



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)	Luca Muir, Jasper Xing and Payton Taufale
Pounamu (y2/3)	Samuel Correa Cazares

**'Meet the Teachers' – Parent Information Sessions Last Week**

Thanks to the parents and whanau who came along last week to find out more about their child's learning. Each team shared how they are working towards 'growing adventurous learners'; organisation, routines and an outline of a 'typical' day. A handout about our new Vision "Growing Adventurous Learners" was distributed during the meeting. Copies are available at the office or from your child's classroom.



**Camp Kaitoke**

Sixty one Y5 and Y6 students from Rakau Nui have spent the past three days at Camp Kaitoke as part of our Outdoor Education programme. Children have had a wonderful time with plenty of fun activities to try: kayaking, low ropes course, super flying fox, rafting and a challenge course. We are very grateful to the wonderful parent volunteers for offering their support and time, and a special mention to Jenni Harrison, Rakau Nui Team Leader, who has done a tremendous job of organising such a great event for our children. A final thanks to Pelorus Trust who donated \$4000 and also to the Home and School for their generous donation as well.

It's time to freshen up the **sandpit** and get it up and running for our tamariki. It's usually a popular spot for playing at break times ... however the weeds have grown out of control over the summer plus the old sand needs a good digging over. If you can help, please see the office.



## Learning in Action

Tracey Arthurs, our School Principal, hosts tours of the school on Wednesday mornings. If you know a prospective parent who would like to be shown around our wonderful school please invite them to contact the school office. Tracey also invites parents with children already at school to book in for a tour too -it's a good way to keep in touch with what's happening at school, and to see your child's class in action. Tours start at 9:30am - contact the office to make an appointment.



## Working together → Solving problems

If a parent has a query about their child's schooling or a concern about the behaviour or actions of a staff member, they are invited to contact the person involved and discuss the matter. We ask that parents make this direct approach as soon as possible. Be prepared to make a time to discuss your concern if the staff member is unable to talk with you straight away. Preferably discussions should take place in a face to face setting but may be conducted by phone if such a meeting is not possible in a timely manner.

Detailed guidelines are contained in the Concerns and Complaints Policy and Flowchart which you are welcome to view at the school office or on the school website. We will always follow up any concern and work with families to find a resolution. In summary the process is:

1. See your child's homeclass teacher first.
2. Meet with the principal next if you require further support.
3. Write to the Board if you feel the problem has not been resolved by the Class Teacher or Principal.

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.



## Ni Hao Language Classes - 2nd class starting

Do you understand the value of languages and wish to give your child the opportunity to learn a new language? Why not join Ni Hao Children's Community and learn Mandarin Chinese with us!



This year Paparangi School is hosting after school Mandarin classes.

The first class is underway on **Thursdays starting at 3:10 in the school library and now there is enough interest for a second class straight afterwards from 4:20-5:30**. The second class more suited to older primary children and intermediate children may attend. The second class begins on Thursday 8 March. Both classes are 70 minutes long, and include a variety of conversational language learning activities, story time, songs/raps, writing and schoolyard games that use Mandarin in a social and fun way.

Term fees are \$155 / term, with a +\$10 photocopying charge. There is a sibling discount available, if the family is enrolled for a full term. Trial classes are offered, and there are full scholarships available to apply for (based on financial situation). For more info and/or to register your interest, visit: [nihaocc.org.nz/paparangi-school](http://nihaocc.org.nz/paparangi-school)

## Donations and tax rebates

A friendly reminder that school donations are voluntary, tax-deductible payments and that parents can claim 33.3% of the payment back in their tax return. With the tax end-of-year approaching parents may wish to make a donation before the end of March to be eligible for the rebate. The office will be sending home statements, including donation requests next week via email. Please contact the Office or Principal if you have any queries about school donations.

For 2018 we are requesting for \$130 for families with one child. If you have more than one child attending Paparangi School the donation is one amount of \$200. See below for the rebate amount for the donations.

<b>You Pay Initially:</b>	<b>Number of children:</b>	<b>Tax Rebate:</b>	<b>Your Net Cost:</b>	<b>School Receives:</b>
\$130	1 child	\$43.29	\$86.71	\$130
\$200	More than 1 child	66.60	133.40	\$200

The following link provides all the information you need to ensure that you are claiming the correct amount of tax credits:

<http://www.ird.govt.nz/income-tax-individual/tax-credits/dch-taxcredits/>

There are a number of different ways that you can make your school donation.

