returned unopposed as the staff representative.

## Celia Lashlie

I am sure any parents who attended Celia Lashlie's talk on Tuesday night would have found it extremely valuable and entertaining! She also ran a session for teachers on Tuesday and for School Leaders on Wednesday. Lots to think about! Celia Lashlie has written some excellent, very easy to read books, which we are hoping to purchase for our parents' library. The titles of these books, if you wanted to purchase them are: *The Journey to Prison: Who Goes and Why?* and *He'll Be OK: Growing Gorgeous Boys into Good Men*. There is also a website [www.celialashlie.co.nz](http://www.celialashlie.co.nz)

## Kiwi Kwiz

The winner of our Kiwi Kwiz is Chantelle Tuakeu of Room 5. The hummingbird can fly backwards. Well done Chantelle!

## Friends of the School

This week we are thanking our wonderful parents who come every week on a Tuesday and make resources and do things that help to make teachers lives easier. We are so grateful for their help - Natalie Lakai, Geraldine Steed and Valerie Mbono.

Our next meeting for the friends of the school will be a planning meeting. We want to know what parents would like these meetings to be about so we can plan accordingly. If you have any ideas, come along and share them.

## Maori Hui

A Maori hui is being planned for May 20th. Further details about this will be in future newsletters.

## Pupil Placement

We have had some enquiries about how we decide which classes to place children in. I have attached, this week, our policy on pupil placement which I hope will clarify the matter for parents. Having balance is the most important criteria when making up classes, ethnic and gender balance together with a range of academic abilities.

## Union Meeting

The teachers paid union meeting cancelled in term 1 will now be held on May 11th at Ardmore school. The meeting will start at 2.30pm so school will close 1.30pm to allow staff to have lunch and travel to the meeting. Please ensure your children are picked up from school by 1.30pm. as staff will be off site.

## Uniform Sale

We have our school scarves for sale reduced to \$15.00. These are on sale at the office. We also have a few small jackets, probably around a size 8. These can be purchased at the office for \$88.00.

## Orienteering

On Monday 3rd May, our orienteering teams are competing at Totara Park in the Counties competition. The children in the team should have brought home a letter with times etc for competition.

## Keyboard and Piano lessons

Available at Papakura Normal School on Fridays. For more information contact Ken at Music in Schools Ph 268 1257.

## MOTAT Trip

On May 10th and 14th our Year 5 and 6 classes will be visiting MOTAT. They have already brought home notices about this.

## School Donations

Thank you to those families who have paid their school donations to date. This money is used for many things to help your children's learning. These are: providing specialist teachers in music and PE, art materials, photocopy paper, performance group costumes and sport and PE equipment to name a few.

## Reading Together Programme

The first session of the Reading Together programme was held on Wednesday in our school library. This programme is designed to help parents support their children's reading. The Reading Together programme has been operating in New Zealand since 1982 and has proved very successful. If you would like to know more about the programme or participate in the workshops later in the year, please contact the school office.

## Kiwi Kwiz

What animal sleeps with one eye open??

A. A camel

B. A dolphin

C. A donkey

D. A tiger

Name: .....

Room: .....

Answer:.....