

PAPARANGI SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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: Damon Wang, Klara Neill and Sasha Sudharsan

GROW Values

There have been several events in the past two weeks that have provided opportunities for our new values to be explored and modelled with students. Pounamu demonstrated *wonder* when a scientist visited their classes and the seniors showed *grit* and considered *others* at Camp Kaitoke and of course ALL of our values were on display at the picnic last week. Keep reading for more ...!

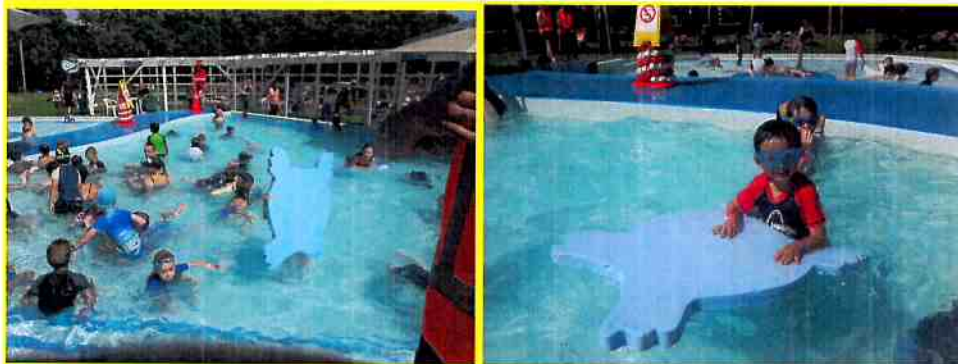
School Picnic at Waikanae Pool

What a fabulous day everyone had at the picnic last week. It was wonderful to see so many families come along. The water slide and inflatable were popular and the weather was pleasant. If it was your first picnic thanks for coming, we hope to see you at many more! We enjoyed seeing many families there and hope we will see you again this Friday at the Family Fun Night (see details at the end of the newsletter).



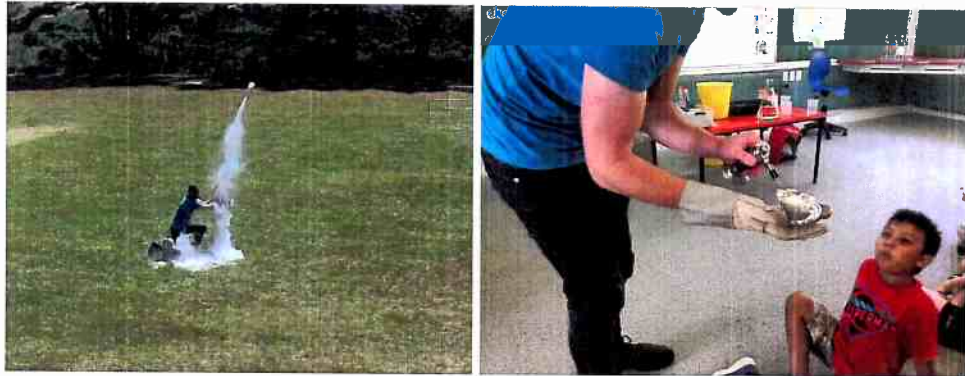
The picnic is a highlight on our school calendar as you can tell from students' comments:

- ★ Doing back flips off the floatie was fun - Max
- ★ It was scary inside the water slide because it was so dark. I really liked it - Samuel
- ★ I liked swimming and playing a game with the ball and my friends - Lincoln
- ★ I liked jumping in the water - Jonny
- ★ I was proud that I could touch the bottom of the big pool - Ella
- ★ I liked swimming in the deep pool - Harleen
- ★ My favourite was the last part of the obstacle course, because there's a big splash when you land in the water - Veer



