



Kia ora tatou katoa - hi everyone

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WELCOME to Jamie Cunningham and Max Williams who started school in Room 10 this week. We know they will have a great time learning and making new friends at Papanui Primary.

A.N.Z.A.C. Day

As ANZAC day fell in the holidays we will have our commemoration service tomorrow at 11am (just after morning tea break). Any family members are welcome to attend. Children are welcome to wear any family medals and any children in Keas, St John etc. may wear their uniforms. These children will make up a Guard of Honour.

PROPERTY WORK

The building team working in Korimako have done an amazing job and the children will be moving back into their space next week. There are a couple of items that will be completed outside of class time.

CHANGES TO REPORTING

A Ministerial [review group](#) on curriculum, progress and achievement, set up to develop new ideas for primary schools after national standards were abolished in 2017, wants parents to get real-time digital information about their children's learning instead of traditional reports

The review group is chaired by a former Ministry of Education official who led the development of the current school curriculum in 2007, Mary Chamberlain.

In a "[conversation document](#)" which is already public, it asked: "How can we shift from reporting to parents and whānau as a twice-yearly 'compliance' activity to ongoing information sharing with ākongā [students], parents and whānau?"

The document also asks: "How might the national curriculum work together with other influences to guide curriculum decision making at the local level?"

The group says it wants to ensure that all schools have the tools they need "for curriculum building at a local level" and have support "to determine and respond to local priorities".

The original 2007 curriculum included scope for schools to develop their own local versions of the curriculum, but the idea was superseded in practice by a strong emphasis on literacy and numeracy during the years 2011-17 when they were the only kinds of learning measured by national standards.

While we are awaiting the outcomes of these reviews we have been looking at our assessing and reporting procedures.

We have decided to trial replacement of the traditional L&P Files (blue clearfiles) with Seesaw Reporting and the use of children's books and physical work. We believe the advantages are

- Assessments when they happen - authentic real time assessment
- A range of media - recordings, video etc
- No lost or non-returned L&P Files
- Cumulative record - can be printed upon request
- More efficient and more manageable workload for teachers
- More child voice

The Seesaw App has been used by teachers before but this year we will be changing the way we use this so that the posts will start to include an assessment focus rather than just a sharing element.

The staff are growing their understanding and use of Seesaw so you can expect to see this change and develop over the year.

Change in education is ongoing and one of the factors contributing to the workload and pressure that teachers face. A big part of the Teachers Award claim is increased release time (a 15 minute a week increase was offered - this would be enough time to do one reading assessment on one child!).

INDUSTRIAL ACTION

Unfortunately there hasn't been a lot of progress at the negotiation table. Last time we were able to keep the school open but unfortunately this time we had two after school professional development sessions that staff were committed to.

PAID UNION MEETING - Monday 6 May

The NZEI has called for another Paid Union Meeting to consult teachers about their Collective Agreement that expired in June 2018. Under section 26 of the Employment Relations Act (ERA) 2000, two paid union meetings are an entitlement for all union members.

Classes will operate as normal until 1pm. Children can be picked up at 1pm although there will be supervision over the lunchtime 1pm -1:30pm. All children need to be picked up by 1:30pm

BASKETBALL

We have now confirmed three teams for the year 5 and 6 basketball competition at Bishopdale YMCA in Terms 3 and 4. For this to work we will need to have parents who are prepared to help manage the teams on the night. Please contact the School Office or email paul.kingston@papanuiprimary.school.nz if you are able to assist with this. The fee will be \$70 and **must** be paid prior to the first game on Thursday 9 May.

THANK YOU - Tracee has offered to manage the girl's team on Thursday nights.

Thursday 9 May

4:30	Papanui Pirates v Cotswold Cavaliers	court 2
5:30	Papanui Pythons v Paddy Juniors	court 2
7:00	Papanui Pandas v Cotswold Comets	court 2

RAMADAN

For Muslims one month of fasting in a year is called "Month of Ramadan". This year it starts on Sunday 5 May and continues until the evening of Tuesday 4 June 2019. It is compulsory for healthy Muslim adults. Children start learning to fast from about 7, starting with half days.

