



Dear Parents, Whānau and Caregivers



Nau mai, haere mai, A very warm welcome to the following students and their families who have started at Paparangi School this week.

Uenuku (y1)	Alyssa McDonald, James Dougherty, Ioane Futi, Cooper Walmsley
Pounamu (y2/3)	Fialii Futi
Rakau Nui (y4/5/6)	Sanele Futi

**A Big Environmental Welcome!!**



We have kicked off term one with a new crew for our Enviro-group. Our new group are Matire, Keira, Hera, Elena, Tyla, Finn, Roy, Logan, Jemima, Ella, Luca and Sebi from Rakau Nui. This term we also have groups from Pounamu working in our gardens and Uenuku caring for our trees.

We are very excited for our **first Enviro-day of the year on Monday 26th March** - we'll be gardening, designing and landscaping and caring for our school gardens. Please send along a small bucket and spade (named) with tamariki and dress in appropriate clothing that you don't mind getting dirty. We find the children love mucking in and getting messy! We will be clearing out the sand pit so we will need all the tools we can get! We appreciate involvement from family and whanau too, so if you are keen to get stuck in, come on down!

The school is also participating in **Earth Hour** activities in the lead up to the official event on **Saturday 24th March**. Over the next week the children will be finding out about even more ways we can help our environment. Parents are welcome to find out more information about this themselves at <https://www.earthhour.org/>. We would love for your family to get involved in this event.

*Loreece Vesty and Liz Daniel, Enviro Team*

## Implementing an Enrolment Scheme

Paparangi School, along with other local schools, are consulting with each other and the Ministry of Education (MOE), to implement new or review existing enrolment schemes. For the past four years, Paparangi's enrolment rate has been increasing at a rate above average. Future housing plans in our area indicate about 1000 more homes could be built over the next 20+ years.

Therefore we need to manage new enrolments carefully to mitigate potential overcrowding, so every student has the opportunity to learn in the best conditions possible. An enrolment scheme defines a home zone for the school. Students who live within the home zone have an absolute right to enrol at the school.

### What if I live outside the home zone?

Students currently enrolled at Paparangi School are not affected by the implementation of an enrolment scheme, regardless of where they live. However, if your family lives out of zone or moves out of zone, any younger siblings will be classified as out of zone and cannot be enrolled.

A school with an enrolment scheme may still have the capacity to take students from outside their home zone. In this case the school is required to advertise the availability of places and the application process including dates. Out of zone students may then apply for enrolment. If there are more applicants than places available a ballot will be held.

The Board recognises the implementation of an enrolment scheme may cause concern. We are working through a process with the other schools and then there will be consultation with our school community. We are being supported by the MOE who provide clear guidelines for the operation and development of enrolment schemes in State Schools.

For more information [here is a link to frequently asked questions about enrolment schemes](#). Should you have other queries please contact Teressa Jones Madill, Chairperson, Board of Trustees at [teressajm@paparangi.school.nz](mailto:teressajm@paparangi.school.nz).



### Crossing Beazley Ave Safely

Parents, are you setting a good example for children? We ask that everyone crosses the road at the Beazley Ave crossing rather than taking a shortcut further up the road by Catherine Crescent. Children are only allowed to cross at the pedestrian crossing. Thanks for helping to keep our kids safe.

### Assemblies

Teams are taking turns once each term to run assemblies so we can make sure that we can comfortably fit classes and an audience in the hall without restricting viewing enjoyment. **This term Rakau Nui are hosting and presenting the end of term assembly.** Parents are warmly invited to their assembly on Friday 13 April at 9:15am in the hall. Come along and find out about the start of the year highlights from our senior children. Children from Pounamu and Uenuku will run assemblies in term two and three.

## Football Tournament

On Tuesday 27th of February, Mrs Sprott, Miss Vesty and a group of students from Rakau Nui attended the Northern Zones Football Tournament at Alex Moore Park. We had two teams of 11 students that were a mixture of year 5 and 6 students. Both teams had an amazing day. They each played 5 games of 10 minute halves.

This was a friendly tournament so there were no winners, but every one of the Paparangi kids left with a smile on their face having had a great day. Thank you to the parents that helped with coaching the teams and transporting the kids to and from Alex Moore Park. We cannot attend these awesome events without you so we really appreciate your time.

