

# Principal's Corner

Dear families and friends of our school

Welcome to Tawera who has started his school journey in Room 4.

**Room 13 in Term 3:** In term 3 we will be opening a 13<sup>th</sup> classroom. It will be in the new entrants/year 1 area of the school. We have a large number 5 year olds coming and opening this classroom eases the numbers in Mrs T's class. Fay McCann will be joining our team from term 3. Fay is a highly experienced teacher who has also done a lot of relieving in our school. Room 13 will be located in the northern block next to room 2 and will be in the room where the library is. I would like to welcome Fay to our Paraparaumu School family.

**Library:** As mentioned above our new Room 13 will be located where the library is at present. I have been looking at the concept of a "distributed" library for a while now. As it suggested a distributed library is where the library books are moved around the school and put where classrooms are, removing the need for a centralised library hub. Research suggests that students choosing and reading books increases using this idea. Over the last few weeks we have started distributing books around the school. Early indications, particularly from the junior school, is that the children are indeed using the books more, especially during play based learning times.

**Matariki Celebrations :** The whole school will be celebrating Matariki on **Thursday 4th July**. Join us at 6pm on the front court for a karakia and waiata to open our Matariki evening. Feel free to bring your own lantern, glow sticks or torch. Wrap up warm and bring your umbrella. **PLEASE BRING A PLATE OF KAI TO SHARE!**

**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.

**Colds / Viruses in the school:** Please remember, if your child is sick it's important to keep them home so that germs do not spread to other people. If your child has vomited then please keep them away from school for at least 48 hours. It's important to ensure that children wash their hands properly to stop germs spreading

The following information will help reduce the spread of influenza and assist our school:

1. Make sure everyone covers their mouth and nose with tissues when coughing and sneezing.
2. Make sure students (and staff) with symptoms stay at home until they are well and free of symptoms.
3. Encourage everyone to wash their hands regularly. Put handwashing posters on noticeboards and in bathrooms.
4. Clean surfaces that are touched often (door handles, bench tops, toilets bathroom areas).

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

Steven Caldwell  
Principal

Students will be registering for Rippa Rugby in school, it is part of the school p.e. curriculum. Please let your classroom teacher know if you do not want your child to register and participate.

## Student of the week

Cody Room 12 Year 4

Cody, I am so glad I have this opportunity to tell the whole school community what a beautiful person you are inside and out. You are quietly bubbly and you have a contagious thirst for giving everything a go. Thank you for being kind to your classmates and for going out of your way to spend time with those who need a friend. I feel especially proud to be your teacher when you share your personal goals with me and I see how thoughtful you are and how much you want to be your best self. Your aspiration to be a vet and a marine biologist does not surprise because you seem to always be on the lookout for ways you can help and care for others. I know you will achieve whatever you put your mind to.



Congratulations to our Whiz Kids from last week:		Congratulations to all those students who gained certificates in our graduate profile "Acknowledges the Treaty of Waitangi"
Skylah	Room 1	Liam
Keira	Room 2	Destiny
Eparaima	Room 3	Honey
Charlie	Room 4	Connor
Samuel	Room 5	Hector
Kiarah	Room 6	Brooke
Eligh	Room 7	Brody
Milly W	Room 8	Elijah
Shekayna	Room 10	Lily
Skye	Room 11	Maia W
Elle	Room 12	Shania

## PTA NEWS

### PTA Midwinter Raffle Spoil Yourself!

Raffle draw on Fri 5<sup>th</sup> July!  
Heaps of opportunities to buy tickets over the next few weeks. Be in to win an amazing range of treats to spoil yourself or a loved one!



### Dates for the Calendar

#### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> of July TOY SWAP

Your opportunity to swap good quality toys (that you are tired of) for something new (that someone else is tired of). Win, win!

#### Weekend of 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> October PLAYGROUND WORKING BEE

A chance to freshen up the playground for summer – please get in touch if you have any special skills or access to useful materials. All hands on deck!



#### Pizza Available TOMORROW! \$2 a slice

Along with payment, please provide a note including your child's: order; name; class

EFTPOS is also available if you order on Friday before 9am.  
CASH orders can be made from Thursday in the office.

#### PEPPERONI – HAWAIIAN - CHEESE

You can pay your pizza online now! Online deposits must be made in advance before Thursday 5pm so I can reconcile them before the list goes to school Friday morning

Account number and is 030732 0019698 001.

Please reference as follows:

Child's name - rm no - 1xc or 2xp or 3xh



#### ICAS returns in Term 3

ICAS will return to Paraparaumu School this year. We encourage you to consider entering your child in ICAS.

- This fantastic assessment program allows students' to challenge themselves and be recognized for their academic efforts.

- The assessment is now fully online and sitting dates will commence in Term 3. ICAS exams are open from Year 3 upwards.

- Entry forms can be collected from the office.



Parent performance for open mic is next Friday. It will be a gold coin donation to come and watch.

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

4th July	Matariki evening
5th July	Term 2 Ends at 3pm
22 July	Term 3 Starts
14th Mar 2020	Summer Carnival

### Term dates 2019

Term 2	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July
Term 3	Monday 22 July – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept
Term 4	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October – Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December (12 noon)



NZ Police recently launched a new non emergency number, 105. We've done this to make it easier to get hold of us in the event of non-urgent situations or 'Things which have Already Happened', which don't require Police assistance immediately.

You can call us on 105 for all non emergencies, or you can go online at [105.police.govt.nz](https://www.105.police.govt.nz) to report things like:

- Lost property
  - Theft for a public place or car
  - Intentional property damage
  - Or to get an update or add info to a previous report
- In the event of an emergency, always call 111.

#### \*\*\*\*\* STUDENT COUNCIL DISCO \*\*\*\*\*

Student Council will be running lunchtime discos in the winter terms.  
First Discos are this week  
28th JUNE - Jnr Disco (ONSIE THEME)  
Gold coin entry

#### Room 11 has been learning to include Personification and Imagery in their writing

##### The Green by Charlotte Wilkin

The green swayed mesmerizingly, like a couple gently moving their hips from side to side.  
The green danced gently to the music of birds chirping freestyle.  
The green smelt like summer, moved like spring, but felt like autumn to touch.  
The green squirmed away from touch, like awkward teens in a too small room

##### Elegant Trees by Eva Schmid

Colorful greens and browns swaying in the wind  
The trees singing a song.  
The damp leaf is cold against my fingertips  
Smelling freedom as a feeling of safeness blooms through my chest  
The night comes to a rest, and so do I

##### A Forest's View by Grace McAlister

Gossip from one to another,  
sharing, connecting and bouncing off of each other like jelly in the movement of wind.  
An infinite woodland quilt,  
draped over the earth's body.  
The variety of shades and colours of their complexions,  
creating a smudged painting.  
The ocean of flourishing figures that stand as a crowd.  
The melodic noises of life that echo effortlessly,  
dancing among the greenery.

##### The Embrace of the Earth by Hollie Evans

The lungs of the Earth have been destroyed,  
They cannot breathe.  
Fallen Families,  
Lying in disarray.  
An abyss of death,  
That needs to be set free.  
The arms of life,  
Slowly become lifeless,  
Their warm embrace,  
Letting go,  
Leaving us to fend for ourselves.

##### Mother Nature's Gift by Oli Downes

Beautiful stalks of green, sway sporadically like warm melting blobs of jelly  
The rustling and tweeting were enough to delight all  
The green canopy ... prickly yet soft to touch  
The scent of soft soil underneath lifted the leafy sprouts.  
Mother nature's gift