



Paraparaumu School

PRINCIPAL'S *Corner*

Dear families and friends of our school

Mask wearing

I have been really proud of how the students and staff have been with regard to wearing masks in class. The staff are looking for innovative ways to manage mask wearing in their classes and the students have just gotten on with it with positivity and a no fuss attitude. Well done!

COVID-19

As yet, Paraparaumu School has not had any positive COVID cases. If you or your child are sick and decide to get a COVID test, can you let me know that you are getting the test. This is very important with regard to us preparing for a potential positive case. Please do not wait until you get the results.

Please keep an eye out on facebook for any COVID updates as they are constantly changing.

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), for Reading, Vocab and Comprehension. Children in Years 4-8 will be completing these 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.

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

Steven Caldwell
PRINCIPAL

Student of the Week

Nina Room 5 Year 2

Nina, you have started back at school ready to learn by putting in 100% effort into all activities. You are a good listener and do your best to follow instructions and be part of the Room 5 team. You show our school values on a daily basis and I have been impressed with your daily positive attitude. You are a kind and caring friend, and are willing to help out others in need too. Keep up the fabulous work Nina, you are so deserving of this award.

Part Winners	Room	
Liam	9	Turangawaewae
Skyla	13	Positivity
Corin	1	Respect
Thomas	9	Positivity

Congratulations to our Whiz Kids	Room	P.A.R.T Certificates
Nirvana, Micah	2	Fox
Kayla	3	Zara-Jane
Keerat	4	Penelope
Hannah	6	James
Meadow	8	Eligh
Rikihana	9	Marcus
Tamarau	10	Raizel
Harry	11	D'Arcy
Harlem	12	Violet
Skyla	13	Hinekatorangi

Let's Get Movin' in March!

We're a Movin' March school and counting down to Tuesday the 1st March when we'll start stamping passports at the gate as part of the [Walk or Wheel Passport Challenge](#) all through March. Walking or wheeling to school is a great way to get active, know your neighbourhood, kick start learning for the day AND take care of the environment. Remember, students don't have to complete their passports to go in the draw to win a \$400 [MYRIDE](#) voucher at the end of March!

Fancy going in the draw to win a scooter? Parents who take part in our [Whānau Facebook](#) competition will be in to win 1 of 5 adult or child [Micro Scooters](#) or a Family Pass to [Staglands](#) or [Zealandia](#). Check out the [Movin' March website](#) for more on these competitions and how you can take part.

Park & Stride

If you live too far away why not try a [Park and Stride](#)? You can still get your passport stamped at the gate! It helps reduce congestion around the school gate, gives tamariki exercise and whānau get to share precious moments on the way to or from school.

WOW Family Day

We will be holding a special theme day where we encourage all tamariki to dress up. We really encourage whānau to walk or wheel, even for just one day, and join in the Movin' March fun!

Ideas for all the Whānau:

Check our [Walk and Wheel Safety](#) page for guidelines for whānau to safely walk or wheel to school

Have a chuckle while you learn all about scooter safety with our [scooter safety videos](#) featuring the cast of TV show Wellington Paranormal

[Micro Scooters](#) are not only awesome sponsors for Movin' March, they also have awesome [safety tips](#) or check out Waka Kotahi's comprehensive [Education Portal](#)

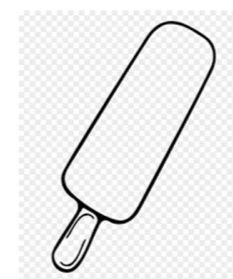
Get more information about [Walking School Buses](#) on our Movin' March website.

Mathletics, Mathseeds & Reading Eggs & Reading Express: I do encourage you all to sign your child up for these web-based programs at \$26 for a whole years access. It really does make homework exciting and helps reinforce what is being taught in class.

PTA Fundraiser

Wednesday 2nd & 9th March

Ice Blocks for sale at lunchtime \$1 cash only



Please remember to send Year 4-8 with at least 2 masks in the bag per day.

UPCOMING DATES

MARCH

4th TEACHER ONLY DAY
SCHOOL CLOSED

15th Super Schools
Year 7 & 8 ONLY pp day 17th March

APRIL

7th Swim Festival

11th House Day

13th Easter Bonnet Parade

Year 7 & 8 Immunisations

14th TEACHER ONLY DAY
SCHOOL CLOSED—End of Term 1

15th April - 1st May School Holidays

MAY

2nd Term 2 starts

TERM DATES 2022

Term 1 3rd Feb—14th April (3pm)

Term 2 2nd May —8th July (3pm)
24th June school closed Matariki day)

Term 3 Monday 25th July – 30th September (3pm)

Term 4 17th October – 16th December (12 noon) 24th October Labour day