



Kia ora tatou katoa - hi everyone

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WELCOME to the following children and their families who are new to Papanui Primary: Srisma and Samir Pokhrel, James and Emily Carpenter, Xyeen Nyjel David, Jiaxing Tang, Casey Gamble, Tobias Harding, Grace and Jared Knox-French, Holly Robinson, Sebastian Stettner, Tashmari and Engelbert Luiters, Ethanjeams and Sam Rafisura, Bass Russell, Rocki Taylor and Levi-Jay Gordon.

2018

Welcome back to 2018. It has been a later start and strange with a Monday start and then Waitangi Day off but it's all connected to our finish date of 20 December. The schools that started earlier will be finishing earlier in December. We are looking forward to 2018 being an exciting year

Exciting because:

- We are using a Creative Me and a Scientific Me approach to the children's learning.
- In Term 1 we have a two week Dance programme booked
<http://www.dancesforschool.com/face-to-face-nz/>
- we are about to become a Bikes in School school
<http://bikeon.org.nz/bikes-in-schools/>

Last week some of you may have caught a TV One news item in which a Christchurch school principal expressed her views, somewhat pessimistically, on the lack of an immediate replacement for the recently scrapped national standards. National standards was a reporting tool which was added on with a political imperative rather than an educational one. The replacement will involve consultation and will hopefully involve the acknowledgement of progress as well as achievement.

In the meantime all the tests and processes we used to deliver and assess the curriculum are staying the same. At Papanui we are confident of what and how to assess the curriculum and are excited about the opportunity to explore the breadth of the New Zealand Curriculum.

TOUCH RUGBY

All children wishing to play Touch Rugby should have returned their permission slips with payment - **tomorrow will be the very last day**. We are expecting games to begin at McFarlane Park on Wednesday 14 February. Teams will be finalised on Friday and a note will be sent out on Monday.

Each week the draw will be posted on the school's Facebook page once it comes out and a copy will be placed on the wall in the office area along with the team lists. Please make sure the \$30 fee is paid before the first game on Wednesday. Any queries please contact Miranda Sheppard (Rm 3) miranda.sheppard@pps.school.nz or Pamela Marshall (Rm 8) pamela.marshall@pps.school.nz

BASKETBALL Year 3 & 4

This week a notice was taken home by children who are interested in playing basketball. If you support this desire to play basketball please return the permission slip tomorrow as games start next Thursday.

MEET THE TEACHER - Thursday 15 February, h 5:45pm - 7pm

Last year we had a very low turnout of parents at the Meet the Teacher but a great turn out at the Dance Demo so in 2018 we going to combine them! The event will consist of two parts:

- 5:45pm - 6:15pm - visit the classrooms - meet the teacher
- 6:15pm - 7pm - Dance Demo on the courts - a dance by the children in their Pods and then choosing a family member to dance with.

The dance is a part of establishing an inclusive class culture and also as important, The Arts curriculum. If the weather is unsuitable the Meet the Teacher will go ahead but the Dance will not (although we will probably run on the first suitable day IN SCHOOL TIME).

UNIFORM

The children look great in their uniform – thank you. A very big thank you to Karen Browne, Shelley Sutcliffe and Lisa Brunel who ran the uniform sale last week. The uniform shop is open on Mondays after school.

In the run up to the start of school, the cost of schooling was highlighted in the media and uniforms were one area where there was a lot of criticism of schools.

At Papanui, the Board of Trustees is responsible for the uniform and delegate the administration of it to the PTA. All of these people are volunteers and parents. Their aim is to provide simple good quality uniform at reasonable prices. It is supplied from the school so that it's convenient for parents. The PTA also welcome and encourage donations of uniform back so as to provide a more cost effective option. They don't put huge markups on the items and are very transparent with their decisions around prices.

I was really disappointed that a lot of commentary was ill informed and it 'tarred every school with the same brush'. The families of Papanui Primary are very fortunate to have a Board and a PTA who volunteer their time to help provide a great school environment.

REMINDERS

LOST PROPERTY - Please ensure all items of uniform are named clearly. Encourage your child to be responsible for their clothing.

INFORMATION - If any of your details (phone, emergency contacts, email etc.) have changed, please notify the office. This is especially important for emergency contacts.

ABSENCES - if your child is absent please notify the office via the Record an Absence option on 352 8271 or text 027 492 1794 with your child's name, class and reason for absence.

2018 BRASS/PERCUSSION MUSIC LESSONS

Free try an instrument - 1st, 8th, 15th February at 5pm, Papanui High School. For more information, contact Adrian Dalton at norwestbrass@gmail.com or www.norwestbrass.nz - bands for all levels.

UPCOMING EVENTS

15 February	Meet the Teacher and Dance
22 February	Botanical Gardens visit - Piwakawaka and Weka
23 February	Big Day Out, Jellie Park
27 & 28 February, <u>2pm Finish</u>	Parent/Child/Teacher meetings (more details in next week's newsletter)
6 March	Playhouse Theatre
5 - 16 March	Dances for School programme (more details in next week's newsletter)
16 March	Dance performance @ Casebrook Intermediate Hall (prob. 1pm)
12 April	Cross Country - probably at Owen Mitchell Park

There is a handout with today's newsletter detailing the changes to the Cranford St and Fraser St intersection. Starting tonight I've been told - exciting and safer!

Kia kaha te menemene - keep smiling
Paul

'BIG DAY OUT' PARENT HELPERS - Jellie Park, Friday 23 February, 10am - 2pm

We need adult helpers on the trip to Jellie Park to help assist with monitoring the children - children under 8 need a higher child to adult ratio. If you are able to assist please return the slip below as soon as possible.

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I can help supervise the swimming at the Big Day Out on Friday 23 February:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

My Child: _____ Is in room: _____