



Paparangi School

Growing Adventurous Learners

April 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers

WELCOME TO PAPARANGI SCHOOL

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa. Greetings to you all.

For a long time we fondly called ourselves 'the best little school in Wellington'. Whilst we're not so little anymore we still have a country vibe and a wonderful close-knit community. We also have great teachers, friendly kids, and an exciting local curriculum with emphasis on literacy, numeracy and environmental education.

Turning five is an exciting milestone in every child's life and making a decision about which school to attend is an important one for every family. As part of your decision making, parents, caregivers and whānau are welcome to visit and take a tour of the school. I would be proud to show you around our vibrant learning community and answer any questions you have. Some of our special features are

- ★ Respectful relationships, underpinned by our values - GROW - Grit; Respect; Others; Wonder.
- ★ Effective teaching and learning programmes
- ★ Learning through Play and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths)
- ★ Well resourced and cared for classrooms & well maintained grounds
- ★ Green-Gold Enviro-School, awarded for the second time in 2020
- ★ Adventure Zone, outdoor loose parts play area
- ★ Kapa Haka, School singing and Assemblies
- ★ Sports and PE programme, with tournaments, weekend or afterschool sports

We have an excellent transition to school programme which is coordinated by the teachers in the New Entrant Team. We invite children to visit with their families in the four-six weeks leading up to their start date. Visiting mornings are held every Wednesday from 8:45 to 11:40, which includes staying for morning tea to play.

We hold Parent and Whānau Information Evenings every four - six months. Information Evenings this year will be held on

- Tuesday 25 May at 6pm
- Tuesday 9 November at 6pm

Come along and find out what happens at school and how we work together to support your child on their next big adventure.

Our goal is for tamariki to be adventurous learners. Together, working alongside parents and whānau, we are 'growing' children who are resilient, respectful and who get along well with others. We look forward to you and your child joining us.

Nāku noa

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