



Dear Parents, Whānau and Caregivers

I wanted to give you a quick update on how we are doing under Alert Level 3. It's been a week since Paparangi re-opened. We are operating one small bubble with 2 staff members providing supervision each day. Our main focus continues to be on teachers connecting online with their students and families and providing quality learning-at-home activities for the majority of students who have stayed home. Our remote learning programmes are working well - thank you for your on-going feedback about how you're finding things and most of all thank you for supporting your child or children with their learning at home. You're doing a great job!

We appreciate that remote learning can be tricky - especially for parents who are often juggling their own work with the care of children, and yes for our teachers too, who are missing their classrooms full with tamariki learning! But it is wonderful to see all the sorts of learning happening from home. I'm enjoying seeing the amazing photos and videos of what our students (and teachers) have been doing at home. A friendly reminder that many of the learning tasks are optional - do as much or as little as your family circumstances permit and whatever you do make it FUN!

Fun Friday Activity

Thanks for sharing your pictures of the teachers on Seesaw last week. The teachers enjoyed seeing how they had been portrayed. Here's some pics of the Uenuku Team created by Uenuku tamariki.

This week's Fun Friday Activity is to dress up in the school colours if you can - yellow and blue - and then share something you've missed about school or that you're looking forward to doing when everyone can come back to school. Post your message on Seesaw for the teachers to see. I'm looking forward to hearing kids playing on the field and playgrounds again - it's very quiet here without you!

What does Alert Level 3 look like for us?

We are open for those students whose families indicated that they were returning to work. If your work situation changes and you require your child to return to school that's okay. Simply email me and I will place your child into a 'school bubble'. We are using the hall as the drop-off/pick up zone and one classroom is being used as a base for the bubble.

We are doing many things to make sure our school is a safe place for children to be and safe for our staff too. We are complying with strict health and safety measures to minimise the risk of contracting Covid-19. This includes students inside each bubble having their own table and equipment to use, everyone stays 1-2 metres apart at all times and ratios of one adult:10 students. Only essential visitors may come into school and we have systems in place similar to supermarkets and dairies, to prevent people from congregating.



In preparation for when school can open for more children under Alert Level 2, we have ordered extra soap and hand sanitiser for bathrooms and classes and there are lots of reminders for students and staff to undertake safe hygiene practices such as good cough and sneeze etiquette, and washing hands frequently. Other steps will include staying home if sick, physical distancing, reminders to not touching your face, and regular cleaning of high-touch surfaces to minimise any potential spread of the virus.

We look forward to welcoming more students back in person sometime soon and will know more after next Monday's announcement. Please get in touch if you have any questions, including about remote learning or our health and safety management for children, staff and visitors coming onsite.

If you need to make contact please send an email to principal@paparangi.school.nz or leave a phone message on 478 6617. The school office is open daily during Alert Level 3 (reduced hours) and phone messages are cleared daily.

Ngā mihi/Nāku noa, nā
Tracey Arthurs, Principal



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