

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	Isabella Bentley, Zion Wilkie
Pounamu	Andreaz Wilkie



Goodbye, Haere Ra

I wanted to take this opportunity to say goodbye to you all as I leave for retirement on the Kapiti Coast (being my home). I leave with a sad heart because Paparangi is a wonderful school and has so much going for it. The best, of course, is your children and you. You are awesome in your support for your children and of us, the teachers. Over the past 9 years, Paparangi has been an amazing school to be part of and I've been privileged to be part of it - welcoming our new 5 year olds to primary school and ensuring they have a positive, happy start to school life and formal learning. The Enviro message has also been a strong focus for me, to finally find out where I want my calling to be. I know the school will continue to grow and nurture and challenge your children even more and I look forward to hearing all about it!

Thank you for your generosity with all my lovely leaving gifts including the travel voucher from the community. I feel very spoilt! So take care, have a great holiday and Christmas season. Ngā mihi nui, Liz Daniel.



Building and Landscaping Work – School Grounds

Improvements to the school grounds are underway with new fencing and the first part of the new footpath already in place. There are other property projects planned to begin in January which are likely to continue well into term one. We are looking forward to having new shade sails, ramps for each block and another one beside the slide down the grassy bank. These projects mean that various outdoor areas will be turned into a construction site over the break so please take care when visiting the school over the summer holidays. We will be in touch with an update before the new school year begins.

Please ensure that visits to play at school over the summer break are supervised as there will be building contractors on site during January.

Johnsonville Christmas Parade

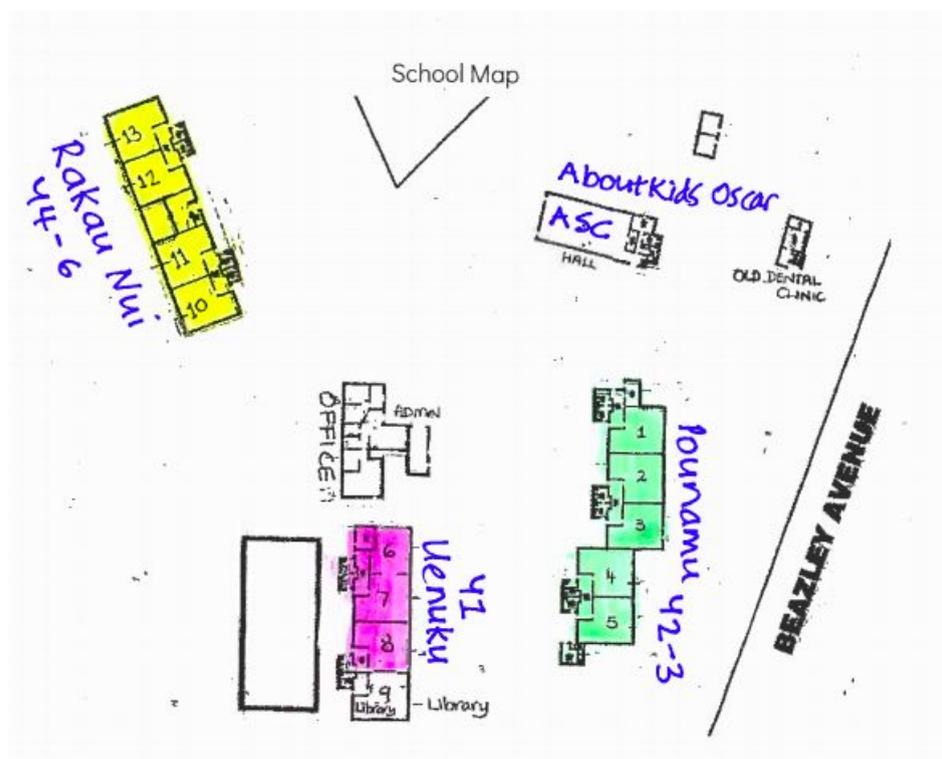
What an amazing float we had at the Johnsonville Christmas Parade! Thanks to the parents who organised the children and the decorations. It was great to see many Paparangi kids involved! Check out photos from the parade at the end of the newsletter.

School Organisation and Class Placements 2019

Letters about class placements were sent home last week along with your child's end of year report and stationery list for 2019. When placing children in classes we consider carefully learning strengths and needs as well as suitable friendship combinations and social dynamics across the year groups. To help children settle into learning with their new class, students spent time with their new teachers and classmates last Friday morning.

