



Paraparaumu School

PRINCIPAL'S *Notes*

Dear families and friends of our school

Kiwaha (saying of the week)
“Tihēi mauri ora.....I exhort the breath of life.”

Well we have reached the end of very busy, productive and successful 2025. We have had a number of highlights as the year has progressed. I would like to thank all of you who have helped out and contributed to all that we have done this year. Without this help it would be difficult for us to provide the great learning experiences that we have. Have a great Christmas and New Years break and I look forward to seeing everyone back for the start of Term 1 2026 on the 4th February.

Staff movements at the end of 2025

Sue Stairmand will be leaving us at the end of the year after a stella 27 years' service at Paraparaumu school. Sue leaves us to pursue other interests and opportunities. Thank you Sue for all you have done while working at Paraparaumu School.

Lea Macfarlane will also be leaving us to pursue more travel opportunities and experiences. Thanks Lea for your the amazing contribution you have made to the students in your care and the wider school environment during you time here.

Helen Logan will be leaving us to pursue new opportunities including travel. Thank you Helen for the impact you have made with the learning of the students in your care.

I would like to thank all 3 staff members and wish them all the very best for the future.

Welcome to our kura

I would like to welcome Qariah Omar to a fulltime teaching position for 2026. Qariah has provided teacher release for staff over the past couple years and is excited to begin this new position in 2026.

Steven Caldwell

Congratulations to our Whiz Kids	Room	P.A.R.T Certificates
Emily, Mason	1	Zoe H, Freyja
Ariya, Aspen	4	Harper, Riko
Arlo, Keegan	5	Zella, Sam
Rose, Taine	6	Parker, Alicia
Avah, Grace	7	Luka, Harlem
Ellie B, Indy M	8	Matthew, Abigail
All room 10, Hunter	10	Ryley, Molly
Kaylee, Riley	11	Kiri, Elliot
Cor'lee	12	Owen
Te Ariki	15	Judah
Tyrell	Te Puna	Leon

Student of the Week

Hayden Room 1 Year 4

Hayden, I am so happy to name you as our ‘Student of the Week’! It is such an honour to be able to give you this recognition. We all love your cheeky smile, the awesome questions you ask and the genuine curiosity that you have for your learning. You always try your hardest with your work and you never give up, even when things are a challenge. Hayden, you have some awesome friendships in Room 1 and everyone enjoys spending time with you. Your positivity and kindness make our classroom a better place every day. We are so proud of you, Hayden!

Student of the Week

Sasha Room 11 Year 8

Sasha is being awarded ‘Student of the Week’. She has diligently completed all her work to a consistently high standard throughout the year, showing real pride in everything she does. She approaches every task with focus and determination, and she is always on task, making the very most of her learning time.

Sasha is polite, helpful, and a pleasure to have in the classroom. She shows empathy towards her peers in a quiet, thoughtful manner, offering support without seeking any recognition. She is always willing to give new things a go, embracing challenges with a positive attitude. In her gentle way, Sasha quietly models our school values.

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. 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 office. This activity is great for our younger students too as they really love to write to their friends.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK MORNING TEA

A reminder that all of our ‘Students’ of the Week’ will be joining us on Friday 12th December: Kolohe, Jude, Aariah, Lily, Zena, Alice, Tiare., Hayden and Sasha.

SHOUT OUT

Thank you to **St Vincent de Paul** for donating lunches throughout the year, **Kaibosh** who have also donated food every week and **Connect Church** for Christmas boxes. We really appreciate it.



CHRISTMAS MARKET

Come along to our Christmas Craft Market on Monday the 15th of December at 2pm - 3.30!!! We will have all sorts of creative delights, baking and festive wares for sale to help fundraise for a school mural. The Christmas Choir will be performing and we have coffee and crepes available to purchase. We can't wait to see you there!!!!

UPCOMING DATES

DECEMBER

- 11 Prizegiving
- 15 Christmas Market 2.00pm
- 16 School Picnic
- 19 Last day of term—12 noon

SHOE BANK

Kapiti Kids Sports Shoe Bank need **your** donations of second hand, great quality, sports shoes. Netball and rugby seasons are ending **soon, maybe you can donate your child's shoes or boots they have grown** out of? Or maybe you have some touch boots that no longer fit? Please drop them to the school office. Nga mihi.

TERM DATES 2025

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

TERM DATES 2026

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

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

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

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

