



# Papamoa Primary School

## Pupil/Teacher/Parent (PTP) Conferences

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We believe our PTP conferences are a wonderful opportunity to review the goals your child set in Term 1, share progress to date and also discuss next learning steps. In our journey towards building student ownership we are helping our students understand where they are at in learning and what they need to work on next. As part of this process we hope to increase the involvement of students in our PTP conferences. Therefore we provide the following information to support you in understanding what changes you can expect or prepare for.

#### What are PTP Conferences?

A PTP conference is an information meeting run by the student for his/her parents whilst being supported by his/her classroom teacher. The meeting is entirely focused on the student’s most recent learning and achievement, and highlights our belief that there is a clear link between a student’s ability to talk about their learning and the actual progress they make.

*“If the focus is to be kept on learning, and the ownership of the learning with the child, then the best person to talk about the learning is the learner”*

*“Not only is the student the best person to tell their parents what they have learnt, but if we believe that students build their knowledge by communicating what they know, then providing an opportunity for students to tell their family what they know can significantly assist with that learning” (Absolum, 2006)*

#### How do they work?

Conferences will last up to 15 minutes. Each child will have a guideline that they will use to support their conference. You will be involved in:

- Looking at samples of learning
- Talking about goals and what your child, you and the teacher might do to support the goals
- Reviewing previously set goals

#### What will I need to do to support my child?

| Before PTP Conference  | PTP Conference Day  | After PTP Conference   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Book a conference time online</li> <li>• Read your child’s written report to gain an understanding of what they can do and what they need to work on</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attend the conference and listen – your child will do most of the talking</li> <li>• Your child will discuss:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Where they are at in relation to expected levels of achievement</li> <li>-What their next learning steps are</li> </ul> </li> <li>• As a parent/caregiver please:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-prompt to support your child if necessary</li> <li>-enjoy the opportunity to see your child in his/her learning environment</li> <li>-celebrate your child’s progress</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to celebrate your child’s success</li> <li>• Support your child with their next steps/goals</li> <li>• Ask questions that demonstrate your value for what they are learning and why</li> </ul> |

We are excited by these shifts towards building greater student ownership.