

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:

Uenuku	Kezia van der Gugten, Mason Prakash, Travis Castro and Vivaan Kumar
Pounamu	Cooper Black

Proposed All Day Teachers Strike - Friday 16 November

The NZEI has advised that their members have voted for a second strike, to be held in the middle of this month. There will be nationwide rolling strikes over a week, and our region will be striking on **Friday 16 November 2018**, meaning the Principal and Teachers at our school will be taking strike action that day.

The Board has carefully considered the availability of teaching staff, and unfortunately have decided that the school can not provide normal teaching services should the strike go ahead. Therefore the school will be closed during the all day strike. Both parties are entering into negotiation so there might be a resolution before the 16th which means the school will not need to be closed. We will keep parents informed of any outcome of these negotiations.

The 16th is less than two weeks away so it's important that you make alternative arrangements for the care of your child/children on the day of the proposed strike action. There will also be no After School Care operating this day either. School will open again as normal on Monday 19 November.

The Board thanks parents for their understanding and appreciates that this is inconvenient for parents and students alike, but please be assured that student safety is our main concern. Please do not hesitate to contact Teressa Jones-Madill at teressajm@paparangi.school.nz, if you have any queries relating to this decision.

Enrolment Scheme

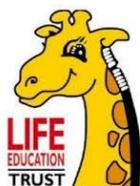
Please read the separate letter from the Board of Trustees about our Enrolment Scheme which has been approved by the Ministry of Education to start from the beginning of 2019.

Disco Thank You

Thanks to the Home and School Committee for running fantastic discos last Friday evening. Everybody had a wonderful time, dancing with their friends. The school once again thanks the parents and volunteers who helped to organise the disco fun. All Home and School fundraising is for playground improvements such as shade sails!



Life Education Trust Visit



Life Education is a charity that educates and empowers children to make healthy choices so they can live full and healthy lives. Every year they teach over 250,000 NZ children about their body, friendships and identity, food and nutrition, helpful and harmful substances. Paparangi is having a visit from the Life Education Van from Thursday 22nd to Thursday 29th November as part of our Health programmes. Each class will have 2 lessons in the van with Harold the Giraffe and Kapa, the local Life Education teacher. The usual cost for the visit is \$4.50 per child but thanks to Home and School fundraising the school is able to offer a subsidy for every student. **Please send \$2.50 along in a named envelope to the school office or pay on Kindo by 22 November. Thank you.**

Sustainable Fair

In Week 7, Rakau Nui will be holding a Sustainable Fair to raise money for the Year 6 Big Day Out, Year 6 Leavers Graduation and Equipment for the STEAM Room. This will include selling sustainable items we have been making throughout the year and also having a garage sale selling pre-loved items. We would love donations of the following items - please send to room 11 or 12 if you can help.

- ★ Toys (soft or plastic)
- ★ Books/Videos (Rated G only)
- ★ Board games, card games and video games
- ★ Stationery

Yours sincerely, Rakau Nui students

School Donations

Your school donation is very important to the running of the school and allows the school to provide additional services or equipment such as extra Reading Recovery, more Teacher Aide time, new chromebooks, reading books and sports gear. We thank the 84% of families who have already made a donation and ask that rest of our families consider making a donation before the end of November. There is a shortfall between the funding provided by the Ministry and the budget required for running our school. School donations are used, in part, to help bridge this funding gap, and are very important to help provide valuable resources and enhance our environment. It is important to remember that school donations are a voluntary, tax-deductible payment. For 2018 and again in 2019 the school suggests a \$130 donation for one child or \$200 for families. It is important to remember that you can claim 33.3% of this back in your tax return. So in reality, you pay \$87 but the school receives the full amount of \$130.

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/>

You Pay Initially:	Tax Rebate:	Your Net Cost:	School Receives:
\$130	\$43.29	\$86.71	\$130

Planning for next year

To help with organising our classes/teams for next year, we ask that families please let the office know if your family is leaving our school at the end of the year. We'd also like to know about potential new enrolments for 2019, especially families with a four year old turning five between now and April so we can invite them to class visits, and to meet the Y1 Teachers and Principal. **The next 'Transition to School' information evening is on Monday 12 November at 5:30pm.** Parents and Caregivers are welcome to come along and find out more about starting school at Paparangi.



