



Kia ora tatou katoa - hi everyone

No 23

1 August 2019

WELCOME to Maia Church, Ruby-Grace Fowler, Luca Jones, Dante Silbury and Charli Salisbury who started at Papanui Primary this week. We know they will all have a great time learning and making new friends.

REPORTING

There was an excellent turn out this year however if you missed out please contact the teacher.

TEACHERS AWARD

You will be pleased to hear that there will be no more strikes by teachers for the next 3 years (the term of the settlement). A compromise was reached and hopefully the agreement to explore some of the issues raised around workload and conditions of service will result in some positive outcomes for everyone.

The Primary Principals' Award was not settled so negotiations and action will continue but this won't result in the school having to close.

GETTING TO SCHOOL

The tragic death of a six year old girl and the subsequent comments by the coroner led this newspaper article ...

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/114602819/coroner-says-girl-killed-by-rubbish-truck-should-not-have-been-walking-to-school-without-adult?>

Which has created a lot of discussion...

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/114653041/parents-divided-on-what-age-children-should-be-allowed-to-walk-to-school-alone?>

In our newsletter we have regular reminders about getting to school safely but have no policy or guidelines regarding when children should walk to school by themselves. It is very dependent upon the individual circumstances of each family - route to school, age and stage of the child. Below is advice we have given..

SAFETY TO AND FROM SCHOOL

As the weather warms up, more children, especially the older ones, will be making their own way to school. Getting out of the car to walk, scooter or bike is great in so many ways - more exercise, less traffic. However there are some reminders that need to be given:

- *Ideally children should be coming to school with someone and not alone... perhaps another PPS child who lives nearby*
- *Their route to school should be 'walked through' with you first, so potential risks can be identified "sneaky driveways" especially for scooter riders ... and safe places to cross roads and safe places to ask for help are noted etc.*
- *Talk through any "what if ..?" scenarios*

It is important for our children to be alert to potential hazards without being alarmed – a tricky balance to strike sometimes but you know your children well and will match your talk to suit the individuals

POSTPONEMENT OF KAPA HAKA VISIT TO ONUKU MARAE

Our trip to Onuku Marae this Saturday has been postponed due to a tangi being held at the marae this weekend. We will keep you informed of any future visits to the marae.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

This week a check was done throughout the classrooms. This was done as discreetly as possible and no children were publicly identified as not wearing correct uniform - 76% of the children were in correct uniform. Letters have gone home to families.

QE11 UNDERPASS FLOODING

There is a problem with the underpass flooding in heavy rain. A bigger pump is on order but there is no clear date for its installation. However, in the interim, the best course of action if the underpass floods again is to ring the Council call centre directly on 941-8999. Please advise them of the flooding and the urgent need for pumping to occur. Please stress to the call centre this is a health and safety risk and it will be prioritised.

ATTENDANCE and LATENESS

Through the school's own inquiry process and our interaction with our local intermediate and high schools we have been reminded of the importance of children's attendance and punctuality. The good practice around attendance and punctuality starts at primary school. [If you're having trouble getting your primary aged child to school imagine how difficult that will be when they're a teenager.](#)

The majority of our families are great and as a result our average attendance is 94%. However there are a number of children that slip below 90% attendance.

A child missing just one day a fortnight (below 90% attendance) will miss four weeks in a year, and more than a year of school by Year 10. It is important that children develop regular attendance habits at an early age.

Daily attendance is important for all children and young people to succeed in education and to ensure they don't fall behind both socially and developmentally:

- School participation maximises life opportunities for children and young people by providing them with education and support networks.
- School helps children to develop important skills, knowledge and values that set them up for further learning and participation in their community.
- School helps them to make the most of life opportunities.

Children and young people who regularly attend school and complete Year 12, or an equivalent qualification, have:

- better health outcomes
- better employment outcomes
- higher incomes across their lives.

Please make sure your child's absence is Justified and if you're having any issues getting your kids to school contact the class teachers or me.

