



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)	Anam Zeeshan, Xanthe Hector, Mason Motu, Toby Neveu and Peyton Johnson
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Welcome back to all our Paparangi families and whānau after the Easter break. We trust your holidays were enjoyable, spending time with family and friends. We are looking forward to term two and the learning that's underway, along with extra activities that have been planned for tamariki. Keep reading for more information about those!

A warm welcome to Lisa Stratford who has joined the Paparangi Team this week. Lisa will be working in Rakau Nui with Year 4-6 students, while Jane McKinlay is away, attending to family matters in the South Island. Lisa has taught at several Wellington schools and across a range of year levels.

*My name is Lisa Stratford and it is a pleasure to be teaching your children this coming term. I am going to enjoy being at Paparangi School and I look forward to getting to know all the families as the term progresses.*

*I have lived in Wellington for over twenty years and can not see myself living anywhere else. Before joining Paparangi School, I taught at a few schools in and around Wellington city which I have enjoyed learning from.*

*I have two girls who keep family life really busy and add laughter everyday. Together we enjoy being active together by exploring the great outdoors and playing an abundant of sports. I support them by mainly by managing the odd team now and then and cheer them on from the sideline in my waterproof coat and gloves.*

*Another keen interest I have is a love of the arts. I enjoy visiting galleries, learning about the artist and the process; watching dance, live shows and theatre and assisting backstage. It is no wonder why Wellington is the place for me!*

*It is a privilege to be part of Paparangi School. I know you are going to make me feel very welcome, so please approach me and make yourself known. I look forward to meeting you all during Term Two.*



*Ngā mihi nui, Lisa Stratford*

## Basketball Term 2



Next week, students begin a basketball skills programme, working with coaches from Kiwi Hoops. Kiwi Hoops is the official national junior basketball programme of New Zealand and uses basketball activities and games to provide fun and enjoyable learning and participation experiences for young people. The programme runs for 8 weeks, and classes will have one session per week, on either a Tuesday or Wednesday. It's great that students will be able to make use of the newly installed basketball hoops outside Rakau Nui.

*All students will participate in basketball coaching sessions as part of PE this term. The cost per student is \$26.00 however the school is subsidising this extra curricular activity. Please pay **\$15.00** per student via Kindo or via the school bank account 12-3223-0115693-00. Alternatively send payment to the school office in a named envelope - thank you. For more information please speak to Class Teachers or at the Office.*

## Paid Union Meetings

Next week our teachers and principal will be attending paid teacher union meetings as part of their ongoing industrial negotiations with the Ministry of Education. So that families are not inconvenienced by having to collect children early, the school will remain open for learning but the usual afternoon class programmes will not be running. Some of our teaching staff will attend the meeting on Tuesday 7 May, with others attending on Wednesday 8 May. Lunchtime will start at 12:45pm on these days to accommodate the meeting times. Thank you for your support during this time. *For more information please speak to Class Teachers or at the Office.*

## Dances for School

We are very pleased to welcome back Dean, Ezra and their team from Dances for Schools in Week 3 and 4, starting Monday 13 May. 'Dances For School' is a curriculum based dance programme in which children develop social skills through the enjoyment of dance. For two weeks each student, with their classmates, will be taking part in daily sessions led by experienced dance instructors. By the end of the two weeks, students will have learned a wide variety of dances and participated in a range of physical activities, whilst developing important movement and creativity skills. **We will be having a performance for parents and family members on Friday 24th May.**



*All students take part in Dance for Schools. The cost per student is \$35.00 however the school is subsidising this extra curricular activity by \$5 per student. Families are asked to please pay **\$30.00** per student via Kindo or via the school bank account 12-3223-0115693-00. Alternatively please send payment to the school office in a named envelope. For more information please speak to Class Teachers or at the Office.*

Did you know in 2017 Dance for Schools filmed Paparangi students and their families at the Dance Concert? [Click here to find out more about Dance for Schools](#) and to see Paparangi kids having fun!



## Wanted! More equipment for Adventure Zone - can you help?

We love Adventure Zone - the way it fosters risk-taking, problem-solving and creative play is amazing. Please contact the office if you have access to cable reels, pallets, PVC pipe offcuts, wood offcuts (untreated), tyres or other treasure. We'd love to hear from you to help us replenish the equipment.

## Student-Led Workshops

Student-Led Workshops are a time for parents and whanau to find out more about their child's learning. It is your child's opportunity to tell their parents about their learning, a 'special time' when they do the talking and for parents to listen, encourage and ask questions.

**Tuesday 14 May & Wednesday 15 May**  
**Times: Classes will be open between 5.00pm - 6.30pm**

Please make arrangements for siblings and pre-school aged children to be cared for during Student-Led Workshops so you can take advantage of the one on one time with your child. *Online Booking will be available early next week, when further details will be sent home.*

## Pink Shirt Day 2019 is coming..... Friday 17 May

Pink Shirt Day is a global day that celebrates diversity and promotes environments where people can feel safe, valued and respected. Pink Shirt Day began in Canada more than ten years ago when two students took a stand against bullying after a peer was bullied for wearing a pink shirt. Paparangi School will be taking part once again with other New Zealanders to end bullying and spread kindness on the day and all year long so wear something pink on **Friday 17 May** to celebrate Friendship Week with us. Children are invited to come to school in **pink - wear a pink shirt, scarf, socks, hat, ribbon, badge or any item at all!**



## Paparangi School Cross Country

Our school Cross Country will be held on Monday 27th May. Races will commence at 11.45am, starting with the Year 1 students and finishing with the Year 6's. Parents are welcome to come down and support the runners on the day.



