



# Paraparaumu School

## PRINCIPAL'S *Notes*

Dear families and friends of our school

**Kīwaha (saying of the week)**  
“Māna tēnā pukapuka.....That book is for him/her.”

The Ministry of Education Stepped Attendance Response initiative (STAR)  
As some of you may know, the current Government has set a target of 80% of students present for more than 90% of the school term by 2030. They have released an initiative called the Stepped Attendance Response to help realise this target. Along with this newsletter, I will be sending out information related to this and what this looks like in practice for our school. Can you please familiarise yourself with our procedures.

Skateboards and helmets  
We like to encourage our students to bring their scooters and skateboards to school. However, we have had several students not wearing their helmets despite being asked to do so a number of times. So, in the interest of student safety, if children are not wearing their helmets they will be asked to keep their skateboard at home until further notice.

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

**Steven Caldwell**  
PRINCIPAL

### Student of the Week

**Hayley                      Room 8                      Year 5**

This week’s student of the week is new to our school but has settled in fast and shows our school values daily.

Hayley, I love your positive attitude! You always come to school with a smile and have a positive approach to learning. Even when things get tricky, you never give up and always try your best. You are kind and friendly to everyone, follow instructions straight away, and are always ready to learn. No matter what the task is, you will give it a go with enthusiasm. Keep up the fantastic work Hayley, we are so glad to have you in Room 8 and at Paraparaumu School.

Congratulations to our Whiz Kids	Room	P.A.R.T Certificates
Emily	1	James
Rome	3	Elowyn
Charlie, Siobhan	4	Eden, Arlo
Myah, Alicia	5	Izzy, Cory
Tom, Taylah-Rose	6	Oscar, Kylie
Ana, Clem	7	Chloe, Luka
Cruz	8	Aileen-Rose
Jude	9	Noah
Logan	10	Halen
Hector	11	Kiri
Teddy, Zahara	12	Madelyn, Lottie and Nina
Lana	13	Nirvana
Jude	14	Noah

### Student of the Week

**Heremaia                      Room 13                      Year 8**

Heremaia, kua mīharo tātou i tōu tipu hei tuakana, hei ākonga, hei rangatira o te āpōpō. Ka whiwhia nei koe te tohu o te ākonga o te wiki mō ngā ōu whakapono ki whakamana i ngā wāriu o te kura, ngā wāriu o tōu whānau, te ngākau māhaki, te ringa āwhina, te taringa whakarongo. Kei te mihi ki tēnei pou, ki tēnei tuakana o te kura.

Haere tāwhiti tēnei ngākau aroha, haere tāwhiti tēnei tama whakapiki wairua, haere tāwhiti tēnei tama whakakata.

Nā mātou te whiwhi.

Kei te mihi, kei te mihi, kei te mihi.

**EL RANCHO WINTER KIDS CAMP!**  
A week-long day camp with no overnight stay for 5-12 year olds. 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> July. To book head to [www.elrancho.co.nz](http://www.elrancho.co.nz).



**SCHOOL DROP OFF/PICK UP**  
A reminder that when dropping off and picking up to please park where it is marked to do so.

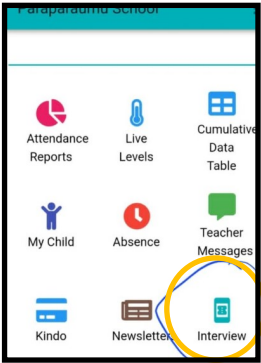
Please make sure that you are not parking partially over our residents’ driveways.

**KAPITI COLLEGE OPEN DAY NEW DATE**  
We are having our Open Day this year on: Monday 23 June

**Morning session**  
9.30am-11:30am  
**Afternoon session**  
12.30pm-2.30pm.

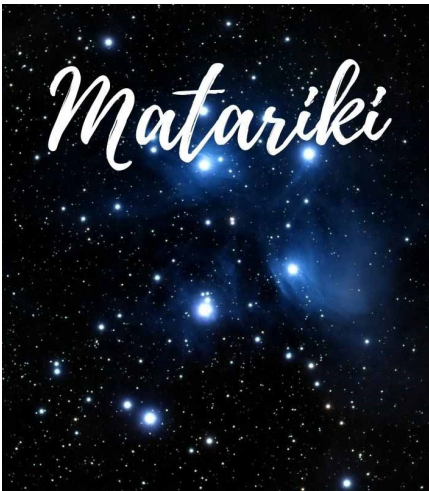
Please find two links below:  
• [Open Evening - Monday 23 June](#)  
• [Enrolment now for 2026!](#)

**STUDENT LEAD CONFERENCES**  
To book in for the student lead conferences, go into your @school app and then into the interview section and your child's teacher should pop up there and options of times to book. Please see image below of where to find the ‘interview’ button.



**TE WHĀNAU KŌTUKU BILINGUAL SYNDICATE - MATARIKI HĀNGĪ**  
**Pick up:** Paraparaumu School - 5.30pm  
In ground hāngī - \$15 = pork, chicken, mutton, potato, pumpkin, kūmara, stuffing, steamed pudding.

**Tickets:** On sale at the school office - Thursday 29th May 2025, through to Thursday 19th June at the school office. 8.30am - 9am and 3pm - 3.30pm. (OR UNTIL SOLD OUT).  
**Payment:** Cash please.



**PARAPARAUMU SCHOOL MATARIKI NIGHT**  
Thursday, 19 June 2025  
5:00 PM – 6:30 PM  
Wrap up warm and join us as we celebrate the Māori New Year and our wonderful, diverse community. Highlights Include:

- Glow sticks and music
- Coffee truck
- Displays of art and Matariki crafts in the classrooms
- Kai (food) served under the verandah outside the office block

Your child's teacher will provide details about their class's specific plans.

UPCOMING DATES	
JUNE	
19	Matariki Celebration
20	Matariki Holiday
23	Kapiti College Open Day
SEPTEMBER	
16-17	School Photos
TERM DATES 2025	
Term 1	Wednesday 5th Feb – Friday 11th April <i>CLOSED: 6th Feb Waitangi Day</i>
Term 2	Monday 28th April – Friday 27th June <i>CLOSED 2nd June King’s Birthday 20th June Matariki</i>
Term 3	Monday 14th July – Friday 19th September <i>CLOSED: 27th Oct Labour Day</i>
Term 4	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> October – Thursday 18th December <i>(12 noon)</i>