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Paraparaumu School

PRINCIPAL'S *Notes*

Dear families and friends of our school

Kīwaha (saying of the week)
"Kei hea te whare hākinakina tata...Where is the nearest gym."

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 on 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.

CLASSROOM SYNDICATE NAMES
Te Whānau Pīrere - Year 7/8 Migrates on to further their education
Te Whānau Kautū - Year 4-6 Wades in the river gathering knowledge
Te Whānau Mātuku - Year 1-3 Starting their learning journey at Paraparaumu School
Te Whānau Kōtuku- A unique opportunity to learn in Te reo Māori.

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
Gurlagan	1	
Piripi	3	Glenise
Lara, Dakota	4	Riko, Ariya
Ezra, Lachlan	5	Lochy, Keegan
Oscar	6	Hayleigh
Dot, Ana	7	Hazel, Peter
Grace, Indy-May	8	Hayley, Noah
Corin M	10	Cody
Sasha, Max	11	Shaela, Hazel
Nina, Lottie	12	Owen, Royce
Te Awanui	13	Room 13—Year 6
Jax	14	Audrey
Hine	15	Atreus
Kahila, Charles	Te Puna	Niza, Megan

Student of the Week

Jackson **Room 10** **Year 8**

Jackson, you have made extremely positive changes over the last year and a half. It has been wonderful to see you step up and take on leadership roles around the school, such as being a peer mediator and captain of the school football team.

You have a strong work ethic and apply yourself in the classroom and during NIPS. Jackson, you consistently treat others with respect and have shown all of the school PART values this year.

I am incredibly proud of you and your tremendous growth. You are a leader and a positive role model in Room 10. Keep up the hard mahi!

Student of the Week

Anna **Room 7** **Year 6**

When you think of our PART values you demonstrate them all consistently. Your **P**ositive work ethic, the **A**roha you show your friends, the **R**espect you show yourself and others, and the pride you have in being a Paraparaumu School kid shows **T**urangawaewae.

Ana, you have brilliant work habits and a 'can do' attitude to your learning. Whether it be a report on climate change, a piece of art or a PE game, you dive into it with great enthusiasm and care. We have watched you grow into a confident mathematician and we see the pride on your face when you can explain a mathematical process.

Ana, you have a sensational smile and are a shining star in your friends and teachers day. You are sensible, gentle natured, fun & incredibly caring. We are so lucky to have you in Room 7! Me whakahīhī ka tika - You should feel proud

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.

PTA AGM
Monday 25th August, 7pm in the school staffroom. All welcome.

BEDTIME STORIES 2025
Hi all its that time of year again. Bedtime stories will be held on Tuesday 2nd September 5.30 -6.30 in the hall. If you are after a hot Milo, BYO mug and it will be served from the staffroom between 5.10 and 5.30 pm. Craig will be armed and dangerous with the whipped cream as usual.

Bedtime stories is always a favourite evening. Snuggle in your PJs and dressing gowns and bring a cushion to sit on.

SUPPORT FOR NERO DIVERSE CHILREN AT COLLAGE
Monday December 8, 5pm, Room 7
Year 5-8 parents are invited to come along and hear how nero diverse kids are supported in the college environment. You will have a chance to ask questions and meet some of the Kapiti College Year 9 staff. Please look out for the parent sign up sheet in Term 4.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE—EVERY WEDNESDAY
(30th July—17th September)
Rooms 1,7,8,3 and 12 are fundraising for our 2026 Makahika camp buses. Sausages are $2.20. Please pay via KINDO only (no cash). You can prebook for the entire term, which means no organising lunch every Wednesday! Please remember to book before midnight. If it is done after midnight, the order will be for the NEXT week. Thank you for your support.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS
Wednesday 10th September 2025
Every three years all public schools in Aotearoa hold elections for their School Boards, and this is going to happen again in 2025.

The School Board is a key part of our kura because they do a lot of important things behind the scenes that while they may not be visible, are important to keeping our kura running.

Our School Board write our strategic plan, consult with our community about things that matter, make sure our finance is being spent wisely and ensure that we are giving effect to Te Tiriti oWaitangi within our kura. Our board is made up of 6 parent vacancies, the Principal and a staff rep elected by the staff.

The board need to appoint a Returning Officer, who is responsible for the running of the election, and we have appointed Election Pilot as the Returning Officer for our election and for the election to be provided online. They have been assisting schools with elections for over 20 years and have been the only election provider accredited by the Ministry of Education to provide online election services since online elections started in 2022. Important things like the nomination and voting forms will be sent to you by email directly by Election Pilot. If we don't have an email address for you don't stress, because Schooled Election Pilot will send these out to you by post so you don't miss out.

There are a lot of rules around School Board elections that need to be followed, and the main ones are the Education and Training Act 2020 and the Education (Board Elections) Regulations 2022. Your name and contact details have been provided to Election Pilot to enable them to deliver elections services for our kura as required by legislation. They will use your contact details for the provision of election services for Paraparaumu School only and your details will be deleted 60 days after the election date as required by legislation.

If you have any questions about the election process, then the best people to talk to are the team at Schooled Election Pilot. You can contact the Returning Officer directly on 0800 VOTENZ (0800 868 369) or election@electionpilot.nz.

We will continue to keep you updated through the various stages of the election process, and our election date is Wednesday 10th September.

UPCOMING DATES

AUGUST

13	Junior Winter Tournament yr 5/6
25	PTA AGM
26	Artsplash Choir
28	Artsplash Dance
29	Movie Night—Juniors

SEPTEMBER

2	Bedtime Stories
5	Movie Night Yr 5/6
8	Movie Night Yr 7/8
16-17	School Photos

TERM DATES 2025

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