Science in Pounamu

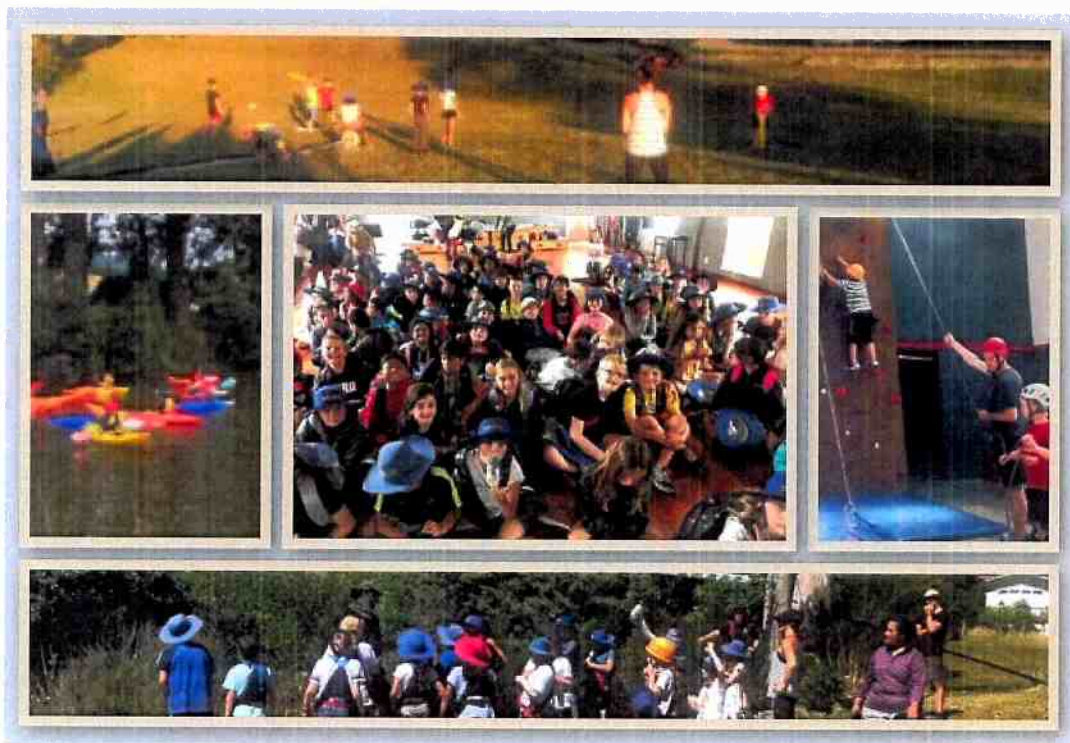
Pounamu had a visit from Thom, a science advisor from Victoria University. Thom showed curious students how to make comets and how mixing chemicals can cause changes in colours. To finish the whole school watched nitrogen rockets being fired from the field. We were amazed!



Blasting off on the field - all of Paparangi heard the bang! And Noah observing an experiment in class.

Camp Kaitoke

76 Year 5 and 6 students and our amazing adult volunteers went to Camp Kaitoke for three days. Students took part in a range of activities including kayaking, raft building, rock climbing and super fox. We spent lots of time outside playing sports, swimming and building new relationships. Camp was a great way to GROW adventurous learners. Thanks to the parent volunteers for giving their time to help at camp and a special thanks to all the teachers who helped out, but especially Jenni Harrison, Deputy Principal, for her organisation and planning.



Here's what a few of the tamariki had to say about their camp:

- ★ The superfox was like a zipline but not as high! - Jaime
- ★ I liked being able to kayak again and learn more skills. - Gauri
- ★ I enjoyed being up high on the superfox. I shouted "Waahooo!" because it gave me a big adrenaline rush. - Cody
- ★ It was hard to swim in my shoes when I jumped out of my kayak! - Sebi

Northern Zone Cricket Tournament

Well done to all our Year 5 and 6 cricketers who participated in the Northern Zone cricket tournament at Alex Moore Park last week. You showed our Paparangi Values of Grit, Respect and (Considering) Others fantastically well. We are very proud of you! A huge thank you to all the parent volunteers. You were all amazing! George liked the cricket tournament because he got to meet players from the senior men's Cricket Team and Madden liked scoring runs for his team. Niko thought it was fun to play against his friends from other schools and Lara liked having a go at a different sport.



The cricketers were the first tamariki to wear the new school t-shirts, which have had a makeover over the summer. Thanks to Trina Coombs for organising these on behalf of the school and to Infinity Foundation for providing a grant for the t-shirts.



Staff News

Congratulations to teacher Trelise Curle and her partner Leigh who welcomed baby Alice Amelia on Valentines Day, a sister for Sylvia. What a sweetie - we are looking forward to cuddles!



Friday 6th March 5.30pm - 7pm

This event is always a lot of fun, and great for creating a sense of community within the school. There will be food, music, and lots of fun games! A ticket order form was sent home with your child last Friday, please complete and return it by Wednesday 4th March. The price is \$5 per child for participation in all races and games (under 5's are \$2). Our preferred payment method is Kindo, or you can pay by cash when you return your form. **To make this event successful, we need volunteers to assist with games, food-stalls and baking. Please indicate on your form if you're able to help, or email: paparangihomeandschool@gmail.com.** We're looking forward to seeing you all there!

