



# Paraparaumu School

## PRINCIPAL'S *Corner*

Dear families and friends of our school

### Student absences

A reminder that if your child is away from school can you please ring the office and leave a message and the reason why your child is away. This is even more important now with COVID beginning to take hold in our school. Your cooperation is most appreciated.

### Class sound systems

Up until this week a small number of our classrooms had sound field systems in them. These systems were originally designed to help those students with hearing impairments by focussing the teacher's voice more efficiently and increasing the clarity. Subsequently there has been research carried out that showed that these sound field systems have benefits for all students. As of this week the PTA has funded the installation of sound field systems in all of our remaining classrooms. This has been a substantial investment and will be hugely beneficial for our students and teachers. I would like to thank the PTA for all the hard work they put in so our school can have the best classroom environments possible for our tamariki to learn in.

**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

Elijah Room 1 Year 4

You have had a fantastic start to 2022 Elijah! You are a role model to your peers and are so helpful within the classroom. You are first to put your hand up to share your fabulous ideas and love sharing them with a buddy. I am especially impressed with your writing so far and your poem about 'the colour red' blew me away.

Red feels like my deep pillow  
Red sounds like dead leaves crunching  
Red smells like smelly sports shoes  
Red tastes like juicy strawberries  
Red looks like yucky sticky blood

You have made some lovely new friends so far and I look forward to getting to you know further this year. Well done Elijah!

Congratulations to our Whiz Kids	Room	P.A.R.T Certificates
Tiare	2	Inde
Lana	3	Hemi
Octavia	4	Alfie
Madelyn	5	Bohdi
Sophia	6	Judah
Kowan	7	Harrison
Jackson	8	Hazel
Thomas	9	Jenson
Kustom	10	Lily
Ethan	11	Thomas
Harlen	12	Tawera
Tayler	13	Thea

## 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!

BAKE SALE  
Wed 16th March  
Lunchtime in room 8  
All goodies between 50c—\$1  
Fund raising for camp



## 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

## Wanted for Sandpit

Room 13 have been thinking about ways to make our sandpit extra fun. Do you have any sturdy, old, metal kitchenware that the school could have? **Pots, pans, scoops, ladles, sieves and muffin/baking trays would all be very welcome!** The sturdier the better! Room 13 are keen to take responsibility for putting them out and tidying them at the end of the day and plan to fundraise for more!



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

Part Winners	Room	
Hazel	Rm 8	Turangawaewae Respect
Luka	Rm 6	Positivity
Esmee	Rm 6	Turangawaewae
Kaylee	Rm 10	Positivity

## UPCOMING DATES

### APRIL

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