PAPAKURA Intermediate
Home to Innovative Learners and Leaders

Principal's Korero

Kia ora koutou, warm greetings to our Papakura community, Parents, Caregivers, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, whānau and our tauira. Ko Amber King - Savage (Tupaea) tōku ingoa. He uri ahau no Te Tai Tokerau ki Ngāpuhi.

Welcome back if you join us from last year and welcome to P.I. to those who have joined us this year. We hope you enjoyed your summer break making memories with your loved ones. Our staff have already been into school for a few weeks engaging in professional learning, planning and preparing learning programmes and spaces for this year so be sure to pop in and meet your child's teacher if you haven't already. This term we welcome Matua Q - Teacher in Team 9, Whaea Janice - Teacher in Team 4, Whaea Dida - Teacher in Team 7, Matua Dom, Matua Doni and we welcome Whaea Jane back to the whānau.

2025 SCHOOL TIMETABLE

This year our school day **begins at 8:30am** and finishes at **3:10pm except for Thursdays.** On Thursday school closes at 1pm and staff engage in professional learning. Our timetable now consists of four Learning Blocks and three 20minute breaks.

8:30am - 11am	11:30am - 12:30	1pm - 2pm	2:20pm - 3:10
Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4

Term DATES

1	28 Jan – 11 April	2	28 April – 27 June	3	14 July – 19 Sep	4	6 Oct – 12 Dec

School uniform can be purchased from: The Uniform Shoppe SAS Sport, 28A Wood Street, Papakura. Contact: 09 299 8412. All students are required to be in full school uniform everyday. This includes black covered shoes. Crocs, slides, or any other coloured shoes are not acceptable. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately before they come to school.

PHONES: Phones are not permitted in classes or during learning times. If your child needs to carry a phone they need to be handed in to the office at the start of the day. No exceptions. Phones will be confiscated if they are not handed in.

BIKES/SCOOTERS: If you ride a bike or scooter to school, **you must bring your own bike/scooter lock** to secure them during the day.

WHĀNAU MEET AND GREET - Thursday 13 February 5 - 6:30pm

Save this date in your calendars. Come along and meet your child's teachers - bring the kids, enjoy some kai, share your voice, check out our learning spaces and get a feel for what we are about at Papakura Intermediate.

ATTENDANCE AND LATENESS

Classes open at 8:00am so we ask that students don't arrive to school before 7:45am.
We are aiming for 90% attendance this year - we want every child at school, every day! If you are needing support or are having difficulty getting your child to school, please discuss this with the class teacher. You can also contact Mrs Coppins (Attendance and Engagement Administrator) attendance@papakuraintermediate.school.nz

If your child arrives to school after 8:30am they need to sign in at the office first before going to class. Regular patterns of lateness will be monitored and require whānau support meetings.
If on the odd occassion you need to pick your child up early, please go to the office and sign them out. The adult signing them out will need to be named on our school system to do so.

BREAKFAST CLUB AND SCHOOL LUNCHES

Breakfast Club is held in Food Tech (Meredith 1) every morning from 7:45 - 8:25am.
As part of the Ka Ora, Ka Ako lunch programme students receive lunch everyday that is made onsite by Painga. Lunch is eaten in classes after the first break at 11:20am. After the second break at 12:50 fruit/snacks are provided for students and eaten in class.

SCHOOL GATES

The school gates are electronic. They are scheduled to open between the hours of 7:30 - 8:45am and 3 - 3:30pm.

Outside of these hours, please use the intercom at Gate 1 to make contact with the office and the gate will be opened for you. **For this week only they will be open from 7:30 - 3:30pm.**

2025 HEAD LEADERS

In W3 - Monday 10 February we will be announcing our Head Leaders for 2025.

This process was started at the end of Term 4 last year.