



# Paraparaumu School

## PRINCIPAL'S *Corner*

Dear families and friends of our school

### Teacher Only Day Term 3

Can you please note on your calendars Monday 19th September. This will be our next Teacher Only Day, so school will be closed for instruction. Teachers will be looking at the new Histories Curriculum and planning units of learning from it. I do appreciate your co-operation, these days provide valuable professional development for our amazing teachers.

### Sickness

There has been a lot of sickness around of late, not just COVID. Can I ask that if your child is sick can you please keep them at home. Just a reminder that if your child has been vomiting or has had diarrhoea they should be symptom free for 48 hours before they can return to school. Your co-operation is most appreciated.

### Road Crossing

Can people please use the crossing when the road patrol students are out before and after school. There has been instances where adults have been crossing the road near to, but not on the

crossing. This can be very off putting for our road patrollers and can obstruct their view. Your co-operation is most appreciated.

### Mask wearing

As you may be aware, we are seeing an increase in COVID cases which has been compounded by the flu season. At this stage the Ministry of Education has not reintroduced the mask wearing mandate, though it is still encouraged. Schools are free to make their own decisions on mask wearing. At this stage we have decided to keep with the status quo, i.e. the choice of wearing masks is up to individual teachers, classes and students. However, if we see a large increase in COVID or the flu we may bring back the compulsory wearing of masks from Year 3 up. There is a lot of evidence now that masks do work. Keep an eye out for further communication in and around this. I will be updating as needed. I appreciate your co-operation with this, it is most appreciated.

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

*Steven Caldwell*  
PRINCIPAL

## Student of the Week

**Rylah-May Pitt-Drummond Year 6 Room 3**

E tika ana te whakatauki, 'Hine tū, hine ora, hine moe, hine mate.' Ka rere aku mihi ki a koe Rylah mō tau kaha ki te mahi, mō tau āwhina i te akomanga, mō tau aronga ki ngā mea o te kura ahakoa ko te aha. Nō mātou te waimarie he taurira, he tuakana hoki e noho nei ki waenganui i Te Whānau Kōtuku! I have watched you this term go quietly about your mahi, always striving to be the best you can in whatever learning you are challenged with. You are an amazing mathematician, reader and writer but also a great role model to our teina, showing manaakitanga, aroha and whakaute. You have also been a great help to me over the last few weeks, volunteering to do different jobs and being someone I can rely on. Koia kei a koe Rylah!

Congratulations to our Whiz Kids	Room	P.A.R.T Certificates
Arlen	1	Ayden
Te Awanui	2	Ceira
Halo	3	Rylah
Taine	4	Kelly-George
Kate	5	Dot
Hendrix	6	Jamie
Chloe	7	Toby P
Fox	8	Cody
Tamryn	9	Kiarah
Millar	10	Rosalina
D'Arcy	11	Xiah
Logan	12	Brooke
Billie	13	Jed

## Te Whānau Kōtuku

### Whānau Kai

A reminder that whānau kai monies for term 3 are now due-\$10 per tamaiti. This can be deposited into our fundraising bank account. Please see details below. Next week whānau kai will be held on **THURSDAY 25th August** as Whaea Hayley and I are away on a course on Friday. We will also be using this time to farewell Matua Jacob as he comes to the end of his practicum with us.

### Hangi Camp Fundraiser

A reminder that each whānau were given 2 tickets to sell/buy for our upcoming hangi fundraiser. Please deposit money in the following account:

**Te Whānau Kōtuku Fundraising Account ANZ 06-0730-0419882-00-**referencing your 'hangi' and the name of your tamaiti. We will be confirming who is available to help on Thursday 1st September next week with the food prep and packing and also giving out hangi on Friday evening 2nd September. Thank you to whānau who have let me know their availability.

### Senior School Movie Night - The Goonies

Friday 19th August  
Get your tickets and order fish and chips on Kindo before Tuesday 16th!  
Doors open at 5pm for anyone who has ordered food - movie starts at 5.30pm. Bring your water bottle and something to sit on! All finished by 7.30pm!

### Junior Winter Tournament

This is on Tuesday (postponement Thursday) for all our year 5 and 6 students. Come along and watch your child playing some sport!

### ODDBALL games

Room 1 and 12 have been working hard the past 3 weeks organising their own ODDBALL games. The children were in groups and needed to come up with their own game for their classmates to play with rules and ways of finding a gold, silver and bronze recipient. They needed to come up with a team name, make a flag, an advertising poster and a jingle. Once all of this was completed the games were ready to start! We are so proud of the leadership the children have shown whilst completing these tasks.

## CONSERVATION WEEK - September 5<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>

Nga Manu Nature Reserve is giving kids the opportunity to get up close with bugs and grubs and learn to build their own bio-dome during Conservation Week. Conservation Club will comprise of four one-hour sessions after school from September 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>.

Want to come to both? Price for both sessions: \$25 per person or \$20 for Friends of Nga Manu Trust.

Can't make it to any of these? During the weekend of September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, we have a variety of family activities that will appeal to all.

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>:** Ranger talks on bush birds and who as well as two eel feedings. At 12.30pm, there's a composting workshop with Eilish, KCDC's waste minimisation advisor.

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>:** Ranger talks on tuatara and geckos and two eel feedings. At 12.30pm, there will be a trapping and pest information session.  
[www.ngamanu.org.nz](http://www.ngamanu.org.nz)

### Onesie Day - 9th September

Wear your Onesie and bring a gold coin donation on Friday 9th September. All proceeds go to Wellington Free Ambulance.

### Softball

Are you looking for a summer sport? How about Softball? It's FUN and FAST! We are hunting for male and female players to join us - U7s right up to Seniors. If you are a seasoned pro or a beginner, we would love to have you as part of our club! You can register online at [www.kapitisoftball.co.nz](http://www.kapitisoftball.co.nz) or if you have any questions get in touch with Kyla on [info@kapitisoftball.co.nz](mailto:info@kapitisoftball.co.nz) or 027 244 8756. See you on the diamond!



## UPCOMING DATES

### AUGUST

19	PTA Senior Movie Night
23	Junior Winter Tournament (25 Aug) Postponement date
24	Sausage sizzle \$2 coin - fundraising for year 3/4 EOTC
30	Last day to order calendar art

### SEPTEMBER

5	PTA AGM
9	Onesie Day
21	Bake Sale - fundraising for year 3/4 EOTC
9	PTA Junior Movie Night
19	Teachers Only Day

## TERM DATES 2022

Term 2	2nd May — 8th July (3pm)
Term 3	Monday 25th July – 30th September (3pm)
Term 4	17 <sup>th</sup> October – 16 <sup>th</sup> December (12 noon) 24 <sup>th</sup> October Labour day

## TERM DATES 2023

Term 1	Tues 7th Feb—Thurs 6th April
Term 2	24th April—30th June <i>Anzac Day 25th April; Queen's birthday 5th June; Matariki 14th July</i>
Term 3	Monday 17th July – 22nd September
Term 4	9 <sup>th</sup> October – 22nd December (12 noon) 23 <sup>rd</sup> October Labour day