

Papakura Intermediate Newsletter

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~ Kia ora ~Greetings ~ Talofa lava ~ Malo e lelei ~ Kia orana ~ Fakaalofa lahi atu ~ Talofa ni ~
Ni sa bula vinaka ~ As-salāmu 'alaykum ~ Namaste ~ Kamusta

We want to welcome our new students and families to the Papakura Intermediate whānau. It was lovely to see many of you at our powhiri on the first day and throughout the week as students have returned to school. We look forward to connecting with you throughout the year. We also welcome a number of new staff members to #TeamP.I.; Mrs Peautau (Deputy Principal), Whaea Van (Assistant Principal), Whaea Jo (Kaino Whānau Leader and Team 1 Teacher), Mrs Bentley (Team 5 Teacher), Mrs Arora (Team 8 Teacher) and our new Learning Assistants; Matua T, Whaea Mile and Miss Fotu-Moala. Thank you for choosing us! This year we have the Kaino Whānau and the Mansell Whānau, each whānau is made up of 5 classes. At 8:30am every morning all core teachers are in classes so feel free to call in for a visit or a brief chat with your child's teacher, but we do ask that you respect their teaching time which begins at 8:50am - 3pm daily. Outside of those hours you can either send an email or call into the school office to leave a message.

Uniform and stationery

Our school uniform can be purchased from SAS in Papakura. It is important for all students to come to school in full school uniform and black covered shoes or sandals (this does not include slides, crocs or jandals). There are a number of Y8 students arriving with the incorrect shoes or uniform. All school stationery is free for our students, therefore you do not need to purchase anything.

Student Leadership and Study Clubs

Our vision is to be a **'home to innovative learners and leaders'** therefore we provide ample opportunities for students to explore/experience/step up into many different leadership roles and make the most of the study clubs that are on offer. If your child expresses interest in joining a study club, a letter will be sent home asking for your signed consent for them to engage. As our study clubs take place before school 8am - 8:40 and afterschool from 3pm - 4pm with the exception of MATES that runs until 4:30pm.

Cultural Groups

Our Kapa Haka, Samoan and Tongan groups will be starting this week. If you would like to help out with any of these groups, let us know and no doubt the group leaders will reach out and touch base with you.

Congratulations to: Skylah Tupaea, (Y8) Athena Wilson (Y8), Sarah Mafileo (Y8), Ana Manu-Kelly (Y8) & Angel Murray (Y7) for representing Counties Manukau Softball in the U13's Girls grade in Wellington over the weekend and taking out the comp becoming our first champions for 2024. These girls are now officially North Island Regional Champs. We are so proud of your efforts.



Ngā mihi, Ms King (Acting Principal)