

Principal's Corner

Dear families and friends of our school

A warm welcome to Nathan who starts his school life in Room 4 & welcome back to Ezekiel in Room 9.

As I mentioned last year, "What Now" will be broadcasting from our school on Sunday 31st March. There will be lots of fun and excitement to be had. Along with this, our Parent School Sports Committee will be selling lots of food such as a sausage sizzle, hamburgers, bacon and egg muffins and cakes as a fundraiser. Please come along and support them on the day. More information will come the closer we get to the day.

Covered in this weeks newsletter: Meet the Teacher; Mathletics & Reading Eggs;

- Meet the teacher** will take place NEXT WEDNESDAY, 6th March. Please note that school will be closing early at 12.30pm on that day with the first interviews starting at 1pm. If you could make other arrangements for your child on that day it would be most appreciated. The interviews will be a chance for you to see how your child is settling into school. Student goals set in term 4 for 2019 will be recapped. Details on how to book are on the opposite page or see Jo in the office.
- Testing** Every year we administer standardised tests in late February and early March. These help us identify areas of strength and weakness and help us to help your child with their future learning. We will be undertaking Progressive Achievement Tests (PATs), Supplementary Reading Test (STAR), Supplementary Spelling Assessments (SSpA). Children in Year 3 will only be doing a the STAR Reading Test. Children in Years 4-8 will be doing all the assessments. Whilst we want good, accurate results, we will not be making this a stressful time for your child and we would appreciate your support with this approach. It does not matter how the children perform, we only use these tests as a diagnostic tool to direct future teaching and learning. It is however, important that your child is at school for these assessments.
- Mathletics, Maths Seeds & Reading Eggs & Reading Express:** I do encourage you all to sign your child up for these web-based programs at \$25 for a whole years access. It really does make homework exciting and helps reinforce what is being taught in class.

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou - warm regards to you all

Steven Caldwell
Principal



STUDENT/FAMILY DETAILS CORRECT?
Have you moved or have you changed your mobile number recently?
Do we have your correct information on our system? Please email with the details at admin@paraparaumu.school.nz or call in at the office.

Park to Path 2019 is back!

To register and more information www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/parktopath

Park to Path is a free community fun run and walk with a 6km or 10km option. Starting at Otara Park, Otaihanga, the route takes you from the park onto the beautiful Waikanae river trail with the opportunity to take a selfie at the Selfie stand; before going onto the expressway track. The 10km option takes you towards Waikanae before looping back. This year, we are adding a fun "School versus School" challenge. When entering your child, there is an option to enter what school they attend. The winning school will receive swim passes for every child who takes part on the day to any of the three Kapiti Coast District Council pools: Coastlands Aquatic Centre, Waikanae or Otaki pool. The winning school will be the school that has the highest percentage of children registered based on their current roll.

Date: Sunday 10 March 2019
Time: 8.30am onwards
Where: Otara Park, Lancelot Grove, Otaihanga

Please help us share the word about this fun family morning out by including the attached notice in your newsletter and any other communications you have with your community.

<https://www.facebook.com/>

We encourage payments for school expenses via internet banking. Please use your child's name and the event/reason as a reference.



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IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6th March	Parent/ teacher interviews SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1230
11th March	Teddy Bears Picnic at Kaitawa Reserve
14th March	Weetbix tryathlon
19th March	SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1230 (teacher union meeting)
28th March	Interschool Swim Festival
10th April	Easter Bonnet parade
11th April	House day
12th April	Term 1 finishes

Term dates 2019

Term 1	Monday 4 th February - Friday 12 th April
Term 2	Monday 29 th April - Friday 5 th July
Term 3	Monday 22 July - Friday 27 th Sept
Term 4	Monday 14 th October - Wednesday 18 th December (12 noon)

Waikanae Football Club

2019 season registrations for children aged 4-13 open early February.
Premier Team trials 10th and 19th of February for 10th grade and above.
Contact wfa_jnr@gmail.com or see www.facebook.com/waikanaeafc for more details.

Scooters in School

Last year we trialed the use of scooters during morning tea and lunch breaks. This year students have requested that we start this again. As part of our scooters in school, we have in place a 'Paraparaumu Scooters in School Contract' to help with some of the challenges that occurred last year. If your child does have a scooter and would like to use it during school breaks, please make sure you go over the contract with them, sign and return to your child's classroom teacher. If you have any questions, the school will be happy to discuss these with you.



Student of the week

Max Room 5 Year 1

Max, what a great start to Room 5 you have had. You are kind and caring towards others in the class and you are considerate of others. You are always on task and doing what you are supposed to be doing! You treat our classroom and school with respect and have good manners towards your peers and adults. It is great to see your enthusiasm towards your learning. You are a true super star Max, and a valuable member of our class.



Congratulations to our Whiz Kids from last week:		Congratulations to all those students who gained certificates in our graduate profile "Develop strong, Positive, Interpersonal relationships"	
Johnny-Ray	Room 1	Molly	
Lana	Room 2	Remi	
Shayla	Room 4	Lachlan	
Logan	Room 5	Eva	
TJ	Room 6	Hazel	
Sophie	Room 7	Kiri	
Reina	Room 8	Millie	
Simeon	Room 9	Lauchy	
Angus	Room 10	Alice	
Addison	Room 11	Tye	
Liam	Room 12	Zoe	

How to book "Meet the Teacher" interviews:

Please remember that it is one time slot per child when you do your booking.

If you **DO NOT** have access to the internet or have any problems with the process you can book a conference time by contacting the school office (298 7900) and Jo will book a time for you. All bookings for conference times will be done using www.schoolinterviews.co.nz. Use the following school code to make your booking Go to the website www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

- Enter the school code **7g8j6**
- Follow the on-screen instructions to book a conference time with your child's teacher
- You will receive email confirmation of the conference time

BOT NEWS: Have you thought about becoming a board member for your school?

Come along to NZSTA's Kōrari Programme to find out about becoming a school trustee on a school board!
We are holding a community hui at Waikanae School in the school hall / staffroom on 18 March 2019 at 6.00 pm in the lead up to this year's board of trustees' elections.

**KAPITI MUSIC CENTRE
GROUP MUSIC LESSONS
5 YEAR OLDS - ADULTS**

COST: begins at \$180 per year for 30 lessons. (lessons are for 30 minutes)

WHERE: Kapiti College Music Department

WHEN: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 3.45pm - 7.15pm

WHAT INSTRUMENTS: Saxophone, Clarinet, Violin, Ukulele, Cello, Flute, Brass, Recorder, Percussion, Drums, Glee Club (singing) Keyboard, Introduction to Music, Guitar, Bass Guitar, Ensemble & Rock Band

HOW: Come to an Enrolment day on Saturday 9 February 10.30am - 12.30pm
Monday 11 February 5.30pm - 7.00pm
At Kapiti College Music Department (A Block) or

CONTACT US: admin@kapitimusiccentre.org.nz or www.kapitimusiccentre.org.nz Phone 021 297 14143



PIZZA day TOMORROW
—Cheese, Hawaiian or Pepperoni \$2 per slice

Orders taken IN CLASS



Voluntary Donation

Thanks to those who have already volunteered to pay the school donation this year. Remember that you are entitled to a refund of 1/3 of all donations you pay from the Inland Revenue Dept. The end of the financial year is 31st March. If you pay before 31st March there is a \$10 discount.