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# Paparoa Primary School

*Success through effort Na to mahi kaha ka whiwhi ai*

www.paparoa.school.co.nz **19th March 2020**



**Roll Number: 43**

School Hours 8:30am - 2:25pm

Morning Tea 10:10am - 10:30am

Lunch 12pm - 12:50pm

Office Hours 8am - 12:30pm

## 150th Anniversary - POSTPONEMENT

The rapidly developing situation regarding COVID-19 and the restrictions that have been announced over the last few days have meant that the 150th Anniversary committee have needed to meet to discuss the possible impact on our upcoming event (8, 9 and 10 May).

There are several main factors we have considered:

- People registered from Australia will need to be in isolation for 14 days either side of their visit. This will make attending impossible.
- The event will have a significant number of people over the age of 65 attending. These are the most vulnerable people in our community in relation to COVID-19.

The 150th Committee feels it is our moral responsibility to postpone the event until the situation improves. We have not set a new date at this point.

Everyone who has registered will be contacted and given a full refund.



It is such a shame that this situation has occurred and we are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

## COVID-19 Reminder and Update

As you will be aware there have been strong preventive measures placed on all New Zealanders to try and keep individuals and families safe. At our school we want to ensure all preventive measures are in place to keep our school community and whanau safe.

### What does this mean for our school?

It is business as usual with a few added safety measures: -

1. Everyone who has been overseas is expected to self-isolate for 14 days.
2. Anybody (staff or student) who has had contact with someone who has travelled back from overseas must self-isolate for fourteen days. We are aware that children are not getting as sick as adults but there is still a question mark around them being carriers hence their need to self-isolate.
3. Children and staff who are sick are asked to stay home.
4. At school door handles are being cleaned several times a day.

Meanwhile at school we do not want to alarm our students. We are ensuring there is a lot of handwashing and or sanitizing happening.

We are encouraging children to eat lots of vegetables, have lots of sleep and exercise.

### School Closures:

From the Ministry of Education:

At this stage, we are not expecting widespread school closures. We are planning for temporary closures, like what is happening at Logan Park School but as the World Health Organisation has confirmed, the risk to children remains low and parents should continue to send their kids to schools and early learning centres.

As stated earlier in the week, schools are being asked to be prepared for "Distance Learning" in the event that the school is temporarily closed. In this event students will receive 1-2 weeks of material in a pack to take

home.

This will comprise of:

Basic facts

Maths worksheets: maintenance of recent classroom learning

Independent level journal reading with accompanying worksheets

Writing project

Arts and Crafts

List of home activities that parents can work alongside students with e.g.

cooking

If the closure is for longer than this, students will need to access Seesaw and for Year 3-6 students their email too. Here students will receive work, links, videos etc direct from their teacher.

Below is an excellent link from the Ministry to help parents to talk to their children about the Pandemic.  
<https://education.govt.nz/school/health-safety-and-wellbeing/pastoral-care-and-wellbeing/talking-to-children-about-covid-19-coronavirus/>

### PFT Friday Lunch Menu

Mac 'n' Cheese with/out bacon - \$3

Ham or chicken wrap - \$3

Mince / Mince & Cheese pie - \$3

Chicken or beef noodles - \$2

Sausage Roll - \$1

Fruit muffin - \$1

Fruit yoghurt - \$1



### **Teacher Only Day - Friday 3rd April**

Reminder of the Teacher Only Day on the 3rd of April. There will be no after school care running this day.



# Reusable Stainless Steel Straws

\$12 per  
pack



Our parent fundraising team have found some awesome eco-friendly products to support our school.

The bag contains: large smoothie straw, smaller straight and bent straws and a cleaning brush. Purchase packs at the school office.



This newsletter is also available on our website or via email  
[www.paparoa.school.nz](http://www.paparoa.school.nz)

## Book Character Day

Our Book week was very successful with lots of books sold. Thank you to Mrs Latour for your organisation. The School Council did an amazing job organising the parade and scavenger hunt. Thank you to all the children and staff that got involved by dressing up on the day.



## Thanks:

- Our Friday Lunches team who work so hard and give their time so our kids can have a treat. Stacey, Beth, Lawrie, Sam, Tina.
- Our parent volunteers who catered the Lions dinner this week - Sam, Hayley, Janine, Juliet, Hanna.
- Tina Ball for transporting and being a timekeeper for the Zone swimming
- Andrew and Ngaire Hames for all their work beautifying our school grounds.



## People of the Week:

- Jack for using exceptional manners in the office and saying "have a great day" to Mrs Stevens. A great example of our Virtues Overarching Theme "Little Things Matter".
- Stevie for her efforts in organising our Lunchtime House Sports.

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## Dates to Remember

- 29 Mar** - Pool closes - subject to water availability
- 31 Mar - 2 Apr** - Food for Thought
- 3 Apr** - Teacher Only Day
- 8 Apr** - End of Term assembly
- 9 Apr** - T1 ends
- 28 Apr** - T2 begins (Tuesday)
- 22-23 Jun** - St Johns First Aid sessions
- 31 Aug** - Teacher Only Day

We have children who are severely allergic to nuts so please, no nuts or nut spreads of any kind are to be brought to school.



In this current Pandemic Climate, all school sports and excursions are being cancelled around the country. However, we are still providing a safe, fun and exciting school programme for all our children. I will leave you with this quote: No matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow. – Maya Angelou  
Simon Schuster

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