## Enviroschool Otari Day

Yesterday the Enviro-group went to Otari Wilton Bush for a day of adventure in nature. We planted native seedlings and learned about how seeds are dispersed. We did drawings of the beautiful surroundings in the fernery and hiked the hill to see an 800 year old Rimu tree. Lots of insects and birds were discovered on the journey and we even got to test the water quality of the stream. It was a fantastic day for the Enviro-Schools to experience together. Here are some photos from our fun-filled day!



## Paparangi Basketball - starting Term 2, 2018

We are looking at entering Paparangi basketball team/s in the junior league again this year - starting Term 2. Presently we have players for the Year 3 and 4 teams, but if we get enough interest and parent support we will enter another team. We are also looking for new players to fill the current Year 5 and 6 team. Leagues play on a Monday after school for Year 3 and 4 grades and Tuesdays for Year 5 and 6 at Nairnville Rec Centre in Khandallah. The cost is \$180 per team, per term so if there are 6 players it will be \$30 for the term. Practices will be held on Fridays after school from 3-3.30pm at school. A great big thank you to the parents who organise the after school basketball - Please let Sam Reid 021 498 199 or Toni Roberts 0277729142 know by the end of March if your child is interested in playing.



**Green Recycling Bags** - If you have any recycling bags which you no longer require can we please have them for school recycling. We would appreciate any being dropped to the school office. Thank you in advance.

## SeeSaw – Sharing Learning at School

SeeSaw is a new way we are sharing children's learning at school. SeeSaw is an online place that allows your child to document their learning as it happens, to be creative and to learn how to use technology in a purposeful way and be a digital citizen in a safe environment. Seesaw is one example of how we are attempting to give you a real look into the learning that happens everyday for your child. We're excited about offering another way to connect you with your child's learning at school.



All student content is safe and secure. Journals are only accessible to parents, teachers and the child. Journals aren't public on the web and information is never shared with third parties. [For more information see the separate handout for parents.](#) Sign up codes have already been emailed or sent home (or will be very shortly) – please ask your child's teacher if you are yet to receive one.

Parents receive notifications whenever something is posted to their child's journal. Parents are invited to make a comment about the learning that is displayed. If you would like to know more about SeeSaw ask your child's teacher.



School Enviro Day	<b>Monday 26 March</b>
Board of Trustees Meeting	<b>Monday 26 March, 6.00pm</b>
<b>Easter Holiday Break</b>	<b>Friday 30 March- Tuesday 3 April</b> <b>NB: School is closed on Tuesday</b>
Gully Gutbuster	<b>Sunday 8 April</b>
Last Day of Term 1	Friday 13 April, 3.00pm
Rakau Nui Assembly Term 1	Friday 13 April, 9.15am
First Day Term 2	Monday 30 April, 8.55am
<b>Teacher Only Day - NEW DATE</b>	<b>Queens Birthday Weekend</b> <b>Tuesday 5 June</b>

## Moving March 2018

When your Moving March card is full, write your details on it and send it to the school office. Claire Reddish has very kindly offered to drop these into the Wellington Regional Council on your behalf.



**Good news! School lunches** are back on the menu. We have partnered with 'lunchonline' to provide options for ordering a healthy school lunch on Wednesdays and Fridays. Ordering is easy and online. Visit their website to order. Sushi is available every Wednesday and a Bakery selection on Fridays.

## **Update from Home and School Committee**

### **Weetbix Kids Triathlon – Sunday 18 March**

For those heading to the Weetbix Kids Triathlon on Sunday, look out for the Paparangi School flag. Come and join us and use that as your base. The more from the school supporting each other will be amazing for the children who have entered! See you all there.

### **Family Fun Night**

Together we raised more than \$1,500 for our school. It would not have happened without you, so thank you for playing your part. In particular, a big thank you to Hamish Waugh for the sound system, Ash from Ray White for supplying the sausages, Kate and Allan for bring along Peppa the Pig and Angel the pony for us to enjoy.