I will be contacting the families of those children whose attendance has slipped below 90% for Terms 1 & 2. There will be two different letters

- one is a FYI (For Your Information) raising an awareness of a child's absences
- the other is raising a concern - this may relate to the amount of absence or a pattern.

If you receive a letter and you wish to discuss any matter relating you can give me a call, drop me an email or I can do a home visit.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tue 30 & Wed 31 July

Thursday 29 August

Friday 30 August

Reporting to Parents (school closes at 2pm)

Grandparents' Day

Daffodil Day

Kia kaha te menemene - keep smiling

Paul

COMMUNITY NOTICES

(Disclaimer: We in no way endorse or otherwise any notice placed in this section. It is purely an information section for public notices)

1. Parenting Week

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PARENTING WEEK

The Belfast Community Network is thrilled to host this FREE Parenting Week Event with Pio Terei on Monday 9 September. Our thanks to Belfast Rugby for providing their venue for the event! A small supper will be provided by our community! Tickets will go quickly so please get yours on the link below.

Entertainer Pio Terei shares his heart, his stories and a huge amount of practical parenting knowledge. Pio is one of the best loved entertainers in the country and this show combines songs, stories, videos and great parenting ideas. As a co-creator of the widely popular Building Awesome Whānau, Pio focuses on positive solutions and shares vital messages about happy, healthy family life in a way that really 'clicks' with the audience.

Suits parents of: All Ages

PIO TEREI – The Parenting Place

Much loved comedian, actor and singer Pio Terei MNZM, has made a career out of using his talents to charm and delight audiences across a host of TV shows and live performances. A two-time NZ Film Awards Best Comedy Performer, Pio's work has taken him across the breadth of Aotearoa where he has met many interesting characters.

Pio has been part of the Parenting Place whānau since 2002, presenting his now well-known Parenting with Pio Show, and more recently playing a lead role in the development of Building Awesome Whānau. Through his shows and speaking engagements, Pio continues to spread the message that with aroha, we can all be awesome, loving whānau

Pio Terei – The Parenting Place

Monday 9th September, 7pm – 8.30pm

Belfast Rugby Clubrooms, Sheldon Park, 18 March Place, Belfast

Hosted by Belfast Community Network

FREE - but please reserve your seat through Dash Tickets

<http://www.dashtickets.co.nz/tour/1019>

For more Parenting Week info go to <https://nht.org.nz/parentingweek/>

VOLUNTEERS

Could you give a little of your time to the very young in our community. We at **Cotswold Preschool and Nursery** is looking for help from our local and wider Christchurch community. We are a small not for profit community based preschool in Bishopdale and have been operating for 52 years. We are run by a committee of parents and are looking for people to join our committee outside of our current families. If you would like to help out children from 0-5, and be involved in volunteer work for the local community we would love to hear from you. We are looking for people to help us with marketing, budgeting, information technology or just your knowledge of being a business owner. If you can help us or would like to know some more information please contact Della Dunnill on 0275597675 or 3597675 love to hear from you.

Kidsfirst Kindergarten Papanui

57 Bellvue Ave, Papanui, Ph 352 9484

Enrolments are open! 20 Free hours for ages 2 to 5 years!

Sessions: 8:30am to 12:30pm or 8:30am to 2:30pm

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3 days a week+

Get
4 days a week

Get
5 days a week

GINA WILSON IS COMING TO CHRISTCHURCH

Do you have a concern for your child's health, learning or behaviour? Then you won't want to miss this one-day only presentation!

Gina Wilson (BHSc, B'Ed Tchng, ND, DipHerbMed) is a Naturopath specialising in health, learning and behaviour; Nutrition Consultant; and Biomedical therapist. Gina works with children to improve their overall health via nutrition, natural supplements and education.

There aren't many health professionals in NZ who have the depth of knowledge and ever-developing, up to date information in this field as Gina and we are fortunate to have her visiting Christchurch to present here for the very first time!