2019 Staffing

We are delighted to announce that Jason Middlemiss and Hannah Common have been appointed to teaching positions for next year. We congratulate them for their commitment and enthusiasm to our tamariki and school. We are currently appointing other teachers as well and look forward to introducing them to you before the end of the year.

2019 Class Placements

A smooth transition for children to their next class is important to all of us. Discussions have already started with teachers about student placements for next year. Please talk to Teachers or Team Leaders if you have educational requests you wish to discuss with us, as we determine the composition of teams and home-classes for 2019. When organising classes, several factors are considered including numbers of students, ratio of boys and girls, learning strengths and needs, friendship combinations and social needs.

Composite Classes

Composite classes are classes in which children of different year levels (ages and stages) are taught within the same classroom/team. Many New Zealand children are in a composite class for at least some of their schooling and composite classes are a common form of class organisation. By arranging the numbers of students, schools attempt to come up with the best solution for providing an equitable and practical school structure in any one school year ensuring that no one age group in a school has too many or too few children in each class. There are three main reasons for having composite classes:



1. Insufficient numbers of children to form a single year-level class: The numbers of children that enrol each year rarely fall in line with the Ministry of Education's funding ratios, and these ratios change as children progress through our school, often making class structures more difficult to manage. By combining two or more year levels in one class/team, we can ensure that we have enough children in the class to pay the teacher's salary, or keep the class size to a more manageable level.

2. Meeting children's social needs: Frequently there are also social reasons why composite classes are desirable. Not all combinations of children 'work well together' and the option of a composite class can provide more choice in grouping children who are more likely to work well together. Older children (tuakana) in a composite class get more leadership opportunities and frequently build self esteem as a sort or role model to the younger (teina) classmates. Younger children often aspire to work like the older children in the class.

3. Meeting children's learning needs: Classroom programmes are planned using the New Zealand National Curriculum/Te Marautanga o Aotearoa. In any class (composite or not) there is a range of abilities, with children working *above, at, or below* their age and curriculum level. There is not a set learning programme at each particular year level, rather there are expectations set at each curriculum level which span across two years. It is also possible that a class, whether composite or same-year level, may have teaching and learning programmes that cover more than the one curriculum level. Composite classes recognise differences by not seeing all students of the same age as the same; children are taught according to their learning strengths and needs, not simply because of their age.

Whole School Swimming Term 4

Pounamu and Rakau Nui swimming lessons start next week with lessons at Keith Spry Pool every day for two weeks (Week 1: Monday – Friday 12th – 16th November
Week 2: Monday – Friday 19th – 23rd November). Uenuku Swimming lessons at Rewa Rewa School continue on Fridays until Friday 07 December.

Swimming Lessons are always subsidised by the Board of Trustees and this year also by the Home and School, thanks to their fantastic fundraising efforts. We do try to keep the costs as low as possible for extra-curricular activities like this. *Payment for swimming lessons can be paid via our school website www.paparangi.school.nz Kindo School Shop link or via the school bank account 12-3223-0115693-00. Please put "swimming" in the reference field. Alternatively please send payment to the school office in a named envelope.*

Adventurous Learner Awards – Term 4, 2018		
Uenuku	Pounamu	Rakau Nui
Paige Cox	Leo Harris	Matire Morrison
Lauren Cree	Neva Flynn	Moriah Victoria To'oala
Benson Whiteman	William Lloyd	Ryan Bates
Tamati Kerr	Bailey Snowdon	Lucas McDonald
Isla McPherson	Noah van der Gugten	Hunter Bullock
Jacob Palmer	Victor Kak	Jenna Parker
James Robertson	Alastair Heddle-Baker	Te Rau Sullivan
	Oskar Li	Matias Munoz

School Photos are this week

Due to our growing roll we now require two days to ensure we have enough time to accommodate all the photos that need to be taken.

**DATES TO
REMEMBER**

Tuesday 6 November	Individual portraits and family photos
Wednesday 7 November	Sports Team photos (usually 8.45am/9.00am). Coaches and Managers of Netball and Basketball teams are invited to be here for photos on this day. Then Team and Year groups, starting with the youngest children first.