Thanks also to everyone that volunteered to help us on the night. In future we will need to come together to ensure tasks are shared more evenly, so that no one has to miss out on enjoying the night with their kids. Please do consider ticking the boxes when any notice comes home asking for your help. It will take just 3 hours of your time in an entire year to make a huge difference to what we do.

Finally, a big thank you to all you awesome mothers on the home and school committee. Your contribution is what makes all of this happen.

### **8<sup>th</sup> April – Gully Gutbuster (run/walk event)**

Bringing our families together to promote healthy living, this event has something for everyone!

More than 200 of us will be taking part on the day. There will be around 150 in the Kids Challenge and many more spectators enjoying the coffee and food stalls. If you haven't already, do sign up to join us. Run, walk or crawl this is an event is for everyone.

Notices about the event will be in your child's bag next week. Please keep an eye out and, if you can, volunteer to help on the day. Together we can make the day a huge success.

You can also register here

<http://www.enteronline.co.nz/index.cfm?page=EventDetails&ID=5319>.



### **Gully GutBuster Mail Drop – Can you help?**

To help with the mail drop please call in at the office for a bundle of leaflets and streets to deliver to. We want to reach as many people in our community as possible.

### **Prize Donations – for events and raffles throughout the year**

Please let us know if your company, or one you work for, would like to donate to support our school. In particular we are looking for vouchers and prizes for raffles, discount vouchers, or goodies that we can include in participants' registration packs, as well as for spot prizes for the event. For any donations over \$100 will put a flyer advertising your business into the race packs.

*Ngā mihi nui*

*Trina Coombs*

*The Home and School Committee*

## Parent Session with Educational Psychologist, Nathan Mikaere Wallis

Staff have attended professional development workshops with Nathan over the past year and have found him to be an informative and inspiring speaker so we are delighted to hear he is returning to Wellington. See below for details of his speaking engagement for parents for which Paparangi School has been allocated a limited number of tickets. If you, your family or friends are interested you can book your ticket on Kindo or at the office. Bookings must be paid for by 28 March. There will be door sales if not sold out prior. [Click here for the Kindo Shop Link.](#)

### Parent session 'The Developing Brain'

Monday 16 April 7-8.30pm

How your brain grows and learns is obviously central to success and well-being, yet it is only in recent years that we have even begun to understand how it works! There are ways we can help our children to develop by simply having an understanding of the brain. Nathan makes this topic easy to understand and uses everyday language to explain the huge power of the early years, the changes happening in the teenage years - and the ways to get it functioning at its best as much as is possible the rest of the time!



Nathan is an extremely engaging speaker who will bring knowledge to help us understand the young people in our lives. Heard on radio, seen on TV, now presenting in Porirua.

*"All parents need to hear Nathan, a truly riveting speaker" - J Gibbs*

*"I learnt so much about the brain and how I can support my children's learning" - CM*

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Target Group: Parents, Grandparents, Prospective parents

Investment: \$25.00

Venue: Aotea College Auditorium, Okowai, Aotea, Porirua

Bookings: Paparangi School has been allocated a limited number of tickets. If you, your family or friends are interested you can book your ticket on [kindo](#) or at the school office. Bookings must be paid for by 28 March.

### Marzipan



*Is your child shy? Do they feel intimidated by the idea of public speaking and performance? Do they sometimes find it difficult to make eye contact? Do they just need 45 minutes a week to take part in organised craziness?! Come and join Marzipan! Marzipan is looking to run its awesome classes that focus on key self-confidence and social skills*

*at **Paparangi School on Wednesday afternoons (4.15-5.00pm) in the school library!** We play fun, engaging games and perform at the end of term once to parents and once to friends at school. All scripts are original, engaging, educational and HILARIOUS. Parents receive informative weekly e-mails and at the end of term and children receive a certificate to remind them they are awesome! Give Julie a call to ask about a no-obligation Trial Lesson to try it out, or just call to chat about how our classes can benefit your child's development. **Go to [marrzipandrama.co.nz/sign-up](http://marrzipandrama.co.nz/sign-up) or contact Julie at 021 026 45487 or email [julie@marrzipandrama.co.nz](mailto:julie@marrzipandrama.co.nz) for more info!***

## Music lessons at Paparangi

The Goodtime Music Bus is coming to Paparangi! Learning music helps with interpersonal, literacy, numeracy skills. The Goodtime Music Bus programme is free to schools, but paid for by families. The programme provides a weekly 30 minutes group lesson for 3 - 5 students in the mobile music classroom (music bus). All of the music tutors are vetted and receive regular training and feedback on how to take their teaching practice to the next level.

