



**Kia ora tatou katoa - hi everyone**

**No 6**

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**WELCOME to** Leah Gebregziabher who started school in Room 10. We know she will have a great time here at Papanui Primary.

**YEAR 5 & 6 CAMP FUNDRAISER**  
**MEGA MITRE 10, HAREWOOD RD, PAPANUI**  
**Sunday 12 March, 9am - 4pm**

The BBQ is getting fired up so get your friends and family to call in for a snack if you're out and about.

**YEAR 5/6 HANMER SPRINGS CHEESE ROLLS FUNDRAISER**

Try these yummy cheese rolls, great for snacks after school or on weekends. Perfect for the freezer, just take out what you need. An order form will be coming home today. If you would like to place an order, please complete and return with your payment to the School Office by Friday 17 March. Thank you for your support.

**KEEPING KIDS SAFE**

Recently there have been a couple of incidents involving children in Auckland reported in the media that may cause concern for families. The natural response is to get into "Stranger Danger" mode. However in reality most cases like these don't involve a stranger but someone from the wider family or an acquaintance.

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/crime/82563761/for-kids-sakes-discredited-stranger-danger-concept-must-go-cops-say>

Therefore our (school and home) response needs to be measured with a focus building children's confidence and skills, highlighting the need to be cautious in some situations and all of this without creating anxiety.

It is important to remember that children see strangers every day in shops, in the park, and in their neighbourhoods. Most of these strangers are nice, normal people, but a few may not be.

It's common for children to think that "bad strangers" look scary, like the villains in cartoons. This is not only not true, but it's dangerous for children to think this way.

When talking to children don't make it seem like all strangers are bad. If children need help--whether they're lost, being threatened by a bully, or being followed by a stranger--the safest thing for them to do in many cases is to ask a stranger for help.

Safe strangers are people children can ask for help when they need it. Police officers and firefighters are two examples of very recognizable safe strangers. Talk about other safe strangers ... shopkeepers, adults with children.

Probably the most important way we can protect children is to teach them to be wary of potentially dangerous situations – this will help them when dealing with strangers as well as with known adults who may not have good intentions. Help children recognize the warning signs of suspicious behaviour, such as when an adult :

- asks them to disobey their parents or do something without permission,
- asks them to keep a secret,
- asks children for help, or
- makes them feel uncomfortable in any way.
- offers them gifts or food

