



Dear Parents, Whānau and Caregivers

Nau mai, haere mai, a very warm welcome to the following student and their family who has started at Paparang School:

Uenuku: Evie Cahill



We are also delighted to welcome teacher Ali Sprott back from parental leave. Ali is joining the Uenuku team full time in term four and has started working part-time in the YO/1 team this week.

Alert Level 2

While most of us are very familiar with requirements at Alert Level 2, we do continue to emphasise the importance of:

- Good hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette
- Staying away if sick
- Keeping the appropriate physical distance from others
- Cleaning and disinfecting our high touch surfaces daily
- Displaying QR code posters at our entrances and we encourage all of our community to download the NZ COVID Tracer App and use it if they come on-site
- Keeping a visitor register for anyone who cannot use the app and for other visitors



Our Health and Safety Plans for Levels 1-4 have been revised. We developed comprehensive plans for each level when schools first went into lockdown. We're implementing lessons learned from earlier in the year and have also taken the opportunity to replenish stocks of cleaning and hygiene equipment. We know all these things will help to keep our community as safe as possible. Because of these measures being in place, students do not need to wear a face covering at school. Thank you for your continued support for all we are doing to keep our community safe and thanks also for taking part in last week's Covid Readiness survey. 75% of families have replied already - if you haven't filled out the survey yet it's not too late!

Please fill out the Covid Readiness survey today to help us plan for operating under Level 3 conditions. There has been no advice from MOE or MOH that Wellington schools are closing. The survey is simply to help us find out more about our families' capacity for home learning if schools are instructed to close again. **The survey will close on Monday 24 August at midday.** All families MUST submit a response. [Click here to go to the Covid Readiness survey](https://forms.gle/h9PL5SU98dFU3ME6) or copy and paste the link: <https://forms.gle/h9PL5SU98dFU3ME6> or collect a paper copy from the office.

*If we do not receive a reply from your family we **expect** that you intend to keep your child at home under Level 3 and do not require a loan device.*



Helping families and children to cope with changing alert levels

Helping children and young people cope with the changes caused by COVID-19 means providing accurate information, discussing facts without causing undue alarm, and establishing routines. Guidance for parents, caregivers and whānau is readily available - the Ministry of Education has developed wellbeing guides with clinical psychologist Julie McCormack - [click here to read more](#). There is advice

for parents on looking after their wellbeing and the wellbeing of others. Go to [the MOE website](#) which provides further advice to parents and teachers.

The Gully Gutbuster is just over three months away!

This fun run/walk is our most successful fundraising event. It's taking place on **Sunday 29 November** this year so we've all got plenty of time to dust off those running shoes! Tickets are now on sale - get in quick as spaces are limited. We have some amazing prizes donated so far and will be displaying these in the lead up to the event. Thank you to these businesses who have already donated prizes: Shoe Clinic, Staglands and Hells Pizza. If you have a food cart and are interested in setting it up on the day please email David on paparangihomeandschool@gmail.com for more details. We also need a coffee cart contact - if you know someone who can help, please send a message to David.



To book tickets for the Gully GutBuster click here:

<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2020/2020-gully-gutbuster/wellington>

Yah! New Roofing for Paparangi!

A reminder that contractors are onsite to replace the roof on each building. The senior block has been finished and Rakau Nui children have moved back into their classrooms. So now work has moved over to Uenuku and the library and part of the courts outside these classes are cordoned off. Disruptions to learning will be kept to a minimum but this type of work requires classes to move out of rooms while their part of the roof is being worked on. Later next week the roofers will move up to Pounamu. Teachers will be in touch about changes to when and where students will be based - this project is weather dependent and so you will appreciate we'll be running a flexible schedule!



Supporting local charities

Thank you for supporting JUMPJAM 4 StarJam held last Friday. We raised \$310 for StarJam. Well done everyone, thanks for your generosity!



We love Yummy Stickers!

Paparangi School is collecting Yummy Stickers in order to win free sports gear for our school. Shop at New World, Pak'n Save and participating Four Square stores & purchase Yummy apples, either bags with cut-out labels or individual apples with Yummy stickers. One cut-out label is worth 10 apple stickers. Please drop any yummy stickers off to the school office no later than **Friday 18 September** so we can send our entry by the end of term 3. If you require a Yummy sticker sheet these can be downloaded from their website [School Sticker Promo - The Yummy Fruit Co](#) or copies are available from the school office. Thanks in advance for your support!!



Wanted - Milk Bottle Tops

We are collecting plastic milk bottle lids. If you have any please drop them to the school office or give to your child's teacher. Thank you in advance.



Nāku noa, nā, Tracey Arthurs, Principal