For example:

- A single full payment of \$130 per child or \$200 per family (available on KINDO)
- A payment per term of \$32.50 per child or \$50 per family (available on KINDO)
- Fortnightly, weekly or monthly payments (can be arranged with the School Office)
- Some workplaces also offer 'Workplace Giving' where you can arrange for the school donation payment to be deducted automatically from your wages or salary, with your workplace calculating all the tax allowances as well.

You may recall the Government's offer to pay schools \$150 per student for all schools that do not charge parents a donation as part of last year's election campaign. The Minister of Education has indicated that the proposal to provide state and state integrated schools that opt-in, an additional \$150 per student per year, in exchange for their agreement not to ask for parental donations, will be considered alongside other priorities in the 2018 Budget process. Schools have not received any such payments yet. Therefore the current policy around donations remains the same until the Government announces the actual changes. Schools may continue to request a donation and parents can choose whether or not to pay it as donations are voluntary.

We are extremely grateful to the 80% of school families who did choose to pay in 2017 as this money enabled the school to subsidise extra curricular activities such as Swimming, Dance for Schools and other visiting performers; Open the new library and provide additional Learning Support such as Reading Recovery and Extra Teacher Aide hours.

## **News from the Board of Trustees**

Welcome to 2018!

The Board would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Families and Whanau that have joined our fabulous school and a special welcome back to our existing families.

From time to time we get asked where the Board sits in the big scheme of things. The Board's responsibility is to govern the school. The Board is entrusted to work on behalf of our community and is accountable for the school's performance. It emphasises strategic leadership, sets the vision for the school, and ensures that it complies with legal and policy requirements. Policies are at a governance level and outline clear delegations to the Principal.

The Board and Principal form the leadership team, with the role of each documented and understood. The Principal reports to the Board as a whole with committees used sparingly and only when a need is identified in order to contribute to board work. The Board is proactive rather than reactive in its operations and decision making and does not involve itself in the administrative details of the day-to-day running of the school. The Board is encouraged to ask the right questions. Enhancing student achievement is its focus.

### **What do we have planned for 2018:**

The Board have a full agenda in 2018 in regards to new projects and initiatives:

#### **School Charter**

The Board is continuing to work on our school charter. We reviewed Our Mission, Vision and Values from the feedback received by the community last year. You may have seen the "Adventurous Learners" hand out on what we are proposing at the recent Parent Information Sessions.

#### **Projects for 2018**

##### *School Hall Refurbishment*

The major project for the Board this year will be looking at the best way to refurbish the school hall. This will be a long term project that may expand over 2 – 3 years.

We will be looking at how we can work with the council to assist with the refurbishment and what grants we can apply for to contribute to the refurbishment.

The refurbishment options we are looking at is repainting the hall and putting in a new kitchen.

##### *Shade Sails*

The Health and Safety of our children and staff is a huge priority for the Board. We need to ensure our children have shady spaces to play under on our sunny and hotter days. We want to ensure our children are safe from the sun and will be looking at investing in placing shade sails around the school.

#### **Board Meetings**

The Board meet twice a term and welcome Parents to attend these meetings. Board meetings are not public meetings but meetings held in public. The Board welcomes a public presence at Board meetings and hopes that members of the public enjoy their time observing.

We have attached the meeting schedule for 2018, if you are interested in attending a meeting.

2018 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING SCHEDULE ALL MONDAYS	
T1 MTG 1	19 FEB
T1 MTG 2	26 MARCH
T2 MTG 1	21 MAY
T2 MTG 2	25 JUNE
T3 MTG 1	13 AUGUST
T3 MTG 2	17 SEPT
T4 MTG 1	29 OCTOBER
T4 MTG 2	3 DECEMBER

If you have any questions or concerns and would like to contact us please feel free to send an email to [teressajm@paparangi.school.nz](mailto:teressajm@paparangi.school.nz).

### **Cricket Tournament**

On Tuesday 27th of February, Mrs Sprott and a group of students from Rakau Nui attended the Northern Zones Cricket Tournament at Alex Moore Park. We had two teams of 8, one team that plays regularly on a Saturday, and one that had not really played before but wanted to give it a go. There was a lot of learning about cricket skills for both teams and it was a great way for all to deepen their interest in a great team sport. Both teams played their best and showed great sportsmanship. Many cheers were heard for our own team-mates, and for the opposing team. 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.



### **Permission/Health Forms**

Thank you to the families who have already returned their forms. The forms were due back by Wednesday 14 February to enable us to process the important information for our School Emergency Records. We would appreciate all forms returned urgently. Please sign them even if you do not have any changes to make.



