

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We have had a fantastic start to the Term with an outstanding ANZAC Assembly. It was wonderful to hear that our visitors from the RSA always look forward to joining our Assembly as it is so special.

The Board is beginning a Strategic Review and will be holding a Strategic Review Planning meeting for all who wish to attend on **Tuesday 18 May** at 7.15pm in the Hall. Please refer to the insert in this Newsletter for additional information.

Please remember that we will host our second school performance **'Wok and Wal' tomorrow Thursday 6th May**. If you have not paid your child's performance fee your child will need to pay \$4.50 if you wish them to attend.

We recently sent out a survey to gather feedback re being able to make online bookings for future PTP Interviews. Of the returns received, 93% of parents wished for an online booking option to be made available. This provides a clear mandate to trial this option for the Parent, Teacher, Pupil Conferences on **23 and 24 June** this Term. Please do not be concerned if you do not have access to the internet at home. There will also be an option to book interviews through the school, as you have done in the past. Information on how to book an interview time will be sent home closer to the actual interviews.

I would like to thank you all for the wonderful support given to our recent Samoa Mufti Day Book Appeal. Over 600 books and \$260 were collected from school by the Rotary Club of Papamoa on Monday. They were thrilled at the wonderfully generous response from our school community.

Special recognition and congratulations go to Hamish Avery who has been awarded a BayTrust Scholarship. The Scholarship recognises both Athletes and Coaches and aims to support and assist Bay of Plenty sporting talent to achieve on the national and international stage and coaches to develop new skills that can be delivered back to the community. We are thrilled that Hamish has received external recognition for all his work.

Finally, a handy hint for improving learning from "Help Your Child Succeed at School" by Andrew Fuller  
**How much Television viewing should I allow my child to watch if I want them to succeed at school?**  
 "There is growing evidence to suggest that any TV

viewing for children under the age of two impairs their ability to concentrate. As children develop, a small amount of television viewing is positively associated with academic achievement. A nine year old shouldn't watch more than one and a half hours per day. A thirteen year old shouldn't watch more than one hour a day. Bad news for those of you with older children! At 17 years of age the optimal amount of TV viewing is half an hour per day.

While there is no real evidence on the amount of time spent playing computer games, it is a good idea to keep televisions and computer out of children's bedrooms."  
 Regards - Phil Friar (Principal)

### Board of Trustees Election News

Nominations closed at noon on Friday 23rd April. Three valid nominations were received by our Returning Officer Mr Malcolm Blow for the 3 advertised vacancies. The following nominees were therefore duly elected;

**Mrs Delwyn Cloughley**  
**Mr Wayne Cockburn**  
**Mrs Anna Swindells**

**The Board would like to thank Mr David Broomhead** for all that he has offered during his tenure. David has officially stood down from the Board on the declaration of the New Trustees taking office.

### Board of Trustees Strategic Review Planning Meeting

This plan is an important building block to move forward with in the coming years. As parents of our school community your input into this process is very important. To gather your feedback around key discussion areas we are holding a school community meeting on **Tuesday 18 May at 7.15pm in the School Hall**.

An invitation letter was posted to all families on Monday of this week **Please complete and return the attendance slip, or phone the school Office re your attendance by this Friday 7 May**.

### Kapa Haka News

On **Friday 7 May** our senior school Kapa Haka will give a 10 minute performance at 2.00pm. Following this there will be a whanau meeting which we hope you will be able to join us for. Thank You. **Sara Phillips** (Teacher - Room 25)

### Upcoming Events



**Cross Country:** Next week sees our annual Whole School Cross Country on **Thursday 13 May** at Gordon Spratt Reserve, starting shortly after 10:30am. If you able to help at all with setting up the course, marshalling, or recording please contact Mr Avery in Room 23 or Mrs McLeod in Room 15. (Please, no dogs at this event. Thank you.)