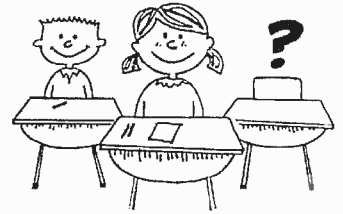


NEW SCHOOL LOGO

The Board of Trustees is working with a graphic designer to give our school logo a makeover to fit in with our updated vision 'Growing Adventurous Learners'. If you would like to be part of a focus group working on this project please leave your name at the office this week. Involvement would be 1-2 short meetings to evaluate new designs and give feedback to the Principal.

Attendance - Every Day Matters!

Keeping kids in education is vital for their success at school and later in life. Research tells us that the fewer days students are at school, the less chance they have of achieving. Missing school isn't just about missing learning, it's also about all the other opportunities that are missed - every day matters! Student attendance, along with effective teaching, has the greatest influence on student engagement and achievement. Parents and Boards of Trustees are legally responsible for ensuring students' regular attendance at school.



Students with high absenteeism are less likely to succeed in their learning. **If a student misses five school days each term, or one day a fortnight, they will miss the equivalent of one year of school over 10 years - that's 200 days!**

At Paparangi we closely monitor attendance and this year when a student's attendance drops below 90% during a term the school will contact parents to discuss non-attendance. If non-attendance continues to be of concern the school may make a referral to the Public Health Nurse or Attendance Services, a local agency who works with families and schools to reduce truancy.

Did you know...? Only 5 students had 100% attendance for 2019 and last year about 15% of children were taken out of school during term time for a holiday. Parents have a really important role in helping their child attend school whenever it is open, unless there is a very good reason for his/her absence. Acceptable reasons for absence include sickness or serious family circumstances, such as a bereavement. We request that where possible appointments and private lessons are made for before or after school. We are committed to ensuring all of our students get the most out of their education, to help them learn more and achieve better results. Let's work together to ensure that our tamariki are at school every day the school is open.



You can read more about attendance and absence procedures on SchoolDocs, the new website for our policies and procedures or in the A-Z parent handbook available at the school office or on the website. *You are invited to visit the site at <https://paparangi.schooldocs.co.nz> (note that there's no "www."). Our username is "paparangi" and password "beazley".*

When we hear the fire alarm we stop, get in line, and walk out the building.



Fire Drill happening this week

Students and staff will be practising our emergency procedures later in the week. For details of all our emergency procedures go the Wellington Emergency Management Office website (WEMO) and click [View your school's Emergency Plan - Getprepared.nz](#) and enter Paparangi School to view our plan.

Emergency Food Packs

We kindly request that all student emergency food packs are sent to school this week to ensure compliance with our preparedness plans. *Not enough have been sent to school yet!* All children require an emergency food pack to keep at school for the year. We have found that if these items are packed into a plastic ice-cream container, storage problems are greatly reduced. **Please remember to NAME each child's pack.** At the end of the year we donate food items from the emergency packs to the local food bank. Non food items are returned at the end of Term 4. If you do not want to make this donation please let the school office know via email: office@paparangi.school.nz. To be prepared for an emergency, we require each child to bring to school the following items:

- 1 small tin meal eg spaghetti, baked beans
- 2 small tins of fruit
- 3 snack items
- 6-10 (wrapped) barley sugar lollies
- 1 plastic spoon
- 2 large plastic bags

Permission/Health Forms

Health and Safety forms were sent home at the start of the year for updating. It is very important that the information about your child and you is up to date and correct and that we are able to contact you at all times. This information enables us to make sure our emergency contacts are current. *Thank you to those families who have returned their forms already.* We would appreciate it if the forms could be returned to the school office by **Wednesday 4 March** to process before our first school emergency drill of the year.

Scholastic Book Club

The school received \$254.83 in rewards for the school library from orders in Issue 1, 2020. This is amazing!! Thank you for your support.

School Banking ASB

School Banking with ASB has started up again for the new year. Drop your child's banking off by Thursday each week. If you would like to open a savings account for your child please collect a form from the school office.

