



Papakura Normal School

143 Porirua Road

Important Dates	
20 May	Whanau Hui
21 May	Y7 & 8 Boys Soccer
24 May	BOT Meeting
26 May	Y5/6 Field Day
26 May	Y3/4 Museum Trip

Dear Parents,

Last 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 love to get some feed back from parents on this.

Whanau Hui

A Whanau hui is being planned for tonight May 20th from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. This will be run by our Maori curriculum team. It would be wonderful to see a good attendance. This is the first meeting for 2010 and the theme is "Kotahitanga" or togetherness. Hope to see you tonight.

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.

Winter Field Days

Next week the senior school will be taking part in the North Counties winter field days. Year 5 & 6 have theirs on Wednesday, and Year 7 & 8 on Thursday. They will be taking part in Ripa Rugby, Netball, Soccer or Tapuae. As part of this day, we need parents who are willing to come along and help supervise a team as well as umpire games. If you can help out with the Y5 & 6 field day, please let Elizabeth van der Klip in Room 8 know ASAP, and if you can help with the Y7 & 8 please let Nic Wilson in Room 4 know. Thank you for your support.

Orienteering

Congratulations to Anesha Tate and Sheldon Rua who were both 3rd on their courses at the Auckland champs, and to David Slade and Nicole Kingi who were 4th on their courses. David is a year 6 boy who was a last minute replacement. Our highest placed team was the year 8 girls who were 7th.

Museum Trip

Year 3 and 4 classes have their long awaited trip to the museum next Wednesday. Thank you to all those parents who have offered help; without you it would not be happening.

Student of the Week

Our Student of the Week this week is Jordan Souriyavong of Room 8. Jordan is a co-operative student who shows commitment to everything he does. He is a reliable monitor (Road Patrol & PE) and he willingly helps out when someone else is away. Well done Jordan!

Reading Together

We are offering a catch up Reading Together Workshop on Tuesday 25th May at 4.30 (usual time) in our school library for those who missed the last workshop, which was on the day that school closed early. We are looking forward to our next (and last) scheduled workshop on June 8th at 4.30 at the Papakura Library. In the meantime we hope that parents and families are having fun practicing the concepts of the Reading Together programme.

Reporting to Parents

Parent, teacher and child conferences will take place on Tuesday June 15th. The booking forms will come home with next week's newsletter so watch for them!

Friends of the School

A friends of the school meeting was held on Tuesday night. Thank you to those who attended. It was decided to place a box in the school foyer for parents to place suggestions or question they have about the school.

The next friends of the school meeting will be on Wednesday June 9th. At this meeting we will show parents the new reporting to parents form and explain the information it will contain.

Heart Jam

Next Friday 28th May every class at P.N.S will be joining lots of other schools around NZ to participate in Heart Jam. Heart Jam is a fundraising event to raise money for Heart Children NZ. This organization provides life long support to children with heart conditions and their families. The children have been busy learning the new routine for this event so please give your child a gold coin to bring to school next Friday in support of this worthwhile event. We look forward to seeing everyone (including teachers) take part in this wonderful event.

Y7 & 8 Girls Soccer

On Tuesday some of our Y7 & 8 girls took part in the Zone Soccer Tournament. We had 11 students who participated in the Girls Tournament. Year 8 Girls came 5th overall and Year 7 Girls came 2nd overall. Excellent effort and sportsmanship shown by all.

Book Fair

The school bookfair was very successful and we took a total of approximately \$1,600.00. Thank you to everyone for their support.

BOT Meeting

Our next BOT meeting is Monday the 24th May at 7.00pm. This will be the first meeting of the new board.

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

The winner of our Kiwi Kwiz is Nazaria Di Cecca of Room 6. An octopus has 3 hearts. Well done Nazaria!

Kiwi Kwiz

How long is a human's small intestine?

A. 6-7 metres

B. 1-2 metres

C. 12-14 metres

D. 100 metres

Name:

Room:

Answer:.....