Students have a 'home' class teacher, but for much of their learning day they work with other teachers and students across their learning team as well. This means that whilst one teacher has a group of students for whom they are primarily responsible, the teachers will also work with other students within their learning team too. The homeroom teacher is your main point of contact for parents but at times it may be appropriate for parents to make contact with another teacher about matters concerning your child as other teachers may be responsible for taking your child's maths, writing or reading group. We are confident that the teachers forming each team will do everything possible to ensure they establish and maintain positive relationships with their students and families, delivering quality teaching and learning programmes, so that each and every student has the chance to keep growing as an adventurous learner! We look forward to sharing more about next year's learning programmes with you at Meet the Teacher Evenings in term one.

Uenuku	Y0/1	Rooms 6-8	Hannah Common, Ilona Szakats, Trelise Curle and Wendy Blue
Pounamu	Y2/3	Rooms 1-5	Amanda Newbery, Clare Adams, Jason Middlemiss, Sam Diggins and Sarah Grant
Rakau Nui	Y4-6	Rooms 10-13	Alisha Sprott, Loreece Vesty, Michael Heyes, Jane McKinlay and Jenni Harrison



School Stationery 2019

A copy of your child's stationery list for next year was sent home with their school report last week. Included was a leaflet with instructions on how to order their stationery online through Officemax. If you misplace this over the holiday break it's okay – simply visit our school website at www.paparangi.school.nz for the stationery requirements.

The advertisement features a central image of a woman and two children. To the left is a blue circular logo with the text 'Back to School made easy'. To the right is a yellow box with the text 'We've teamed up with OfficeMax to make Back to School easy!' and a smaller text block: 'Your child's school stationery list requirements are uploaded on myschool.co.nz. You can shop online, in-store, by phone or simply download a copy of your child's list.' Below this is a red badge that says 'Earn SCHOOL REWARDS for our school*'. At the bottom left, contact information is provided: 'myschool.co.nz', 'OfficeMax Stores', and '0800 724 440'. In the center, a blue banner reads 'PRICE MATCH Promise'. To the right, a white truck icon is accompanied by the text 'FREE Delivery For orders over \$46*'. The OfficeMax logo is in the bottom right corner.

Kindo, School Online Payment System – Attention School Leavers

School Leavers – notice re ezlunch / Kindo school shop

If your family is leaving our school and moving to another school that does not use ezlunch or Kindo for school payments, you need to close your account. If you're not sure about the new school, log in, go to My Details and click on the list of schools, scrolling to find your new school. If your new school is NOT on the list, you will need to close your account. Send an email to hello@mykindo.co.nz requesting to close your account. This request will need to:

1. Be emailed from your mykindo account email address
2. State the current balance on the account
3. Provide the bank account number for refunding the balance (or ask for it to be forwarded to the school). Refunds and account closures will be actioned during January/February.

Total Touch

Paparangi School debuted in the Total Touch competition this term with fantastic success around the park. The first season is always tough with players new to the game learning the rules and skills but the students at Paparangi were amazing, giving their all and enjoying every minute. Congratulations to the players for their efforts, we are very proud of you. *Interested in joining a team next year?* It's a 6 week competition, with teams playing on Mondays @ Alex Moore Park. The season begins on 18 February for Years ½ ¾ and ⅝. Register your interest for Term 1 now via email to zoe_ede@hotmail.com – registration forms will be available the first week of term.

School Picnic at Waikanae Pool

Our popular family picnic is scheduled for Friday 15 February 2019. Thank you to all the families who have returned the blue form already. Further information will be sent out at the start of year.

News from the Board of Trustees

The final newsletter from the Board of Trustees was sent home last Friday, outlining school donations for 2019 and Board Elections taking place in June. The letter is included again with this newsletter for your information.

Happy holidays to families and staff. May you have lots of fun and special family time over the summer break.



Ngā mihi nui
Tracey Arthurs, Principal/Tumuaki

SAVE THE DATE | SAVE THE DATE

FIRST DAY TERM 1, 2019	TUESDAY 29 JANUARY, 8.55AM
<i>Waitangi Day: School closed, public holiday</i>	WEDNESDAY 6 FEBRUARY
FAMILY FUN NIGHT	FRIDAY 8 FEBRUARY
SCHOOL PICNIC AT WAIKANAE POOL	FRIDAY 15 FEBRUARY
GULLY GUTBUSTER	SUNDAY 31 MARCH
LAST DAY OF TERM ONE	FRIDAY 12 APRIL



CHRISTMAS PARADE



Paparangi School's taniwa made a colourful addition to the parade