Fasting is one of the 5 pillars of Islam. Fasting is practised mainly to learn self-control and to build empathy for hungry people but also involves achieving control in:

- mind to learn patience, perseverance etc
- emotion to avoid greed, jealousy, selfishness etc
- manner to avoid bad manners
- nature to develop loving, caring nature towards the needy, hungry people around the world
- temper to be pleasant, loving and cool towards everyone



We have a school and a society with increasing diversity so it is important to learn about other cultures and religions so we build our understanding and tolerance.

NEW SCHOOL FEES ADDED TO STUDENT ACCOUNTS

Air Force Museum Trip	Junior School	\$8
Playhouse Theatre Performance	Whole School	\$5
Basketball (Due by 9 May)	Year 5/6	\$70

The school's preferred method of payment is 'Kindo', on our website under the 'School Shop' tab or cash/cheque to the School Office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 16/Friday 17 May

Friday 7 June

Tuesday 11 June

Air Force Museum Trip


CREATIVE ME - art evening at school, details to follow

Playhouse Theatre Performance

Kia kaha te menemene - keep smiling

Paul

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS



SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

School trustee elections are coming up.

Step forward for our schools ✓

Contact your school for a nomination form or learn more about trustee elections

@ trustee-election.co.nz
0800 353 284
electionsadvice@nzsta.org.nz

What is a school board of trustees?

Almost all state and state integrated schools in New Zealand have a board of trustees. School board membership includes parent representatives, a staff representative, a student representative (where there are students above year 9) and the principal. Your board may also include other types of trustees. Contact your school for more information on the composition of your school's board.

Who can become a trustee?

Parents, caregivers and people from the wider community can put their name forward to be on a school board during the board of trustee elections.

What do trustees do?

The board is accountable to its parents and community and for student progress and achievement. Here are some specific things a board does:

- Sets the strategic direction and plans for the school and monitors the school's progress against them.
- Monitors and evaluates student progress.
- Oversees the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum and administration.
- Ensures that the educational needs and aspirations of Maori learners, Pasifika learners and learners with special learning and behaviour needs are identified, planned for and met.
- Fulfills the intent of the Treaty of Waitangi by valuing and reflecting New Zealand's dual cultural heritage.
- Appoints and supports the principal and assesses their performance.

What skills do trustees need?

Trustees are active leaders in their schools and need to work well in a team, ask challenging questions and have good communications skills. Boards need a balance of skills and experiences around the table to ensure effective processes for planning, monitoring, reporting and reviewing of the school's performance are in place.

What help do school trustees get?

New Zealand School Trustees Association provides free advice around employment and governance, support and resources. NZSTA also provides a variety of professional development opportunities for trustees.

Overcome Daily Stressors Through Emotional Regulation



Do you feel stressed by daily hassles?

- Do small things annoy you for a long time?
- Is something often bothering you?
- Do you experience road rage?
- Is it easy to find something to complain about?
- Do endless household chores like cleaning and cooking feel overwhelming at times?

Stress caused by daily hassles may seem trivial but when accumulated it can have detrimental effects on health, sleep and relationships. With emotional regulation it is possible to take control of your emotions and to change your responses; even with seemingly uncontrollable emotions like stress. Attend this workshop to learn skills to minimise the experience of negative emotions, and enhance your experience of positive emotions in order to improve your health and happiness.

This workshop provides the opportunity to:

- Reduce stress through changing the way you think about and experience daily hassles
- Learn skills to regulate your emotions and increase happiness
- Make valuable changes triggering positive outcomes in many areas of your life

Facilitated by Christina Bond, Intern Psychologist, BA, PGDipHSc, MBM

Christina is driven by her desire to help people lead happy and healthy lives. She has worked in the mental health sector since 2011 and currently works with children aged 10-18 providing individual therapy. Christina's personal and professional development workshops offer evidence-based research information and strategies to support people to make positive behaviour changes.

Monday 6 May 2019

5.45pm - 7.45pm

**Habgood Lounge
Lincoln Event Centre
Meijer Drive, Lincoln**

Tuesday 7 May 2019

5.45pm - 7.45pm

**Belfast Community Centre
710 Main North Road,
Belfast**

**Register now at
mherc.org.nz**

\$15 per person

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