



# Paraparaumu School

## PRINCIPAL'S *Corner*

Dear families and friends of our school

### 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.

**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.

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

*Steven Caldwell*  
PRINCIPAL

## Student of the Week

Raizel Room 10 Year 8

Raizel, you are a thoughtful and quietly confident student. You have seamlessly fitted into our Room 10 & 11 whānau, actively displaying all our school's P.A.R.T values. You're a hard working, kind and adaptable learner, who is well liked by your peers.

You have chosen 'motivate' as your one word for 2022 and it is clear that you're working on this by pushing yourself to be a self-motivated learner, with high expectations and a positive attitude towards learning.

Raizel, you should be proud of what you've achieved so far at Paraparaumu School and we look forward to see what you will bring to the rest of 2022 and beyond.

Mauria te pono - believe in yourself.

Congratulations to our Whiz Kids	Room	P.A.R.T Certificates
Cole	2	Esme
Nevach	3	Georgia
Lola	4	Te Ahi
Zoe	5	Heidi
Indy D	6	Frankie
Diya	7	T.J
Drake	8	Navleen
Molly	9	Elle
Rosalina	10	Chaz
Jackson	11	Zoe Heney
Brooke	12	Halen
Maia-Jade	13	Reef

## Te Whānau Kōtuku

Due to the spike in Omicron cases, the Board of Trustees have asked that we postpone our haerenga to Riverslea Lodge on Thursday 10th March.

### Movin'March is here!

We're proud to be a Movin'March school and this month we're looking forward to seeing whānau and students walking or wheeling to or from school. Walking, biking and scootering is a great way to improve well-being, kick start learning for the day and it's also great for the planet! Don't forget your WOW Passport so we can stamp your trip and keep an eye out for our planet friendly spot prizes!

### Whānau Photo Competition

Whānau can enter a photo of their journey to school and be in to **WIN 1 of 5 x adult or child Micro Scooters!** We're also giving away family passes to Staglands Wildlife Reserve or Zealandia. WOW... that's 15 prizes to be won! **Go to the Movin'March Facebook page and share your photo in the comments under the weekly theme post.** Winners announced by 8th April.

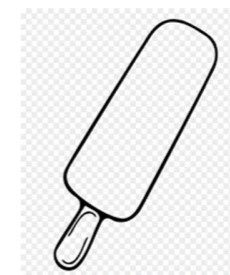
### WOW Passport Challenge

Let's get stamping! We'll stamp your walk or wheel trips at the gate and all entries will go in the draw to win one of 12 x \$400 MYRIDE vouchers (you don't have to complete cards to go in the draw!). If your family lives too far away, why not park a short distance away from the school gate and walk or wheel the rest of the way? For more information see our Park & Stride tips or try parking around the block.

## PTA Fundraiser

Wednesday 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