



Papakura Normal School

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Important Dates	
14 May	Year 5/6 MOTAT Trip for Rooms 6, 7 & 8
18 May	Friends of the School Meeting
18 May	Y7 & 8 Girls Soccer
20 May	Whanau Hui
21 May	Y7 & 8 Boys Soccer

Dear Parents,

This week attached to the newsletter we have sent home our Papakura Normal School Health Programme inviting comments from parents. This programme can also be found on the school website. We would be very interested in your comments and ideas.

Whanau Hui

A Whanau hui is being planned for May 20th from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. This is the first meeting for 2010 and the theme is "Kotahitanga" or togetherness. Hope to see you there. The agenda is on the back of this newsletter.

Newsletters

This week school closed on Tuesday at 1.30pm. This was advertised in the last two newsletters and yet there were at least 40 children for whom no arrangements had been made. This leads me to believe that parents are not receiving the newsletter. It comes home every Thursday, and is available on our website and from the office. **It is important that parents do read the newsletter as the contents do affect your children.**

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.

BOT Elections

The following people have been voted in as our new Board of Trustees: Andrew Ward, Cory Lowe, Carolyn Harris, Shona Paul and Theresa Roigard. Congratulations to you all - we look forward to the next three years!

Orienteering

On Tuesday our year 7 and 8 orienteering teams competed at the Auckland champs. Mrs Martinovich and I had the privilege of being with these children. Their attitude, behaviour and dress were outstanding. We were very proud of them. David Slade and Kyanna Hetaraka-Rua from year 6 were last minute replacements for children who were sick. Both were fantastic! We are awaiting the results.

Kiwi Kwiz

The winner of our Kiwi Kwiz is Dylan Ngarotata of Room 11. A slug has four noses. Well done Dylan!

Student of the Week

Our Student of the Week this week is Jessey Coughy of Room 7. He has a positive attitude in class, he always tries his best, and he helps to put the computers out every day. Well done Jessey!

Reading Together Programme

The "Reading Together" programme for parents continued last night with a workshop on how to help your children when they cannot read a word or make an error. The final workshop will be held in the Sir Edmund Hillary Library next month. We will hold more "Reading Together" workshops next term. Please contact the office if you would like to participate.

Friends of the School

This week our thanks goes to all the wonderful parents who assisted on the year 5 and 6 trip on Monday, and to those who are helping tomorrow. The response from parents was overwhelming. Thank you so much! Our next meeting for the "friends of the school" will be a planning meeting to be held next Tuesday May 18th at 7.00pm in the staffroom. Unfortunately due to illness, we had to cancel the meeting this week. We would welcome new faces at this meeting.

Farewell

Karen McGehan our Executive Officer, finishes at Papakura Normal School tomorrow. She has worked in the school office for 10 years and will be greatly missed. Her replacement is Catherine White. Catherine starts on Tuesday, 8th June.

Y7 & 8 Zone Soccer

Next Tuesday, 18th May, a number of girls will be participating in the Year 7 & 8 Girls Soccer Tournament, which is being hosted by Papakura Normal School. Next Friday, 21st May, is the Year 7 & 8 Boys tournament. Children participating will have been notified.

Book Fair

The school bookfair is operating in Room 13 through until next Wednesday, 19th May. It is open before school and during the second break each day. Come along and have a look - there are some great buys!

Circus Quirkus

The Rotary Club have once again donated tickets for the Circus Quirkus on Saturday and Sunday, 29th & 30th May, to be held at the ASB Stadium Kohimarama. If you would like to attend please see the office for free tickets.

Keyboard and Piano Lessons

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

Kiwi Kwiz

Which of the following has 3 hearts?

A. rhinoceros

B. pig

C. octopus

D. squirrel

Name:

Room:

Answer:.....