Extra Curricular School Events

Several extra curricular events are planned for students in term one and term two, providing rich experiences beyond their classrooms. Here's advance notice to help families plan ahead:

Term 1

Football Tournament	Held in March each year and attended by students in Y5 and 6. Coaches, managers required. Held at Alex Moore Park- this year on March 10th or 12th is postponement day.	Parent transport. No cost.
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Moving March

Movin'March is an annual celebration of safe and active travel to school, FREE for all Primary Schools (years 0-8) in the Wellington region led by Greater Wellington Regional Council and supported by your local council. Walking, biking and scooting are great ways for students and families to connect with their community. It's also a great opportunity for children to be active and gain independence. Teachers stamp the 'walk and wheel' (WOW) trips your tamariki take to OR from school during March. All entries will go in the draw to win one of 12 x \$400 AVANTI vouchers. [More information on WOW](#) can be found on the [Movin'March](#) website and parents can also win by snapping a photo of your family's journey to school during Movin'March. It might highlight a small adventure or wonder discovered along the way, or simply capture a moment in your journey. Post your photo publicly on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) with [#movinmarch](#). All entries will go in the daily draw to win a family pass to a fun destination in the Wellington region. And don't forget to post on Fridays in March when participants go in the draw to win a child's Sprite Micro scooter. T&C's are [here](#).

Term 2

Life Education Caravan - EVEN YEARS	Class lessons from the Health Curriculum provided by Harold the Giraffe. Harold and the Caravan are booked for two weeks at the end of May.	Approx Cost \$8.00 per child
Cross Country 12 May or 14th pp	Cross Country season is May-June each year. All students take part in the school cross country and a team is selected to represent the school at the Inter School Race.	Parent transport No cost
Pink Shirt Day 22 May	Every year our school takes part in the annual Pink Shirt Day to raise awareness of anti bullying. This is part of a week long campaign held every year in May.	No cost Wear something Pink!
Performance from NZ Playhouse Theatre	Each year we welcome the actors from NZ Playhouse to perform for students - their shows are lively and topical, with a different show each year.	Approx Cost \$8.00 per child



SCHOOL EVENTS THIS TERM

Family Fun Night	Friday 6 March
Northern Schools Football Tournament	10 March (12 March postponement date)
Free Asthma Puppet Show	Wed 18 March
Enviro Day, parent help welcomed!	Friday 27 March
Board of Trustees meeting at 6pm	Monday 6 April
End of term Assembly hosted by Rakau Nui	Wednesday 8 April, 0915
Last day of term	Thursday 9 April, 3.00pm
Good Friday - school closed	Friday 10 April
Term Two	
Anzac Day, public holiday - school closed	Monday 27 April
Teacher only day - school closed	Tuesday 28 April
Term two begins	Wednesday 29 April at 0855

Community Section

Entertainment Membership – Digital transformation

Entertainment Memberships are now 100% digital. Saying goodbye to the iconic Book wasn't an easy decision, but it significantly simplifies the experience for our fundraisers, reduces our environmental impact and allows us to provide flexibility for members and merchants. **Benefits of the App include:**

- **User-friendly:** Instantly search and redeem offers or check out the Near Me tab to find offers, wherever you are.
- **Memberships start anytime:** Flexible start date, Memberships are valid for 12 months from when you activate (16 months if you take advantage of the Early Bird offer now on in Feb!).
- **New offers automatically added:** As soon as we sign a new offer, you get access to it. No more waiting for the next print run!
- **Multiple devices:** You can still share your Membership with your family. Encourage your partner and kids to download the App so they can access valuable savings when out.
- **Convenient:** The App means that as long as you have your phone, you have your Membership too (no more lugging around the book).

Easy gifting: We've made it simpler than ever to gift an Entertainment Membership – simply purchase from your chosen fundraiser and the gift Membership will be delivered instantly to your inbox.

Exciting opportunities for your students to go snorkeling this weekend for FREE!

We have a free community snorkel event remaining for this summer season and would love to see you and your school families join us for a fun day out snorkeling. Whitieria Park is located just over the hill from Titahi Bay in Porirua. It has been known to be a hot spot for finding seahorses as well as other amazing creatures that call this special part of the coast home. Next Saturday 7th March – Whitieria Park.



Did you know Elements Nature Based Play programmes are an option in Wellington!

Are you looking to give your children a different experience these school holidays? Have your children active & imaginative in the great outdoors. Think huts, ropes, tools, water play, mud and paint! We have a great mix of planned experiences and play throughout our days. This April in Belmont "Heroes in the Wild": Tues 14-Fri 17 April, "Magic & Spells": Mon 20-Fri 24 April, and in Kapiti "Wild Adventures" Mon 20-Wed 22 April. For children

aged 5-13 years. Visit and like our Facebook page:

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