



Paraparaumu School

PRINCIPAL'S *Notes*

Dear families and friends of our school

Kīwaha (saying of the week)
“He aha te tae o tēnei...What colour is this”

Teacher Strike 23rd October 2025
The NZEI Te Riu Roa union has advised the school board that its member teachers at our school will be taking full strike action on 23 October 2025.

The board has carefully considered the availability of non-union teaching staff, and unfortunately decided that we can't provide normal instruction during the strike so the school will officially be closed for instruction on 23 October 2025. Accordingly, you will need to make alternative arrangements for the care of your tamariki during the period of the strike as no supervision can be provided.

We recognise that this will cause disruption to our school whānau. Please be assured that student safety is our main concern.

Please contact Steven Caldwell if you have any queries relating to the impact of the strike.

Thank you for your understanding.

Steven Caldwell
PRINCIPAL

Student of the Week

Kolohe Room 7 Year 6

Kolohe, your story writing never fails to make me laugh out loud! The way you describe your fishing adventures is so vivid that I feel like I'm right there beside you.

I love how you've grown into a strong, yet quiet leader in our class. You are respected by everyone for your kind and accepting nature, and you consistently uplift those around you by leading through example.

You give 100% to everything you do, and I am so proud to name you our 'Student of the Week.'

Congratulations to our Whiz Kids	Room	P.A.R.T Certificates
Chloce	1	James
Te Atawhai	3	Tiana
Dakota	4	Troy
Jonty	5	Kahu
Marnu	6	Finn
Versian	7	Tawera
Charlie T	8	
Tiare	10	Corin P
Lauren	11	Hugo
Teddy	12	Lisa
Lana	13	
Eden	14	Ruby
Tānemahuta	15	Tamati
Malacai	Te Puna	Chace

Student of the Week

Jude Room 14 Year 1

Jude, CONGRATULATIONS! You deserve this award because you are an incredible classmate; kind, thoughtful and generous with the time you give to help others. You bring a positive attitude and sense of humour to all classroom activities and everyone knows that you play fairly, making you a great friend and learning buddy. Jude, it will be so exciting to see what you get up to in the years to come because you always work hard and do your best whenever you are faced with something challenging or new. You show our school values each day and we are very lucky to have you as part of our school community! Thanks for being you, Jude! Tino pai rawa atu!

HOOP CLUB KAPITI – JUNIOR BASKETBALL COACHING PROGRAMME – TERM 4 2025
Sunday 12 October to Sunday 30 November, Paraparaumu College Community Sportshall, Mazengarb Road, Paraparaumu.
9.30 - 10.30am 5 to 7 yr olds
10.30 - 11.30am 8 to 10 yr olds
11.30 - 12.30pm 11 to 17 yr olds
ALL NEW PLAYERS MOST WELCOME
Contact – Angelo Robinson
contact@hoopclubkapiti.nz

Hoop Club Kapiti – Adult Open Run Basketball Scrimmages
* Open Run Adult Basketball Scrimmages – Age 16+
* Thursday nights 7.00 to 9.00pm Kapiti College (Old Gym)
* Sunday Afternoons 3.15 to 5.15pm Paraparaumu College Community Gym

Contact – Shanan 027 7152141
or contact@hoopclubkapiti.nz for more information

NERO DIVERSE STUDENTS MEETING WITH KAPITI COLLEGE.
Any year 5- 8 parents who are interested in finding out how Kapiti College supports their nero-diverse students, please come to the parents meeting.

If you have anything specific you would like them to discuss please email michelle.macmanus@paraparaumu.school.nz or ask on the night.

Date: 8th December
Time: 5pm
Location: Room 7
Paraparaumu School.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE—EVERY TUESDAY!
(14 October - 9 December 2025)
Rooms 10, 11, 13 and Te Puna are fundraising for our Camp Taupo buses.
SAUSAGES \$2.20
ICE-BLOCKS \$1.00.

Please pay via KINDO only (no cash). You can prebook for the entire term, which means no organising lunch every Tuesday! (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.

ROOM 7 COUNCIL REPORT



It all started with Room 7 going down to Kaitawa Reserve to protest the removal of the Flying Fox. We put posters on the poles and Mrs Mac took videos of us yelling “don’t take our flying fox away!” We also wrote letters to the council which Mrs Mac dropped off.

The next day the local newspaper saw the photos and rang Mrs Mac. They wrote a front page story starring Room 7.

Then later a council person reached out to Mrs Mac, and asked us to speak in front of the Paraparaumu community board. So seven of us from Room 7 put our hands up to do speeches. Hazel, Michael, Chloe, Zoe, Grace, Ashleigh, and Logan. We spent the week learning our speeches. On the night, we were in groups of two or three. Hazel and Chloe went first and their speech was amazing. Michael, Logan and Grace went second. Their speech went very well. Zoe and Ashleigh went last. They talked about how they wanted a flying fox like in Palmerston north or like at Maidstone Max in Upper Hutt.



agreed that kids our age need a sense of danger and excitement in our playgrounds.

Just as we thought it couldn’t get any more crazy, a Stuff article was published that was also starring us, and we made the No1 read article of the website on Thursday morning.

By Hazel



UPCOMING DATES

SEPTEMBER

19 House Day

OCTOBER

23 Teacher Strike
22 School Board Meeting

NOVEMBER

26 School Board Meeting

27 Labour Day

DECEMBER

16 School Picnic

TERM DATES 2025

Term 4 Monday 6th October –
Friday 19th December (12 noon)

TERM DATES 2026

Wednesday 4th Feb –
Term 1 Thursday 2nd April
CLOSED: 6th Feb Waitangi Day

Monday 20th April –
Term 2 Friday 3rd July
CLOSED
27th April Anzac day
1st June King's Birthday

Monday 20th July –
Term 3 Friday 25th September
CLOSED: 26th Oct Labour Day

Monday 12th October –
Term 4 Wednesday 16th December (12 noon)