



Paraparaumu School

PRINCIPAL'S *Corner*

Dear families and friends of our school

Welcome to the final newsletter for 2022. We have reached the end of another interesting year! I would like to thank you all for your support this year. A massive thank you to all the parents who have helped during the year as we have not been able to hold our usual thank you morning tea. We could not go on the trips without your help.

Student of the week morning tea: A reminder that all of our "Students of the Week" will be joining us on Friday: Jayah, Desmond, Claudia, Hinde, Lachie, Ethan, Corin & Zara-Jane

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 is Tuesday 7th February 2023. Please note these dates.

Staff news

As mentioned last week, Whaea Gina will be leaving us at the end of this year. I am pleased to announce that Karere Uruamo-Taiaki has been hired to teach in Room 3. Karere has been working as a teacher aide in Room 3 and now has completed her teaching degree. The tamariki know her well and she is looking forward to the new challenge in 2023.

I am also pleased to announce that Te Rahera Hibbs has been hired as a teacher in Room 3 as well. I am looking forward to her starting in the new year. Karere and Te Rahera will be team teaching in Room 3 in 2023.

EPro 8

I would like to congratulate our Epro 8 team, Marcus Phipps, Mark MacKenzie, Lachie Bean and Izzy Boyd, who last week won the Wellington Regional EPro 8 challenge. They were up against the best schools in the Wellington Region. It is the first time since I have been Principal that we have won the grand final. We are all very proud of them all.

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

Steven Caldwell
PRINCIPAL

Student of the Week

Zara-Jane Year 4 Room 3

Koia kei a koe Zara-Jane! Kia pai mai hoki tō hanga ngākaureka ki te mahi ahakoa te aha! Both Whaea Lily and I have been so impressed with your positive attitude and the way you face new challenges head on. Your bubbly personality lights up the akomanga and you never fail to make your classmates laugh. You always have a big menemene in the morning and I know all the staff appreciate your daily hugs! Last but not least is your amazing singing and musical talents- he uri koe o Hine Raukauri! You are awesome!

Congratulations to our Whiz Kids	Room	P.A.R.T Certificates
Shaela	1	Ellie
Fox	2	Jai
Zara-Jane	3	Rylah-May
Jakaiah	4	Ivy
Reid	5	Layla
Ashleigh	6	Lomond
Diya	7	Carly
May	8	Hunter H
Shamus	9	All of Room 9
Mylah	12	Erin
Benjamin & Jed	13	Fern

Te Whānau Kōtuku

Xmas Hakari/Secret Santa

A reminder that Te Whānau Kōtuku will be having a shared kai on Monday 12th December at 12pm. Tamariki will also need to bring their secret santa gift either before or on this day. Please send your tamaiti to school with some kai to share. Whānau are welcome to join us.

Naku noa nei iti

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.

Kapiti Island Visit:

Last week our Year 8's went to Kapiti Island, it was a fabulous day out and one of the treats that we provide for our Year 8 Graduating students. A big thank you to the PTA who pay for each student and adult who goes. A big thank you to the parent helpers, we couldn't do this without you.

Lost property

Please come and have a look through the lost property. It will be on display at 12 noon on 16th December (last day of school) **at the front gate**. Anything remaining will be sent to charity shops at the end of term!

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. The Year 8 students become Santa's helpers and will deliver these treasured messages and cards...please make sure your child labels the card, or letter to their friend with their friend's name and the class that they are in.



PTA Sausage Sizzle

PTA will be manning the BBQ at Waikanae Pool on Tuesday! \$2 per sausage - you can pay on Kindo or with cash on the **Thank you**

A huge thank you to Nourish and the P.T.A for supplying 26 of our families with xmas food along with presents from the local church.

Stationery

From late December, stationery can be purchased via Office Products Depot (OPD). It will be delivered to the school and sent to the classroom on day 1 of school if ordered before 18th January 2023. It can be delivered free to your home if over \$50. Go to www.nzschoolshop.co.nz to start your order.

UPCOMING DATES

DECEMBER

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 <i>Anzac Day 25th April; Queen's birthday 5th June; Matariki 14th July</i>
Term 3	Monday 17th July – 22nd September
Term 4	9 th October – 22nd December (12 noon) 23 rd October Labour day