Newlands Intermediate Orientation Morning

Year 6 students attending Newlands Intermediate in 2019 are invited to attend the orientation morning on **Friday 9th November**. The students will bus to NIS at 8.45am and return to Paparangi by noon. Please note this day is a week earlier than originally notified. The time has also changed for the bus picking the students up. Please ensure they are here on time to catch the bus at approximately 8.45am.

End of Year Assembly

You are all invited to attend our end of year assembly celebrations which will take place on Thursday 13 December at 9.15am. **Please note the date and time in your diaries.**





<i>Uenuku Swimming</i>	Friday 26 October – Friday 07 December
<i>Cricket</i>	Tuesdays and Wednesdays until 7 November
<i>Goodtime Music Bus</i>	All of Wednesdays and Thursday afternoons
<i>School Disco – thanks Home and School</i>	Friday 2 November
<i>Northern Zone Athletics</i>	Monday 5 November (pp 12 November)
<i>School Photos</i>	Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7 November
<i>NIS orientation morning for Y6 students</i>	Friday 9 November
<i>Parent Information Evening about starting school for parents of children due to start between now and April 2019</i>	5:30pm, Monday 12 November
<i>Pounamu and Rakau Nui Swimming</i>	Week 5: 12 November – 15 November Week 6: 19 November – 23 November
<i>Rakau Nui Sustainability Fair</i>	Tuesday 27 November
<i>Expressions of interest close for Out of Zone places for the first half of 2019</i>	Friday 30 November
<i>Y6 End of Year Trip</i>	Thursday 6 December
<i>Y6 Leavers Dinner and Ceremony</i>	Tuesday 11 December
<i>Uenuku Observatory/Space Place Visit</i>	Wednesday 12 December
<i>End of Year Assembly</i>	Thursday 13 December, 9.15am
<i>LAST DAY TERM 4</i>	FRIDAY 14 DECEMBER, 1.00PM

Ngā mihi nui
Tracey Arthurs
Principal/Tumuaki

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Newlands Intermediate Music Centre

The Music Centre offers tuition to primary school aged children in a wide range of musical instruments. The Music Centre provides opportunities for students in the Newlands/Johnsonville area to develop their musical education outside of normal school hours. Classes are held on weekdays during the school term. In 2019 tuition will be offered in violin, piano, guitar and flute. Violins are available to hire. For further information please ring Kaye on 4788195.



A message from the Paparangi Teachers and Principal:

Paparangi teachers would like to say thanks for the support you have given us over this period of time as we campaign for better conditions for our children's future.

New Zealand's principals and primary teachers voted last month about what to do to get government action on the current crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers. We're agreed - we can't in good conscience accept the Government's latest collective agreement offer because it does not begin to address the crisis.

*We have therefore voted for an unprecedented second strike, to be held in the middle of this month. There will be nationwide rolling strikes over a week, and our region will be striking on **Friday 16 November**. While we regret the inconvenience we know this will cause, we need to send a clear message to the Government that we are standing strong for our students. We appreciate parents' continued support on this important issue. For more information, please go to <http://campaigns.nzei.org.nz/time/> or talk with your child's teacher.*

Through our union, NZEI Te Riu Roa, we are asking for:

- *Smaller classes, so our children can get more one-on-one attention*
- *More resources and staffing to adequately support children with additional learning needs – this will benefit all children because teachers will be freed to spend more one-on-one time with every student*
- *A significant increase in teachers' salaries so that they are properly valued for their qualifications and responsibilities, and as a country we can recruit and retain teachers.*

Last Friday you may have noticed the staff outside the school waving their "circle" campaign signs, shouting "KUA TAE TE WA" or "IT'S TIME!" Meaning of course, its time the Ministry of Education fronted up to doing a better job for schools, children and teachers. If you'd like to share your concerns with your local MP or the Minister for Education, Chris Hipkins, please feel free to contact them directly.

Again, thanks so much.

Liz Daniel (NZEI Worksite Rep) on behalf of Paparangi NZEI members

