

Paraparaumu School



PRINCIPAL'S *Corner*

Dear families and friends of our school

Teacher Paid Union meeting

A reminder that TOMORROW school will be closed from 12.30pm so teachers can attend a paid union meeting related to their Primary Teachers Collective Agreement and you should have made alternative arrangements for your child.

Last day of term: A reminder that the last day of term this year is Friday 16th December at midday. Our first day open for instruction in 2023 is Tuesday 7th February. Please note these dates.

Reports: The teachers are currently in the process of collating all the children's assessment information and are creating a written report for each child. Written reports will be sent home in December. Please make sure, that if both parents require a report this year, then you let Jo know at the office.

Sun Hats: Please remember your child must wear a bucket hat this term. New ones can be purchased from the office@ \$14 - alternatively you can provide a plain navy bucket hat. Children's

hats should be left at school in their classroom.

Prizegiving for the School will be held on Wednesday the 7th of December at the Paraparaumu Baptist Church. Due to the size of our school there will be Junior and Senior Prizegiving presentations. The Junior prizegiving will commence at 6pm. The Senior prizegiving will start at 7pm.

Graduation for Year 8 students will be held on Monday the 12th of December 2022 at the Paraparaumu Boating Club from 5.30pm. Parents and Caregivers of Year 8 students are invited to join together for a sit down meal to celebrate the graduation of their child. Cost for tickets for the meal is \$30 and needs to be booked through Nic Aukett as soon as possible as there are a limited number of tickets available. Year 7 students are welcome to join the Year 8 students for a dance celebration from 7:30pm - 9pm.

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

Steven Caldwell
PRINCIPAL

Student of the Week

Ethan Room 11 Year 8
Ethan, you epitomise all the qualities and attributes that a successful graduate of Paraparaumu School requires. You have worked hard to become a well-rounded and successful student who is able to question the world in which you live.

It has been a joy to watch you grow and take risks to help you develop as a young person in our community. Your one word for 2022 has been focus and it is this focus that has helped you achieve well both academically and socially.

Kia kaha e tama - keep taking risks and you will be able to achieve any goal that you set yourself. You are an asset to the Year 7 and 8 Learning Hub. Have a fantastic time navigating through your college years.

Congratulations to our Whiz Kids	Room	P.A.R.T Certificates
Huia	1	Arlen
Te Rauora	2	Micah
Noah	4	Aidan
Holly	5	Ruby
Ashleigh	6	Jamie
Axel	7	Kowan
Aria	8	Hunter
Michael	12	Sacha

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!

Takiri o te Ata-Kapa Haka Festival

The annual kapa haka festival is fast approaching on Thursday 1st December at Our Lady of Kāpiti. Te Whānau Kōtuku will be performing at 12:15pm. Thank you to whānau who have returned permission pānui and indicated whether they can help with transport and dressing tamariki. There will be a sausage sizzle running from 11-1:30pm. Tamariki can bring money to purchase these if they wish (\$2 per sausage).

He Rā Poroporoaki-He Rā Whānau

We would like to invite all whānau to attend our poroporoaki for our Year 8 tamariki leaving for 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 pānui has been sent home. Please check your child's pēke for this.



We have a lot of Covid cases at school at the moment. Please remember to test your child regularly if they are showing any symptoms.

Santa's mail box



One of our famous Christmas traditions here at the school is 'Santa's Mail Box'. This is for internal Christmas post and will start next week. The children are able to send each other Christmas or Happy Holiday cards which are delivered to the classrooms daily by Santa's Little Helpers who entertain on their delivery rounds. Children can also put their own letter to Father Christmas in the mail box and we will ensure that we send it on. The Santa's Mail Box sits proudly in the foyer of the Administration Building near the 'PART' card boxes. This activity is great for our younger students too as they really love to write to their friends.

UPCOMING DATES

NOVEMBER

25 Teacher Union Paid Meeting

DECEMBER

1 Year 8 Kapiti Island (pp day 5th)

1 Kapa Haka Hui

Teddy Bears Picnic for Junior School (pp date 9 December)

7 Prizegiving Junior 6pm; Senior 7pm

12 Year 8 Graduation

13 Whole School Picnic

14/15 YR 3 & 4 End of Year Experience

16 TERM 4 FINISHES @12 noon

Room 7—End of Year Fund raiser

Christmas Cards designed by the children.

Proceeds to Life Flight Trust, Ronald McDonald House and Starship.



Each teacher has order forms, \$5 per pack of 5.

TERM DATES 2023

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