



# Paraparaumu School

## PRINCIPAL'S Notes

Dear families and friends of our school

Welcome to the final newsletter of 2024. We have had a very successful year both with student learning and also providing a rich range of things and events for our tamariki to experience. I would like to thank you all for your involvement in what we do and continuing to make Paraparaumu School the best school on the coast.

Have a fantastic Christmas and and Happy New Year.

**Kiwaha** (saying of the week)  
“Ka kite āno..See you again ”

### Staff changes

A the end of this year Whaea Emerald will be leaving us, I would like to thank her for all the hard work during her time with us, best wishes for the future. We would like to welcome Jessica Fourie to Te Whānau Pirere, who comes to us from Titahi Bay Intermediate School in Feb 2025.

### Last day of term

A reminder that the last day of term this year is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at midday. Our first day open for instruction is Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025. Please note these dates.

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

**Steven Caldwell**  
PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to our Whiz Kids	Room	P.A.R.T Certificates
Holly	1	
Ceira	2	Te Atawhai
Noah, Ekam	4	Leo, Sophie H
Keegan, Teddy	5	Royce, Rose
Billie	6	Jed, Kelly-George
Callie, Corin	7	Jack, Scott
Zoe, Ana	8	Lizande, Harper
Riley, Zella	9	Zena, Roman
Felix	10	Yoyo
Michael, Blake	12	Makere, Madelyn
Jaxon, Manahi	13	Kowhai, Te Awanui
Jono	Te Puna	Mark

### Student of the Week—7

**Violet Room 7 Year 6**

Violet, you are a very deserving “Student of the Week”. You start each day with a massive smile and enough enthusiasm to fill the room. Your willingness to try new things and have a laugh while doing them is awesome. You have worked so hard on your reading, writing and maths this year showing massive amounts of perseverance. You are rightly proud of yourself and what you have achieved through sheer hard work and determination. Violet, you love a good chat and a good dance routine. You are heaps of fun to have around and Miss Sallis and I are so pleased you have been part of Room 7 for the past 2 years.

### Student of the Week—8

**Kelly-George Room 6 Year 2**

Kelly, you have a great positive attitude towards your learning and being at school. You are always enthusiastic and ready to participate in all our class activities. You listen carefully to instructions, work hard and take pride in everything you do. You have a kind and gentle approach towards working and playing with others in the class and like to include and support those who need help. You are well liked by your peers which makes you a valued and respected member of Room 6.  
**X**  
Well done Kelly. You definitely know how to play your **PART** at our school and totally deserve to be this week’s “Student of the Week!”

### Mō AKE AKE

**M**y kura went to the hiko  
**O**h my goodness! I think there were at least 150,000 people at the hiko  
**A**ncestors, in photo frames on the hiko  
**K**O au he kākano i ruia mai i rangiatea  
**E**ven after 3 hours of walking, I still couldn’t see paremata  
**A**ll I could see was haki and tohu for kiromita, and kiromita  
**K**o te iwi māori e ngunguru nei!  
**E**verywhere I could see, there were people

### LOST PROPERTY

Please come and have a look. It will be on display at 12 noon on 20<sup>th</sup> 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

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.

One of our famous Christmas traditions here at the school is ‘Santa’s Mail Box’. This is for internal Christmas post only. 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.

### SHOUT OUT

Thank you to St Vincent de Paul for donating lunches throughout the year. We really appreciate it.

Thank you also to Kaibosh who have also donated food every week.

### SCHOOL PICNIC Thursday 19th December Waikanae Pool

We will travel by bus paid for by the PTA. Bring a picnic lunch & a drink. Sausage sizzle available \$2.20  
Water slide entry \$3.50  
Pool entry \$3.50

### ALL PAYABLE VIA KINDO

Parents are welcome to join us.

Your child will need a sun vest to protect them from the sun and it is recommended that you apply sun lotion in the morning. We will take a supply to the pool for top ups throughout the day.



### UPCOMING DATES

#### DECEMBER

- 5 Year 8 Graduation
- 12 Prizegiving
- 17 Christmas Market Day
- 19 School Picnic

### STUDENT OF THE WEEK

#### MORNING TEA

A reminder that all of our “Students of the Week” will be joining us next Friday: Wiremu, Shayla B, Meadow, Ella-Louise, Clemintine, Paige N, Violet and Kelly-George.

### STATIONERY LISTS 2025

This will be published in Week 10, and can also be found on the website. Paraparaumu School / Information / Stationery List. Stationery can be purchased from Quizzle, Paperplus and Warehouse Stationery.

### TERM DATES 2024

- Term 4 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December (12 noon)

### TERM DATES 2025

- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb –
- Term 1 Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April  
*CLOSED: 6<sup>th</sup> Feb Waitangi Day*
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April –
- Term 2 Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June  
*CLOSED*  
*2<sup>nd</sup> June King’s Birthday*  
*20<sup>th</sup> June Matariki*
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July –
- Term 3 Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September  
*CLOSED: 27<sup>th</sup> Oct Labour Day*
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October –
- Term 4 Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December (12 noon)