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Dear Parents,
Greetings to all of you as we move through a very busy Term Two.

‘GROWING GORGEOUS BOYS INTO GOOD MEN’

Well over 50 of our parents took the opportunity to listen to Celia Lashlie last week at Kelvin Road School. Her topic of expertise is about boys and their place in the family, especially their relationship with their mothers. With her ‘earthy language’, good humour and real life stories she was able to take everybody present with her on that topic. Some key points:

- Boys love doing deals—they love payback.
- Boys

communication is 90% non verbal.

- Silence means they are thinking about the process.
- In order to grow up emotionally, boys have to grow away from their mothers. Mothers need to step back.
- Boys are intuitive.
- Begin teaching boys from an early age about actions and consequences. If they take that action, this will be the consequence.

The School will have two copies of Celia Lashlie’s DVD and these will be made available on request to parents. Alternatively, they can be purchased at \$20 each from Celia Lashlie (address available from the office). The Papakura Achievement Initiative (PAI) is planning to arrange

for Celia Lashlie to work with teachers later this year.

ABSENCES/ LATENESS

Thank you to all our parents who phone in to let us know where your children are when they are away from school. Our Attendance Officer can spend up to 2-3 hours every morning phoning parents to check on where children are. You can help us to make sure your children are where they are supposed to be—with you or with us! Please parents, make use of our answer phone service and help us out.



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *BOT Elections*
- *PTA*
- *Travel Wise*

Fun Fact

The average 4 year old child asks over 400 questions a day



TRUANCY

If you notice school age children ‘wandering’ around the streets or outside playing during school hours please phone Papakura Truancy Services on 800WAGGING (0800 9244464)

SCHOOL COUNCILLORS

Our senior student leaders have begun setting up activities for all of the pupils during the lunchtimes. Last week they held a disco for the juniors during the lunch hour and on another day there were courses set up for skateboarders, roller blades and scooters. Mr James and Miss Walker also showed that they can mix it with the best.

HEAD COUNCILLORS

Our two School Head Councillors were named at last Monday's assembly. Congratulations to Carol Muodza and to Jeremy Collins.



PTA COMMITTEE

Thanks in no small way to Mrs Jacqui Everett's 'Situations Vacant' newsletter, there was a pleasing number of parents who stayed on for the PTA Meeting. Officer holders elected were Mr Cameron Fairweather (Chairperson), Mrs Lee Wickers and Ms Jenny Campbell (Secretaries), Mrs Vivienne Karakia (Treasurer). We look forward to the PTA supporting our students and staff and you, our parents, supporting our PTA over the next year.

NETBALL

The Saturday morning competition is now under way. A big thankyou to our coaches, team managers and umpires and to Miss McLeod and to Mrs Beever—our School co-ordinators. Our School also won the award for

having the best banner following the parade of all teams.

BLOGS ON LINE

We are gradually moving into the 'blogosphere'. To date 8 classes have their blogs underway, while our School librarians have also developed their blog. Class blogs are available to students and parents to keep up to date on classroom events and happenings. Your child will have access details. The Library blog is libraryopaheke.blogspot.com



TRAVELWISE

Opaheke is a Travel Wise School. We encourage you to walk your children to and from school as it:

- Helps improve your child's fitness and health (and yours too).
- Gets them to arrive at school awake, alert and ready to learn.

- Keeps the school gate area clear of parked cars so it is safer for everyone.
 - Saves fuel.
 - Helps your child to become familiar with their community and to learn road sense skills.
- If you live outside of the School area and need to

use your car to get your children to and from school how about parking on say Opaheke Road and walking the last 3-400metres. Mrs Peagram is adding leaves (one for each child who walks to school) to our Travel Wise tree in the hall.

IF I HAD TO RAISE A CHILD AGAIN

I'd build self esteem first and the house later.
I'd finger paint more and point the finger less.
I'd do more connecting and less correcting.
I'd take my eyes off my watch and watch more with my eyes.
I'd care to know less and know to care more.
I'd take more hikes and fly more kites.
I'd stop playing serious and seriously play.
I'd run through more fields and gaze at more stars.
I wouldn't walk by you, I'd walk beside you.
I would not only listen, I'd hear what was said.
I'd do far more hugging and far less bugging!

CONSIDERATE PARKING

Some of the School's neighbours on Tasman Drive have complained about parents who are parking their vehicles inconsiderately nearby. Parents please think about the effect on others.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

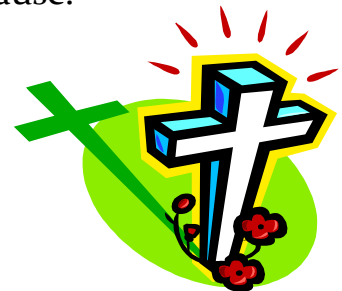
A reminder that these voting papers are to be posted to School or dropped off at the office no later than this coming Friday. We would urge all parents/caregivers to record their votes and return voting papers.

There was a good turn out of adults for the combined PTA/Meet the Candidates and there are 8 candidates for the 5 parent positions on the Board. Together with the Staff Representative - Mrs Glennis Williams and the Principal, these 7 people will constitute the next Board of Trustees.

ANZAC DAY ASSEMBLY

Last Monday week, 26 April, our School had a special ANZAC assembly, hosting a visiting speaker from Papakura RSA. Some students from Yr6 Rms 5 & 6 also prepared items for all of the School students and teachers. The annual Poppy Day collection raised \$260 for returned

service personnel requiring special health and support. Thank you parents for your support for this worthy cause.



QUOTE

When ideas fail, words come in very handy.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe



Community Notices

1. Drury Football - Last few spaces available for ages 7-12. No experience necessary! Contact Angela Ph: 297 7483
2. Caregiver needed for a 4 year old boy from term 3 till the end of the year. This involves up to 4½ hours 3 days a week. The child would be cared for in your own home and would involve drop offs and pick ups to and from Preschool. If you are interested please contact Karen on 2983707.

COMING EVENTS

Fri 7 May	Yr 7 MMR talks (Mumps, Rubella inoculations)
Thur 13 May	Last day to vote for parent representatives on next Board
Mon 17 May	Counting of votes for Board of Trustees
	7.30pm PTA meeting in staffroom. All parents/caregivers welcome.
Tues 18 May	Board of Trustees Meeting
Wed 19 May	Coca Cola Netball Competition
Wed 26 May	Yr5/6 Counties North Winter Sports Field Day
Thur 27 May	Yr7/8 Counties North Winter Sports Field Day

Quiz: Which is the odd one out?

Cube
Square
Sphere
Cylinder
Octahedron

Best wishes

Murray Wratt

Principal

Answer to Quiz: A Square—a square is 2 dimensional the others are 3 dimensional