

## PAPARIMU SCHOOL DESCRIPTION

Paparimu School is a vibrant, small rural school that is a great place for students to learn and develop. Our students thrive in our exciting and supportive learning community.

We have low pupil to teacher ratios and our students enjoy more "teacher time" consisting of individual and group instruction from our skilled teachers. All staff know all students and all students know all staff. This means personal involvement in our student's learning - effort and achievement is recognised, acknowledged and rewarded by all.

At Paparimu School, students and their learning are our focus. The development of our students as successful individuals in all areas of the curriculum is what we strive to achieve. As a small school, our students are able to get involved in many opportunities and to develop their leadership skills in a variety of ways. Students have a real voice within our school, and our curriculum delivery is responsive to student and community needs and interests.

Long-standing relationships between the school, parents/whānau, local families and the community provide our school with heart and purpose. School students are actively involved year-round growing native plants through the Trees for Survival programme, to be planted in our community.

Parents/caregivers and community members actively support school events and important school fundraisers. Their contributions to the life of the school are valued by the board, staff and students.

Paparimu School has a proud history... dating all the way back to 1899. Generations of local families have attended. Friendships made here often last a lifetime. We are fortunate that many of our past students still visit and attend school events such as AG Day and our school fundraisers.

Our school is extremely well resourced, with two large modern classrooms (built mid 2014), astroturf area, a 20m heated swimming pool, library, adventure playground, native play area, an outdoor breakout area and a full size rugby field. We have ultra fast fibre Internet connection, laptops/chromebooks and iPads. Additionally we also have access to the adjacent community hall and tennis courts.