Gina's presentation offers practical help and covers:

- The importance of the gut and its effect on the body and brain
- Fussy eating and what you can do
- Poor sleep, some of the reasons why
- Constipation/ diarrhoea and how to address these
- Suggestions of some basic supplements and why they may be needed e.g. zinc, magnesium, b-vitamins
- Common nutritional deficiencies that may contribute to ASD/ADHD behaviours
- Environmental toxic exposures that may contribute to ASD/ADHD behaviours
- Lifestyle habits that may contribute to ASD/ADHD behaviours
- How to identify underlying triggers for children's behaviour (including anxiety and low mood) and learning problems
- How to address these causes so the child can thrive, concentrate, and learn with ease.

Location: St Albans School, Christchurch

Time and Date: Saturday 31 August 2019 from 10am – 12noon

Cost: \$25 per ticket

To register interest (or for any queries) email Kate Wood by **Friday 5 July 2019**
biomedicshealth@gmail.com

Spaces will go quickly so don't hesitate to register your interest ASAP

KĀKANO

Parenting app trial

We are looking for parents who want to learn more about parenting and how to support their tamariki to cope with 'big' emotions.

You will also need to:

- Have children aged from 5-12
- Own a smartphone, laptop or tablet
- Have regular WIFI access
- Have an email address
- Have at least one child at one of the participating Ōtautahi/Christchurch schools.



What is Kākano?

Kākano is a website designed to support positive relationships within a family/whānau and provide parents with engaging information and skills to support and enhance their parenting. Kākano means 'seed'. Week by week Kākano supports whānau to grow a strength such as kindness, fun or gratitude. It also offers a range of on-the-spot advice for times when things are challenging. Kākano draws on the best evidence available to help parents support their children and manage stressors and emotions in positive ways.



Interested?

Follow this link and answer the questions ...

<http://tiny.cc/kakano>

All participants go in the draw to win a family trip to Hanmer Springs!

Information for Study Participants

Who are we?

We are a team of researchers led by Dr Lucy D'Aeth from CDHB and Prof Sally Merry from University of Auckland funded through CureKids. Kākano is based on research and feedback from parents whose children sometimes find it difficult to regulate their emotions. Now, we are ready to see if Kākano can effectively provide positive parenting strategies.

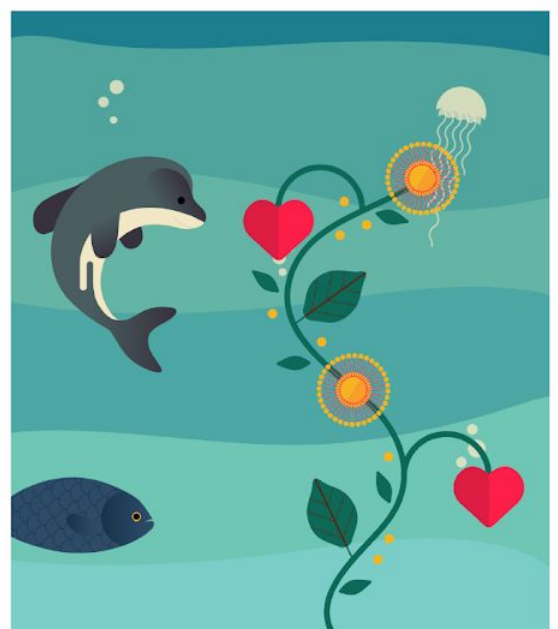
What will the study involve?

The trial will run during Terms 3 & 4 of 2019. Participants will be need to:

- Complete online pre and post surveys to help measure how effective Kākano is
- Use Kākano for a period of 4 weeks
- Use Kākano at least once per week during this period.

You should also know:

All information collected in the study will be confidential and no one except the research team will hear your opinions. The information will be stored securely at University of Auckland for a period 6 years and eventually destroyed. No material that could identify you will be used when we write up the study. A copy of the research report will be made available to you.





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For Ages: 5-12 yrs

No Prior Experience Required



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166 Waimairi Road : Sundays, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
460 Papanui Road : Wednesdays, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
303 High St, Rangiora: Tuesdays, 4-5 pm



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