



Dear Parents, Whānau and Caregivers



Well done Paparangi - paki-paki - give yourself a clap! We had an overwhelming response to our survey - thank you to everyone who replied. 95% of families have opted to keep their children at home which means the majority of staff and students will continue to teach and learn remotely from home. School will be open from Wed 29 April, operating 1-2 school 'bubbles'. Those families have been contacted separately this evening.

I would also like to publicly acknowledge the essential workers in our community who have worked during Alert Level 4. We thank you for your commitment, for everything you're doing at this time to help us and everyone in our community.

Here are some important dates to note over the coming weeks:

- Monday 27 April - Public Holiday Anzac Day - no remote learning today
- Tuesday 28 April - Teacher Only Day - staff will be onsite to prepare for the next two weeks of remote learning - no remote learning today. Alert Level 3 starts today.
- Wednesday 29 April - School opens for authorised students and staff. Sign in at the hall at your designated time. School grounds are closed to the general public. Remote Learning starts up again for students at home - teachers will be in touch with activity ideas and support.
- Monday 11 May - Level 3 re-assessed by the government.



It was great to see so many children and staff take part in Wacky Hair Day today. Thanks for posting your photos on SeeSaw for your teachers to see. We'd like to start sharing student photos and learning across each team. However if you'd prefer to opt out please let your home class teacher know by Wednesday 28 April. If we don't hear from you we will presume it is okay to share selected student posts with classmates.



Next week's Fun Friday Activity is to paint or draw a picture of your teacher or teachers, or even one of the teacher aides, Kerry or Mrs Weaver in the office or Mrs Arthurs. Post your art work on Seesaw for us to admire.



Next week will look a little bit different in terms of remote learning programmes. Monday is a public holiday and Tuesday is a teacher only day so there won't be any online learning scheduled for either of those days. On Wednesday, some teachers will be unavailable for their usual morning routines as they will be settling in the students who are coming back to school. Teams will be in touch about any changes to their timetables by Tuesday. Paparangi opens on April 29 and we are looking forward to welcoming those students who are coming back and want to reassure everyone that we will be doing everything we can to keep staff and students as safe as possible. This includes meeting the physical distance requirement of 2 metres between each 'school bubble', keeping the size of bubbles small - no more than 10 children. It also includes ensuring cleaning and other hygiene practices are a key part of our everyday activities.

I trust Paparangi families continue to be safe and well in their bubbles. We are lucky the weather has been mostly pleasant, so we've been able to venture outside much more than anticipated. Have a happy long weekend - let's keep on doing the great job NZ has done over the past four weeks. Stay home, keep safe, be kind.

Do you have a wood burner? See the attached flyer about a silent auction for firewood the school is running.



If you need to make urgent contact before school re-opens next week please send an email to principal@paparangi.school.nz. The school phones are not manned during Alert Level 4.

Nāku noa, nā
Tracey Arthurs, Principal