A very big thank you to Bruce & Dawn Patterson for the heavy duty blue card donated to the school. This will extremely useful for displays and the School Reunion.

## Good Citizen Awards

Week 4, Term 1 2018		
Uenuku	Pounamu	Rakau Nui
Siena Ng	Jacob Hopfler	Angus Blair
Liam Palmer	Saniyah Hussein	Dante Carroll
Ameera Saqib	Max Horan-Blithe	Tom Roberts
	Victor Kak	Joell Ngaheke Chell



Family Fun Night	<b>Friday 9 March, 5.30-7.30pm</b>
Northern Zone Football Tournament	<b>Tuesday 13 March</b>
Board of Trustees Meeting	<b>Monday 26 March, 6.00pm</b>
Gully Gutbuster	<b>Sunday 8 April</b>
<b>Teacher Only Day - NEW DATE</b>	<b>Queens Birthday Weekend Tuesday 5 June</b>

### School Online Payment System - KINDO

Kindo is an online payment system which the school uses for families to make payments for School Activities such as Field Trips and The Arts, School Donations and School Clothing.



Please refer to the following two links for further information or contact the school office if you require further information.

Updated flyer to remind you how to use Kindo, including images of our new look shopfront. [The flyer is available to download on this link.](#)

**\* NEW USERS... If you do NOT have a kindo account already (here or at another school), visit this link to get started.**

<https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/handshake.shtml?shop=Paparangi%20School>



**Spare Clothes** - Uenuku and Pounamu are in need of spare clothes, in particular shorts and trousers. If you have some good used clothes Size 4 to 8 that your child has outgrown, please send them to us.

**Metal Baby Formula Tins** - Pounamu are requesting any large metal baby formula tins. Thank you in advance.

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

The Home and School Committee (a sub-committee of the Board of Trustees) are a passionate group of parents who are tasked with fundraising for special projects each year. For 2018 special projects are making improvements to the school hall and to enable our children to participate in extra-curricular activities. These activities are paramount to the development of our children and in boosting their self-confidence. Some previous activities have included:

- Educational Day trips – Te Papa, Zealandia
- Sport in the school (Coaches Fees and Uniforms) – Football and Gymnastics etc
- Dance in Schools with professional instructors

### ***Upcoming events:***

*9<sup>th</sup> March 5.30–7.30pm – Family Fun Night*

This night is aimed at creating a community within the school where parents get to meet each other over great food and fun games for the kids. Please lock this date in your diaries. Flyers and entry forms will be out soon. On the form we will be asking for volunteers to help with activities on the night in half hour slots.

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

This is opportunity for our local community to benefit from a fun family event that promotes healthy living and has something for everyone. We anticipate a minimum of 200 participants in the Gully Gutbuster, 150 in the Kids Challenge and many more spectators enjoying the coffee and food stalls. Click on the link to register

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

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

If your company or one you work for would consider donating to our school, please let us know. We need vouchers and prizes for raffles, discount vouchers or goodies that we can include in the registration packs for our participants as well as for spot prizes for the event. We would be happy to put a flyer advertising your business into the race packs for any donations over \$100.

*Ngā mihi nui*

*The Home and School Committee*

# Community Notices

## ASB Sponsorship for Paparangi School



**Supporting success in your school.**

If you are a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate to your chosen participating school:

# \$500

ASB lending criteria and terms apply. Fees may apply. To be eligible for this donation your new home loan application must be received, approved and then documented in a facility agreement, along with the completion of a school donation voucher, between 1 July 2017 and 30 June 2018. A minimum of 20% equity is required in the security property provided to ASB. This home loan offer is only available on loans secured by an owner-occupied residential property. Only one donation will be given per customer. Donations will be made by ASB on behalf of the customer to the chosen school upon full draw down of the new home loan. This offer excludes loans for business purposes and bridging.

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The **\$500 School Sponsorship Voucher** will be awarded for each customer that mentions our school and this offer when taking out a Home Loan of \$250,000 or more (terms and conditions apply).

## West Fest is on again–West Park School’s Annual Gala: 10 March 2018, 11 – 2pm

Come along to West Fest 2018 – this fabulous annual event has something for everyone!

There will be all the traditional gala highlights including fantastic food, great entertainment, second hand goods for sale, face painting and crafts. A great range of activities will also be on offer to entertain the whole family. Highlights include the Easy Swim obstacle course (ages 2 – 8), a bouncy castle, quiddich and jousting activities, the famous toilet roll catapult, ride on mini jeeps, a water zone...and even a remote control monster truck!

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