



Kia ora tatou katoa - hi everyone

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KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE
PLEASE DO NOT U TURN IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL

BIG DAY OUT REVIEW

If you received a Big Day Out traffic light review please fill it out and return it. We have received interesting feedback from the children, staff and SOME parents. We want these school events to be safe, engaging, fun and with the right amount of challenge so feedback from the people that were there is important.

REPORTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

Now that goal setting has been completed teachers and children will be working towards these goals. You should have received a copy of the goals and the teacher will have discussed with you how to support your child at home.

The three formal reporting (Goal Setting, Interim Report and Final Report) are all linked to a 'pathway for learning'. Our next formal conference / reporting times are as follows:

Reporting times for all children will be:

- Mid year on 4 & 5 July and
- End of year on 5 & 6 December

Mid year Interim

The child, parent and teacher get together and review progress towards the goals set earlier. The Learning Pathway folder is used to give examples of this along with a written report. Goals are updated and teachers will give an indication of how children are progressing towards their end of year achievement.

End of year Final

The child, parent and teacher get together and review achievement for the year. The Learning Pathway folder and a written report is taken home.

At these formal reporting times throughout the year teachers will give an indication about the children's progress towards, or their achievement against, the relevant national standard.

You are able to discuss your child's progress or achievement with the teachers outside of these times. We ask that you make an appointment by emailing the teacher.

"The purpose of the school is not just to raise test scores, or to give children academic learning. The purpose of the school is to give children an experience that will help them grow and develop in ways that they can be successful, in school and as successful adults. They have to grow in a way that they can take care of themselves, get an education, take care of a family, be responsible citizens of the society and of their community. Now you don't get that simply by raising test scores." Dr. James P. Comer;

In their lifetimes our children will be presented with many challenges, opportunities and decisions. Being able to make good choices will assist them in leading full lives, and in contributing meaningfully, to a well functioning society. PAPANUI PRIMARY SCHOOL VISION

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our school uniform is important because

- It enhances pride in the school and builds a sense of belonging.
- It prevents competition among students as to what to wear to school.
- Uniforms reduce distractions – school is about learning not a fashion parade.
- It allows the school and the public to identify students outside of school grounds.
- It simplifies the 'getting to school' routine for families

The responsibility for wearing correct uniform is with the parent and the child - that's what you sign up for on the enrolment form. If your child is unable to wear correct uniform a note of explanation should be sent to the teacher.

It seems that wearing bright or multi-coloured socks or shoes may be becoming a bit of a trend that we'd like to stop so there will be some checking next week.

SCHOOL DONATION - The donation is voluntary and is tax deductible

The School Donation is an amount set by the Board of Trustees annually (\$60 for a child or \$80 for 2 or more children) to supplement the school's operation grant from the government. It is used to help fund the leases on the children's digital devices - ipads, chromebooks and laptops (some schools expect parents to provide these devices).

The school donation is important income for the school and with the government not increasing school's Operational Grant funding in this year's budget the school finances will be stretched even further.

SCHOOL ACTIVITY FEES

These relate to payments that are made on behalf of your child by the school for activities that relate to the class programmes and the curriculum. These fees are **not voluntary**. The activities are carefully selected by the staff and we endeavour to keep the costs as reasonable as possible. The PTA is also very supportive in reducing these costs through their fundraising.

REGULAR PAYMENTS

A regular weekly payment of just \$5 would cover the average annual cost of stationery, swimming and activity fees for one child at school. This doesn't include the optional extras of touch and basketball, or the Year 5 & 6 camp/activity week. **Add a \$1 for the school donation if you wish** to support the supplying of digital devices.

UPCOMING EVENTS

22-24 March	Year 5/6 Camp
24 March	Junior Sports Day, 10am-2pm
7 April	Senior Athletics
13 April	Cross Country
	Term 1 Finishes

Kia kaha te menemene - keep smiling

Paul

COMMUNITY NEWS

Middle Years Toolbox Parenting Course (6-12yrs) - Monday 6th March – 10th April 2017, 7.00pm - 9.00pm, Bishopdale (venue to be confirmed) - A fun and inspiring small group parenting course for parents of children aged 6-12 years. In six sessions over six weeks, the Middle Years Toolbox is designed to help you stay connected, teach skills and build memories. Make the most of these years while your children still want to be a part of your team. \$75.00 per person and \$110.00 per couple. Ssudies are available. *Free to foster carers, whānau caregivers, adopters, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, and Home for Life Parents thanks to government funding.* For more information or to register contact Kirsten Wyllie 03 379 6053 or email canterbury@parentingplace.nz

Papanui Redwood Football Club Open Day - Sunday 5 March, 10-12pm, Owen Mitchell Park. Girls and boys all age groups. Register now via the club webpage www.papanuiredwoodafc.co.nz