



Panui 3

19th March 2020

Business as Usual - Covid-19 Update

At this stage, we are not expecting widespread school closures. We are planning for temporary closures, like what is happening at Logan Park School in Dunedin but as the World Health Organisation has confirmed, the risk to children remains low and whānau should continue to send their tamariki to kura and Kohanga Reo as well as early learning centres.

Consequently any decisions about school closures will be made on a case by case basis. In the meantime, unless students are unwell themselves, then we urge that all whānau keep sending your tamariki to schools as these environments continue to be safe and the best place for them to continue their learning.



New Board of Trustees Members

I would like to congratulate and welcome **Wairangi Nuku, Donna Pompey and Kereama Romana** as our school's new members on our BoT. They all bring a lot of skills and attributes that will assist us with developing and achieving our schools strategic aims each year. It is awesome to have a full board now. I would like to thank our 3 current members for the hard work you've done this year, doing the many jobs that make our kura run smoothly. *Ngā mihi nunui ki a koutou.*

Ardmore School joining our Kahui Ako



We are very pleased to announce that Ardmore School will be joining our Kahui Ako. It is great news for us as we have more expertise at the table as well as more of a diverse pool of tamariki and whānau within our kahui. We are currently working on our shared Vision and our strategic aims that will benefit all of our kura. We are looking at developing areas such as culturally sustaining pedagogies, localised curriculums and attendance support to name a few. This roopu has been great to share local issues as well as developing local solutions through collaboration and sharing ideas.

School values - Aroha, Manaakitanga, Rangatiratanga

Aroha - love, compassion, empathy

Manaakitanga - respect, kindness, generosity

Rangatiratanga - leadership, self-determination, self-management

These are the qualities and attributes we want to instil in all our tamariki at KPC. A sense of pride and the knowledge that they can achieve to their full potential. Here at KPC we believe that the home/school partnership is essential in teaching these values.

Teacher Only Days Term 2

We will be holding 2 ToD's in Term 2 which will coincide with Queen's Birthday weekend with the school closed on **Friday 29th May and Tuesday 2nd June**. We will be doing a Health and Wellbeing workshop with staff on Friday and all staff from our Kahui Ako schools will be working at Papakura High School looking at our strategic aims.

Pick up and drop off times



Please remember whanau that our kaiako's day does not end at 2.45pm. They have hui, professional development and their own whanau commitments. All students are to be collected by 3pm each day.

Chill Out at the Papakura Leisure Centre has a great before and after school care programme and also drop off and pick up at our kura.

Papakura Leisure Centre
09 298 6852

School Pool

Our school pool is now closed. As the weather has become a lot colder in the mornings and with Covid-19 present in Aotearoa we have decided to close our pool a couple of weeks earlier than usual. We also need to do some maintenance on the pump which has caused us some problems with cleaning the pool this year. Hopefully by the end of the year during Term 4 we will have this problem sorted out and our tamariki will be swimming in nice clean and clear water.



Some things to talk about to your Tamariki

Toilets - these areas are not for playing in. We have experienced high levels of vandalism in our toilets across the kura. We have had to get Plumbers in to unblock them which costs us a lot of money to fix.

Lateness - Please make sure that your child / ren are arriving at school on time everyday as some tamariki are missing vital messages and learning when they are brought to school late.

Manners and Respect for themselves and others - There are some students that need to learn to be kind and friendly to others. It is important that ALL students are respectful of themselves and others and use manners at all times.

New Uniform Jacket Arriving Soon

We have confirmation that our new school jackets will be arriving in the next two weeks. This will be the last piece of our new uniform. We are looking at various options for payment and our Board of Trustees is looking at making a discounted price for the first jacket purchased by whānau. When we receive the first batch we will have examples in the school office to view and jackets available to purchase. As soon as they arrive I will send out a photo of them. The approximate cost at the moment will be about \$60 though as stated above this could change with the Board discount as well. Please **do not** purchase the Polar Fleece from the Uniform Shop as this is being phased out.

School Leadership Camp

Last week our Year 7 & 8 students went to Awhitu to Leadership Camp. The focus of the camp was to develop their leadership potential. We are now hoping that our Tuakana will come back and play a crucial role in setting a positive tone within our kura in all areas. We will continue to work with this cohort and look at other areas where they can assist us to implement positive behaviour. We will also meet with this group when we need ideas to strengthen programmes and processes within our kura. An amazing opportunity for tamariki and a huge thank you to Whaea Lujoe, Whaea Frances and Whaea Lenore for your organisation.



Breakfast Club

Thank you for the responses we received for the Breakfast Club. We are happy to share that we have had three whanau members who have volunteered to help run our Breakfast Club. We have also been fortunate enough to receive support from the KickStart Breakfast Program run by Fonterra and Sanitarium. We have decided to start the Breakfast Club in Term Two. Further details will be available later this term.



If you have any patai regarding anything that is happening in our kura please do not hesitate to come in and have a korero with your tamariki's kaiako. They are available everyday from 8.15am or after school from 2.45pm.

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Kootuitui ki Papakura Newsletter



Summer Learning Journey

Congratulations to the students who worked through Summer Learning Journey activities over the 2019/2020 summer holidays. This is an online blogging programme linked to the SLJ website that offers literacy-based activities for students. There were 90 active participants across the 5 cluster schools, who posted a total 910 blog posts. Special congratulations to our prize winners: *each school has their own*.

[Invitation to connect with Kootuitui ki Papakura](#)

Kootuitui ki Papakura Homes strand is currently looking for parents of our schools to become volunteers.

Are you passionate about helping your community? Would you like to join a fun team? Have you got spare time?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, come along to a Kootuitui Whaanau Volunteer recruitment day on Thursday 2 April 2020, 10am - 2pm at Red Hill School.

Any questions or to register contact:

Jan Piahana: Whānau Engagement Facilitator

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[Zonta Women's Day Rose Awards](#)

Kootuitui Whaanau were recognized for the work they do in the community providing educational workshops, house assessments and installations through financial literacy, Warm, Dry, Healthy Homes and chromebook programmes for parents by parents.

