

From our Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers

I would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone, especially those new to the school. Please keep the "fridge" calendar included with this Newsletter so you can check on upcoming events. Newsletters are sent home fortnightly on Wednesdays. They are also available from our school website www.papamoa.school.nz

There have been two staff changes over the holiday break. Mrs Sara Phillips has moved to Matapihi and Mrs Sue Amos has won a job at the College. I have very much appreciated all that both Sara and Sue have done for the school over the years and wish them all the very best. We are pleased to welcome Mrs Mel Lowe back to the staff this term to teach in Room 24.

We are also thrilled to extend the learning opportunities offered this year by introducing **Learn to Swim Lessons** this term. Mr Mike Le Coq has been contracted to provide these and will be selecting students to participate this week. This is a wonderful opportunity and if the program is successful we will investigate how we are able fund the program so that it can continue.

In addition to this new learning opportunity we will continue to run Reading Recovery, Literacy Tutor Groups, Rainbow Reading and Accelerated Learning in Maths options as well as GATE [Extension] sessions and more specialised Mathematics Accelerate Classes. You will be advised if your child has been selected to participate in these programs.

We operate an open door policy and encourage you to come in and talk to us. In so saying, we ask you to do this outside of class teaching time. If you need to address a more formal matter, please follow the protocol below:

Should you have a query or complaint; please approach the appropriate staff member in the first instance.

If there is no resolution; contact the Syndicate Leader:-

Karewa - Jeanette Biddick. Jeanette.Biddick@papamoa.school.nz **Tuhua** - Liz Southey. Liz.Southey@papamoa.school.nz

Motiti - Carolyn McCracken. Carolyn.McCracken@papamoa.school.nz

If the matter is still unresolved; contact the Syndicate Manager:- **Karewa** - Wayne Whitaker. Wayne.Whitaker@papamoa.school.nz

Tuhua - Jenn Whitehead. Jennifer.Whitehead@papamoa.school.nz **Motiti** - Grant Edgar. Grant.Edgar@papamoa.school.nz

If after this there is continued concern, please contact me directly, by phone or email P.Friar@papamoa.school.nz Any matter that cannot be resolved can, as a final step, be directed [in writing] to the Board Chairperson - Mrs Delwynne Hahunga.

Our school uniform is compulsory. It is imperative that all clothing is named. We gather an embarrassingly large pile of unclaimed uniform items during the year, and cannot find homes for those without names. Your child must wear the uniform sun hat this Term as the school enforces a 'no hat no play' policy during Term 1 and Term 4.

We will be holding 'Meet the Teacher' afternoons at **3.00pm on Tuesday 14th for Karewa, Wednesday 15th for Tuhua and Thursday 16th February for Motiti** parents. Please keep the relevant afternoon free so that you can attend and meet those staff who will be teaching your child/ren this year. While it would be ideal if you are able to attend, the information presented during the afternoon will be sent home. You are also most welcome to make an alternative time to meet your child's teacher by phoning the school directly.

KiwiCan sessions will be offered again this year and we welcome Jay and Cam our KiwiCan leaders to the school. KiwiCan will begin in week 3. All Year 1-2 students will have 30 minute sessions and year 4-6 students 45 minutes sessions once a week.

The staff and I look forward to the wonderful opportunities for learning and teaching this term brings. We hope you will be able to share in some of them with us. We will start the school wide activities with the Triathlon on Thursday 16th February and would love you to come along and join in either as a helper or spectator.

Regards
Phil Friar (Principal)

School News

We hope you like the new layout of our newsletter this year. A huge thank you to Eddie and Cathy Booth of "Designbooth" for organising the new layout and to all our sponsors who advertise on the newsletter. Of course our newsletter is available online for viewing or downloading at our website at www.papamoa.school.nz. If you wish to receive your copy via email please click on the registration button on our newsletter page.

Stationery: All students will have received an invoice for stationery and school fees yesterday. Please attend to these as soon as possible (Payable in our conference room – the old dental clinic).

Walking School Bus: Due to families moving out of the area last year, we now need new volunteers to assist in this valuable service by walking to or from school ONE day a week. Please support us, by phoning the office to leave your name or see Jen Whitehead for further information. PLEASE, WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!!

PTA News

Welcome to all new families who have joined our school. We are always on the outlook for new faces to join our friendly group of parent helpers.