For the first term that the Music Bus is at a school, they run a programme called Intro to Music, which introduces children to the basics of learning a range of instruments. By the end of this programme, children are much more sure about which instrument would be the one they'd like to stick to learning out of keyboard, ukulele, drums or (for 8+ years only) guitar. The following term they move into learning those instruments.

We fit our music bus programme into the requirements of your school's policies and culture. We run 30-minute lessons between 9am and 3pm and fit into the school day. Our tutors have a break at morning tea time and in the second half of lunch time. The beginning of lunch time lesson is a food friendly lesson!



Parents pay \$14 per 30 minute lesson and there are a minimum 8 lessons per term. There are payment options available for families who can't pay for the whole term in advance.

To register your interest please contact the school office by Friday 30 March. If there is enough interest to go ahead lessons will start in term 2.

## Good Citizen Awards

Week 5, Term 1 2018		
Uenuku	Pounamu	Rakau Nui
Isla Warren	Otis Williams	Aleisha Bright
Kaitiaki Jahnke	William Cao	Mila Slieker
Ruby Wang	Destiny McLean	Maddie McLachlan
	Lila Virtue	Kobi Cameron Harrington
	Elijah Singh	

Week 6, Term 1 2018		
Uenuku	Pounamu	Rakau Nui
Esperanza Lie	Gracie Waugh	Simon Press
Cleo Snowden	Jack Sutton	Daniel Williams
Tamati Kerr	Naomi Beard	Anniyah Hussein
	Vincent Carroll	Zahra Bou-Saab

## Digital Citizenship - using digital devices responsibly

### Guidelines for Parents, Whānau and Care-givers

Paparangi School believes in Digital Citizenship that supports safe and responsible use of the internet. We think a good digital citizen is someone who

- is a confident and capable user of ICT
- will always use ICT to communicate with others in positive ways
- will be honest and fair in all of their actions using ICT
- will think carefully about whether the information they see online is true
- understands that they may experience problems when using technology but can deal with them
- will help others to become a better digital citizen



Students can experience challenges when using technology. The school will make every effort to support students to manage those challenges effectively. By learning to deal with problems in a safe environment with the appropriate support students will be better prepared to deal with those challenges in the future.

Paparangi School has [a digital curriculum policy](#) which outline the school's approach to digital citizenship and how e-learning and ICT support teaching and learning. These documents are available on the school website and on request at the school office. The school provides access to the internet and other communications technologies because we believe that they enhance teaching and learning. The school expects responsible behaviour by staff and students when using technology to help protect themselves and each other from experiencing harm online. The "Digital Safety Agreement for students" is one of our e-learning tools; educating and encouraging students to consider how their actions can affect themselves and those around them; outlining the expectations for acceptable use of computers. If parents, whanau or care-givers have questions about the way in which technology is being used at school we are happy to discuss this with you. Parents are welcome to do this at any time.

- Uenuku and Pounamu students (Rooms 1-8) have shared class agreements which can be viewed in the junior classrooms.
- Personalised agreements for Rakau Nui students (Rooms 10-13) were sent home earlier this term. Thank you to families who have returned these already. We ask for the rest to be returned to their teacher by the end of next week. Children must have a signed agreement to continue using digital devices at school. Jenni Harrison in Rakau Nui has spare agreements if you require another copy.

## Community Notices

### Invite to Farewell Janine at Newlands Kindergarten

Dear Past students and families of Newlands Kindergarten,

After 18 years of service to the Newlands Community, Janine is leaving to begin her new job in Masterton West Kindergarten, commencing term 2.

We would like to invite you to farewell Janine on her exciting new journey to share cake, coffee/tea and memories on Thursday 12th April 2018 from 6.30pm at Newlands Kindergarten.

We ask that you bring a small plate of sweets/cake/biscuits to share and look forward to seeing you again.