



# Paraparaumu School

## PRINCIPAL'S *Corner*

Dear families and friends of our school

**EPRO 8:** Over Term 3, a number of Year 5 - 8 students worked with Bill to test their innovation, engineering and problem-solving skills. Of the students that were involved, we were able to enter two 2 Year 7 and 8 teams and one Year 5 team into the Inter School competition held on Monday and Tuesday this week.

Our Year 7 and 8 teams worked together and came 5th and 8th in their competition. The Year 5 and 6 team worked hard together to take the lead in the competition in the final 10 seconds. A massive congratulations to this Year 5 and 6 team comprising Mark, Izzy, Marcus and Lachie. A job well done. They will now progress to the semi-finals with other schools from around Wellington.

**Year 3/4 El Rancho EOTC:** We are excited about our upcoming 2 days of activities at El Rancho on Dec 14th and 15th. Thank you to whānau who have indicated that they are able to help over these 2 days. There will be a parent help meeting Thurs 1st Dec, 6.30 pm in Room 1.

### Teacher Paid Union meeting

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November school will be closed from 12.30pm so teachers can attend a paid union meeting related to their Primary Teachers Collective Agreement. Can you please make alternative arrangements for your child on that day. Your co-operation is most appreciated.

### Enrolments for 2023

We are currently planning classes for 2023. To help us, if you will be starting younger siblings at Paraparaumu School over the next year or two, can you let Jo know at the office. It is just an indication and would be very helpful for our planning purposes. I know a number of you have already done this and it is most appreciated.

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

*Steven Caldwell*  
PRINCIPAL

## Student of the Week

Hinde Room 2 Year 3

I am very pleased to be presenting you with our Student of the Week cup and tiwhikete this week. Kei te whai mai koe i ngā kura wariu PART ia rā, ia rā. He tino kaiāwhina koe, he tino tuakana hoki. You are an excellent helper and role model for our younger class members. Kei te tino hiahia ahau tōu auahatanga, me ōu whakaaro. I really like your creativity and ideas during topic, writing and art. You have shown determination this year in pāngarau and have made great progress. Hinde, your zest for life and smile light up the ākomanga. He taonga koe ki Te Whānau Kōtuku. Whāia te iti kahurangi, ki te tuohu koe, me he maunga teitei. Seek the treasure that you value most dearly, if you bow your head, let it be to a lofty mountain.

Congratulations to our Whiz Kids	Room	P.A.R.T Certificates
Jack	1	Aileen-Rose
Te Awanui	2	Te Atawhai
Jonty	4	Makoto
Ardie	5	Dot
Sophia	6	Hendrix
Liam G	9	Shamus
Lauchy	10	Kassie
D'Arcy	11	Brooke-Lynn
Mylah	12	Ayah
Quintin	13	Royce

**Calendar Art** orders are open again for the PTA fundraiser!

Follow these instructions to place your order online:

- 1/. Go to [www.kidsartworks.com](http://www.kidsartworks.com)
- 2/. Use the Entrance Code: **KZ1996**
- 3/. Enter your child's room & name when prompted

### Skool Loop:

Just to let you know that Skool Loop is now inactive as a method of corresponding absentees to school. We have been having some issues with this and decided not to renew the contract. We hope to transition to ETAP soon, meanwhile, please email absentee to [admin@paraparaumu.school.nz](mailto:admin@paraparaumu.school.nz) / phone 298 7900 or send an email via the school website.

### **YUMMY APPLE STICKERS!**

Thank you all so much for your apple sticker gathering over the last two terms. We have \$171 to spend on sports gear - well done whanau!

Remember that you can collect stickers throughout the whole year. Either hold onto them or pass onto the classroom teacher.

Congratulations to Room 5 who gathered the most stickers and will receive a pizza lunch - woo hoo!

### **PTA Ice Block Wednesdays!**

Bring **\$1 cash** for an ice block on **Wednesdays** for the rest of November! (16th, 23rd and 30th) All funds raised will go towards providing a lockable box to enable a defibrillator to be available on school grounds and accessible for all!

### Faiths poem Room 9

Sloths  
Sloths are slow,  
you probably already know.  
They spend their time up in trees,  
with leaves on their knees.  
Keeping cool,  
they don't go to school.  
Sloths can turn their heads 270 degrees,  
but you and I can't do that you see.  
They live in South America,  
there might be one called Erica.

### **FOREST LAKES CAMP 2022**

Thank you to all our dynamic adults who worked tirelessly to provide our children with an incredible camp experience – thank you! These parents and teachers gave their best as each day brought new challenges and new successes – they were energised, they were exhausted, they were inspiring, they were inspired. They were interested in our tamariki, invested in them and committed to knowing what made each one tick and how to connect in meaningful ways. We had a terrific group, and I am grateful for each one's dedication, professionalism and enthusiasm.

To our tamariki who woke up every morning with a zest for life – thank you! These kids were engaged and engaging, open to trying new things and ready to get down and dirty, appreciating the many gifts that nature has to offer. Because of their days spent at camp, they have acquired an increase in confidence, a deeper connection to nature, and a greater sense of their own independence. Mrs CM.

### **Te Whānau Kōtuku**

#### **Takiri o te Ata-Kapa Haka Festival**

The annual kapa haka festival will be held on Thursday 1st December at Our Lady of Kāpiti. Te Whānau Kōtuku will be performing at 12:15pm. We will need whānau to help with getting our tamariki dressed and ready from 11am onwards. A permission pānuī will be coming home next week with more information.

#### **He Rā Poroporoaki-He Rā Whānau**

We will like to invite all whānau to attend our poroporoaki for our year 8 tamariki leaving to college next year. These 2 tamariki will be the first year 8 students to graduate from Te Whānau Kōtuku and have been with us since our first akomanga opened. This will be held at Whaea Jay's lodge 'Waimanawa' in Ōtaki Gorge on the 8th December from 10am onwards. We will also be asking whānau to help with transport to and from this venue. An information and permission pānuī will be sent home closer to the time.

## UPCOMING DATES

### NOVEMBER

- 24 Amazing Race Year 8
- 25 Teacher Union Paid Meeting
- SCHOOL CLOSSES 1230

### DECEMBER

- 1 Year 8 Kapiti Island ( pp day 5th)
- 2 Kapa Haka Hui
- Teddy Bears Picnic for Junior School (pp date 9 December)
- 7 Prizegiving
- 12 Year 8 Graduation
- 13 Whole School Picnic
- 14/15 YR 3 & 4 End of Year Experience
- 16 TERM 4 FINISHES @12 noon

## TERM DATES 2023

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