GALA – Saturday 24 March. Make a note of this very important date when our school community comes together for a great day of fun and fundraising! We would love to hear from you if you can help out in any way or a company who can help with any sponsorship or prizes. Our first Gala meeting is tonight at 7pm, if you would like to attend, please contact Helen on 027-282-6869

Sports Notices

Papamoa School Triathlon: Thursday the 16th February is the 8th annual Papamoa School Triathlon, involving students from year 3-6. Please ensure your child has everything organised ready for the big day including: - bike and helmet, togs, covered-in shoes, and water bottle. Bikes can be dropped off on Thursday morning on Simpson Reserve, and event clothing /shoes can be left on the tennis courts where the transition areas will be set up. The triathlon will start shortly after **9:15am**, with a prize giving at 10:30am, and the postponement date is set for Thursday 23rd February **Mr Avery would really appreciate any parents willing to help either during the event or early on Thursday morning to set up the course. Please contact him in Room 19.**

Flippaball (Junior Water Polo): The league runs from **Sunday 19th February through until Sunday 1st April.** It operates 4 separate divisions, year 3, year 4, and a year 5/6 A and B Grade. The only pre-requisite for safety reasons is that all players have a high level of water confidence and can comfortably swim 1 length of the pool (25m) unassisted.

If your child is interested, please collect a form from the office or see Mr Avery in Room 19 or by email on H.Avery@papamoa.school.nz

Water Polo: If your year 5/6 child is interested in playing in a new Primary Schools Water Polo Competition being held at Windermere Pool on Friday afternoons, please collect the information from the office or see Mr Avery in Room 19 or by email on H.Avery@papamoa.school.nz

Girls Cricket: If your year 5/6 female student is interested in playing in the WBOP Girls Cricket Tournament on Thursday 15th March, please contact Mr Avery in Room 19 or by email on H.Avery@papamoa.school.nz

Ripper Rugby : Papamoa School is looking at entering teams in the Year 2, Year 3/4 , and Year 5/6 divisions of a Thursday evening Ripper Rugby Module being run by the BOPRU at Grenada Park, Arataki. Please collect the information from the office or see Mr Avery in Room 19 or by email on H.Avery@papamoa.school.nz.

Community Notices

- **Papamoa Swimming Club:** Learn to Swim registrations Wed 1 Feb and Thurs 2 Feb 3.30pm-4.30pm. Bring togs for an assessment. Enquiries phone Shannon 027 6971435
- **Art Classes with Sue Douglas** now held at Papamoa School. Commencing Tuesday 7 Feb. Weekly lessons available 3-5pm Tuesdays and Wednesday. Eight lessons for \$20 or discount for payment in full. Limited places available – ph Sue on 542-2680.
- **Piano Lessons:** from Concert pianist and teacher Mr Lee Cameron. A few vacancies for the young and not so young. Please phone 572-1664 for availability. (Lessons held in Royal Palms Papamoa).
- **Helen o Grady Drama School.** Classes for 2012 starting soon at Papamoa. Develop confidence, social skills and confidence. Ph 576-4400 or email hogradybop@yahoo.co.nz.
- The Gymnastic Academy – professional coaching for all ages and abilities. Email marie@gymnasticacademy.co.nz or phone 572-0724.
- Papamoa **Scout Group** – commencing 13 February 2012. Boys and Girls from 6-8 (Keas); 8-10 (Cubs); 10-14.5 (Scouts) – one free month membership to all interested youth. Monday nights at Papamoa Surf Club – phone Sub on 548-2843 or email projectc@xtra.co.nz for further details.
- **Rhythm Kids Dance classes** conveniently right here at the school! For further details check out the timetable and on-line enrolment at www.rdc.net.nz or phone 5788780. Classes start week beginning Monday 13 February. Discount if enrolled & paid for before 6 February
- **Mudslide Day** (Scouts NZ) – Sun 26 Feb 9.30am-3.00pm. Bruning Farm, Omokoroa Rd (just off SH 2 Omokoroa. Great fun day out for all the family – be prepared to get dirty (showers available afterwards!) Only \$10 per entrant (all funds to Scouts NZ).
- Kia ora Papamoa community, Just a note to let you know we now have Kindy sessions (and other flexi options for 0-5 years) available at our lovely spacious centre across the road from your school. You are welcome to come along and visit, we will be offering play and stay days every Thursday. 9.30-11. Come and join us for morning tea at **ABC Papamoa Beach**, 90 Parton Rd, Papamoa on 5423136.
- **Coast Kids** - Before and after school and holiday programmes. Phone Karla now to secure your position on 542-3777 or go to www.coast.kids.co.nz
- **YMCA** After school Care. Phone 578-9272 or go to www.ymcatauranga.org.nz for more information and bookings.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wed 1 Feb	Newsletter Home
Mon 6 Feb	Waitangi Day (public holiday) NO SCHOOL
Mon 13 Feb	Kiwi Can begins
Tues 14 Feb	"Meet the Teachers" afternoon (Karewa – Yrs 1-2) at 3.00pm
Wed 15 Feb	"Meet the Teachers" afternoon (Tuhua – Yrs 3-4) at 3.00pm
	Newsletter Home
Thurs 16 Feb	"Meet the Teachers" afternoon (Motiti – Yrs 5-6) at 3.00pm
Thurs 16 Feb	Papamoa School Triathlon (Yrs 3-6) 9.15-10.30am

Term Dates for 2012

Term 1: 31 Jan to 5 April

Term 3: 15 July to 28 September

Term 2: 23 April to 29 June

Term 4: 15 October to 14 December