**Book Fair** Starting **Tuesday 25 May**. A fantastic opportunity to secure some amazing book bargains, whilst supporting our school. All items will be displayed in lunch area outside Rooms 1 and 3 before and after school. More details to follow.

**Numeracy Information Evening: Tuesday 15 June** at 6.30pm. Keep this date free - more information will be available closer to this date.

### Congratulations!!!

**Water Polo Term 1:** Congratulations to the following students who were recognised at assembly last Friday:-  
 Year 3/4 Player of the Season : **Liam F**  
 Year 3/4 Player of the Season : **Rose E**  
 Most Improved Player (All grades): **Hana M**  
 Winners – Year 5/6 A Grade – Term 1 **Pap. Patriots**  
**WBOP Squash:** Congratulations to **Keegan M** who has been selected for the WBOP Squash team to compete at the National Under 11 champs.

**Uniforms:** As the cold weather approaches, please ensure your children are wearing the correct uniform (no colourful tights or tops visible under uniform), and shoes are worn to school. If you require more uniform the shop is open (next to room 2) from 8-9am every Monday. *We have a few 2nd hand polar fleeces and trackpants available from the office.*

**Absentees:** If your child/ren will be late or absent, please phone our absentee line before 9.00am on **542-3261**, leaving a brief message, detailing name, class and reason for absence.

**Sports Draws:** Netball and hockey draws will be displayed on noticeboard every week—as there are too many to publish! Good luck teams for your games this weekend.

**Entertainment Books:** These great voucher books are once again for sale through Papamoa School's PTA. A sample copy is available to view at the office. Order forms are being sent home with this newsletter if you wish to order.

## Community Notices



### "THE LISA FARMINER FAMILY FUNDRAISER EVENT"

As a community school, we ask that you help us in supporting this fundraiser on **Saturday 5 June**. Lisa and Rob have three children (one currently a pupil and the other 2 who are ex-pupils of Papamoa School). We hope you can support us by ...

\* Coming along to our evening on **Saturday 5 June** (Live band, auction, and entertainment) tickets from \$50 per seat;  
 \* If you are a business - donating an item for our auction;  
 \* by making a donation to 06 0301 0048809 001 (J Todd) or leaving in "Lisa's Box" in the office.  
**Please pick up further information from the school office, or phone Tania on 542-3362 or 021-644-722. Thank You.**

- **Papamoa Swimming Club** AGM Prizegiving 23 May at 3pm in the Papamoa School Hall. Swimmers please bring a plate.
- **GIRLZ.COM** - New group for girls aged between 10-12 years old. Each Friday night at Sports and Recreation Centre, Papamoa. 5.30-7.00pm cost \$2 per night. Information available from school office or to enrol phone Angela on 542 0455. Spaces are limited.
- **BOP Rugby Holiday Programme:** 12-13 July 8.30am-3.00pm \$30 per child for years 3-8. For further details phone Sport Bay of Plenty on 578-0016 (ext 805) or further information is available from the office.
- **Parenting for Success** courses starting soon. For parents of under 11 year olds a course of 6 weeks (\$20) is starting Tuesday 11 May from 12.30-2.30pm (free child minding available) at Tauranga Plunket Rooms; and an evening course from 7-9pm at Relationship Services, 9 Brookfield Terrace. Enrol by Friday by phoning 576-8392.
- **Introductory Yoga Weekends** 8 & 9 May and 15 & 16 May. Single class \$5, 2nd class or friend free. 9am, 11am or 2pm at 64 Tara Rd. Places limited register by phoning 021-1878539.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Thurs 6 May** Wok and Wal Show
- Wed 12 May** Inter-school Amazing Race  
Maths Books home
- Thurs 13 May** School Cross Country  
Fun Run (Karewa)
- Mon 17 May** National Young Leaders conference  
Arts Festival Starts through to 28 May

#### Term Dates:

- Term 2: 19 Apr-2 July;
- Term 3: 19 Jul-24 Sep;
- Term 4: 11 Oct-12 Dec.