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# Paparoa Primary School

Success through effort Na to mahi kaha ka whiwhi ai

www.paparoa.school.co.nz **20th August 2020**



**Roll: 42**

School Hours 8:30am - 2:25pm

Morning Tea 10:10am - 10:30am

Lunch 12pm - 12:50pm

Office Hours 8am - 12:30pm

## Possum Purge 2020 - Cancellation

Covid-19 has put a real damper on our fundraising efforts this year.

We have had discussions with our organizer, Hanna, and other key parents. They have suggested that we cancel our Possum Purge event for 2020.

Reasons:

- The proposed Level 3 Auckland restrictions lift 2 weeks before our Possum Purge. If this was extended further then the Auckland crowd that supports this event could not come.

- If Northland is still in Level 2, we will not be allowed to have crowds of more than 100. Also the tight gathering in the Pavillion would not allow for people to observe social distancing.

- Due to Covid the possum fur industry has taken a dive. The prices are low and there may be quota of how much fur they will accept per month or if at all.

- We cannot move the date. This is due to the willow trees budding and the best time for shooting. September is the only time it can happen.

The call needs to be made now before more money is spent and sponsors send prizes.

We feel that it is the right call on ethical and practical grounds to cancel the event for 2020. It is very sad to make this decision for our biggest fundraiser of the year, and a fun family event and tradition.

We look forward to next year's Possum Purge.



## Teacher Only Day Monday 31st August

As part of our involvement in the Twin Coast Community of Learning, staff will be having a Teacher Only Day on Monday 31st August.

School will be closed for instruction on this day. Please make alternative arrangements for your child/ren.



## COVID-19

We are currently sitting at Alert Level 2. Parents please remember that you are not allowed on school grounds during this Alert Level.

If you have to come into school, you must go directly to the office, use the hand sanitizer and either sign in or use the Covid Tracer App.

Postponements - Dates to be confirmed:

- Body Jam
- Northern Wairoa Cross Country



## Proud Sponsors of PAPAROA SCHOOL 2020



## Pet and Show Day- Friday 23rd October:

There have been several enquiries this week about whether Pet and Show day will be on or cancelled this year due to Covid-19.

It is far too early to decide if Pet and Show day will go ahead as usual, however, if we are unable to go ahead with the event due to Covid-19 Alert Level 2 or higher, we would have a virtual Pet and Show day. Details about how this would work would come out closer to the time.

In short we have a plan for either eventuality.

We are looking forward to Pet and Show day and having calves back this year.

Pet and Show day information will be going home today with this newsletter.



### How can you help?



Our Enviroclub are looking for a plant called Clivia.

If you have any and would be willing to donate to the school please contact Ann-marie Wilkinson or the office.

### Family Literacy Challenge

Congratulations to Zoë and the Colquhoun family for winning the Scattergories game. Zoë will get to choose a Duffy book to take home. Attached is the next Scattergories challenge for you to have fun with at home.



### A huge thank you to:

- Gareth Giles for coming in and repairing our bus bay.
  - Carol Peters for donating our fabulous Kereru painting for the back of the Pataka Kai.
  - Jena from Northland Hockey for the awesome hockey skills training.
  - Andrew for volunteering to help the Enviroclub with their garden boxes.
- People of the Week:**
- Everyone who has visited our school office and used the Covid-19 tracer app.



### Dates to Remember

**21 Aug** - Body Jam (postponed)

**25 Aug** - Fun Run

**31 Aug** - Teacher Only Day

**2 Sep** - Te Manawatahi Hub

**10-13 Sep** - Possum Purge (cancelled)

**14-15 Sep** - St Johns visit

**17 Sep** - Y3&4 Ripa Training

**22 Sep** - Y3&4 Ripa in Kaiwaka (PP 24th)

**25 Sep** - End of Term Assembly

**12 Oct** - T4 starts

**17 Oct** - Elections

**23 Oct** - Pet & Show Day

### Fun Run- Tuesday 25th August, PP 21st September

Students are eagerly raising money for the school Fun Run.

At this stage the Fun Run is scheduled for Tuesday 25th August. If the Covid-19 Alert levels are at Level 2 or higher, we will postpone this event until Monday 21st September.

This is so parents are able to come and join in on this fun event.



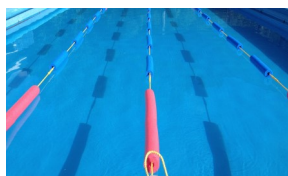
### Position Available: Pool Caretaker

We are looking for expressions of interest for a pool caretaker.

The position would run from mid November 2020 to the end of March 2021. The job would be for a total of 3.5 hours per week (30mins per day), and would require you onsite everyday to tend to the pool.

The successful applicant would be required to complete a 1 day pool training course (penciled in for October) unless they already had the unit standard.

Please contact Simon for more information and to express your interest. [principal@paparao.school.nz](mailto:principal@paparao.school.nz), or phone the office 09 4317379



### Board of Trustees Position Available

Do you want to make a difference in your child's education? Do you want to be involved in Paparao School?

We have one vacancy on our Board.

If you are interested in finding out more information contact Juliet Clark our Board Chair- 0211432560.

We would love to have you come along and see what our Board meetings are all about.

If we are at Alert Level 2 or higher we will be having a virtual meeting. Please contact Simon if you are interested [principal@paparao.school.nz](mailto:principal@paparao.school.nz) If we are at Alert Level 1 our meeting will be in the Multipurpose Room at school.

Next Board meeting - 6pm 24th August



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In Google Play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed.

A lot is happening for students, families, the school and in fact the whole country in terms of the impact of Covid-19.

We endeavor to keep you up to date with the latest information and implications to school operations. Please remember our main forms of communication are via Facebook and email.

This is a good timely reminder to make sure your contact details are correct in the school office.

If you have moved or changed numbers recently I encourage you to get hold of Hanna in the office to check we have your latest information.

Thank you for your patience during this time. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Simon

THE FINAL WORD

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



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