



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 taura. We have had an amazing start to the year and have hit the ground running. Our staff were well planned and prepared and our students have started the year strong. On the first day of term we launched our Term 1 Inquiry - Ahikā which stems from our overarching inquiry of 'Keepin' it Lit'. Ahikā originates from the idea of keeping the fires burning once they are ignited. This term is about igniting those fires and activation. The activation of our Kaino, Mansell and Hogan Whānau Groups. The activation of our Kākanō classes which are founded on a philosophy of connection and building relationships. The activation of 5 student councils; Culture, Curriculum, Kaitiaki Te Taiao, Kaitiaki Tangata and Whānau. These are just some examples of the exciting things we are igniting this term. Watch this space.

Whānau Evening

We hope to see you all at our **Whānau Evening on Thursday 13 February at 5pm**. The purpose of this evening is to come in and connect, share the aspirations you have for your child, get a feel for what we are about at P.I. and visit learning spaces. You will also be able to visit the Hearing & Vision Hub that we have onsite that is operated by Painga Project. Whaea Sarah and her team will be more than happy to screen any whānau for hearing and vision free of charge. Be sure to lock that date in and we look forward to seeing you.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT - 2025 HEAD LEADERS

**Head Leader
Seth Solomons**



**Head Leader
Fa'asavala Faletui**



**Deputy Head Leader
Samridhi Verma**



**Deputy Head Leader
Belinda Pongipongi**





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NOHO PŌ – Class Sleepovers – Week 8, 9 & 10

As part of this terms Ahikā inquiry each class will be having a sleepover at school. This is a great whanaungatanga experience for our students and their kākano teachers. A key part of this experience is having every class learn how to lead the whakatau (welcome) process where they will whakatau the next class in after them. Having our students learn and lead this process is important as it is tikanga here at Papakura Intermeidate. Each class will also be allocated a budget where they will make decisions on a menu, do their own shopping and cook their own kai. If you would like to help out on the night or have any questions please feel free to contact your child's teacher. There will be more information closer to the time.

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

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WHAT YOU CAN WEAR AND BRING TO SCHOOL

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 all 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.

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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

Block 1

11:30am - 12:30

Block 2

1pm - 2pm

Block 3

2:20pm - 3:10

Block 4

Term
DATES

1 28 Jan -
11 April

2 28 April -
27 June

3 14 July -
19 Sep

4 6 Oct -
12 Dec

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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.

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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.