## Parent Information Evening

The next 'Transition to School' information evening is taking place on **Monday 27 May at 6pm in Uenuku**. Parents and Caregivers are welcome to come along and find out more about starting school at Paparangi. This will be a opportunity for families with a nearly-five-year-old to come along and meet the teachers.

## Property News

Wow! What a lot of changes around the grounds at Paparangi! The new ramp between the top block and the administration block looks amazing and is nearing completion. A huge thank you to Feco Fencing for all your hard work!!!



## Check out the New Shade Sails!



Thanks to fundraising from Home and School along with a grant from The Trusts Community Foundation, shade sails were installed over the April holidays and look fabulous! Due to a generous grant from the Johnsonville Charitable Trust, more work on playground improvements will commence soon, on a new stage and sandpit area close to Uenuku and the Admin Block.

### Donation from Home and School Committee

A huge thank you to the Home and School Committee and the community for all of your fundraising support so far this year. We really appreciate the recent donation of \$6000 which is going towards the playground improvements.

**THANK YOU!**



Basketball, all term starting 7 May	<b>Tuesdays and Wednesdays</b>
Paid Union Meetings	<b>Tuesday 7 May &amp; Wednesday 8 May</b>
Dances for Schools	<b>Week 3 and Week 4</b>
Student Led-Workshops	<b>Tuesday 14 May &amp; Wednesday 15 May</b>
Pink Shirt Day	Friday 17 May
Next Board Meeting	<b>Monday 20 May, 6.00pm</b>
Whole School Cross Country	<b>Monday 27 May</b>
New Entrant Parent Evening	<b>Monday 27 May</b>
Teacher Only Day	<b>Friday 31 May - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	<b>Monday 3 June - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Northern Zone Cross Country	<b>Thursday 6 June (postponement 13 June)</b>
Junior Cross Country	<b>Tuesday 11 June</b>

**Support Paparangi School! Get your new Entertainment Membership today - Paparangi School is fundraising with Entertainment Books! Your support this year will help the school to fundraise for Playground Equipment and extra curricular activities like basketball, swimming and Dance for Schools. Books were sent home this week. Please return payment and any unsold books by 15 May 2019. Purchase your 2019 | 2020 Entertainment Membership today! <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/1043q45>.**





## School Trustee Elections 2019 – 2022



Trustees are active leaders in schools. They have an important role of supporting strong professional leadership and ensuring effective teaching for all students through informed governance. Parents, caregivers and people in the wider community can be school trustees. School boards need to represent the diversity of their school communities to ensure a bright future for all our children. The trustee elections are the opportunity to vote for candidates who will make a positive difference for children’s education. Schools need more people willing to use their skills and experiences for the benefit of students!

The School Trustee elections are soon! For more information go to this website to find out more about what’s involved in being a trustee: <https://www.trustee-election.co.nz/becoming-a-trustee/> or if you are interested in becoming a trustee for Paparangi School and would like any further information please do not hesitate to contact our Board Chair, Tereasa Jones-Madill at [teressajm@paparangi.school.nz](mailto:teressajm@paparangi.school.nz) or call into the office to make a time to speak with Tracey.

### **What sort of skills do trustees need?**

*Every trustee brings their own unique set of skills and experiences to the board. As a trustee, you will need to work well in a team and have good communication skills. It helps to have an understanding of the education sector. You may have financial skills and experience in managing people. Every trustee can access NZSTA online professional development to learn about governance and upskill in areas of interest.*

### **What is a school board of trustees?**

*Most schools in New Zealand have a board of trustees. Boards bring families, communities and schools together to work for a quality education for our children. It is the employer of all school staff and sets the school’s overall strategic direction. The school’s principal is the board’s chief executive and manages the school operations in line with the board’s policies. Membership of the school board includes elected parent representatives, an elected staff representative and the principal. A board can also include co-opted and appointed trustees.*

### **The role of a school board**

*The board of trustees has an important role in making sure every child at their school can reach their highest possible standard in educational achievement. Some areas of responsibilities include:*

- *Working with the principal and consult with staff, students and the community*
- *Setting the educational goals and strategic direction of the school*
- *Monitoring progress and inform parents on how the school is progressing against its annual targets and on the development of the students*
- *Deciding how the school’s funding will be spent*
- *Selecting the school’s principal and support the development of all staff*
- *Ensuring the school is a safe place for all students and staff, and is inclusive of and caters for students with differing needs*
- *Overseeing the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum and administration.*



### **Timeline for the Election Process**

Main school roll closes	8 May, 12 noon	Nominations called for by	10 May
Close Supplementary Roll	22 May, 12 noon	Voting Papers must be sent by	29 May
<b>ELECTION DAY</b>	<b>Friday 7 June, 12 noon</b>	Count Votes	13 June
Elected trustees take office 14 June			