

Principal's Corner

Dear families and friends of our school

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.

- **A reminder that TUESDAY 19th March the school will be closed from 12.30pm to allow all teachers to attend a NZEI union meeting that afternoon. Can you please make alternative arrangements for your child on this day. Your cooperation is most appreciated.**
- **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 of the week

Ruby Year 5 Room 9

Ruby, you are a wonderful recipient of Student of the Week award because you are such a kind and caring person.

Ruby, you always try to do the best you can in class and you are working really hard to achieve your SMART goals.

You are thoughtful and helpful when it comes to the people around you and you often put others needs before your own.

I have been impressed with your willingness to learn and try new things. You are growing in resilience and determination and I can't wait to celebrate all your successes at the end of the year.



Congratulations Ruby!

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"
Abby	Room 1	Tamryn
Taikaha	Room 2	Mila
Rylah	Room 3	Georgia
Paige	Room 4	Chace
Hector	Room 5	Briah
Frankie	Room 6	Kiarah
Mac	Room 7	Liam
Charlotte	Room 8	Elijah
Zoe	Room 9	Maia
Carlos	Room 10	Koha
Maia	Room 11	Kyla
Harry	Room 12	Daisy



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.

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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PTA News

AGM This will now be held on April 10th at 7.00pm in the staffroom — all welcome. We will be electing a new Chairperson and re-electing new members. If you would like more info or you are interested in a role on the PTA, please contact Kalia Porch.

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.



Netball! Registrations close Wednesday 13th March. 1st Trial for year 7/8 Thursday 14th March at twilight and after (5pm-6:30pm)

The link to register is on the School Facebook page. Thanks. Jade

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.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

11th March	Teddy Bears Picnic at Kaitawa Reserve
14th March	Weetbix tryathlon
19th March	SCHOOL CLOSURES 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)

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 Otaraua 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: Otaraua 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/>

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.