



Paraparaumu School

PRINCIPAL'S Notes

Dear families and friends of our school,

Kiwha (saying of the week)
 “Tau kē koe...You are awesome.”

Te Whānau Kautū Camp

Over the next two weeks the teachers and students will be going to the Makahika Outdoor Pursuit Center near Levin. This promises to be an exciting time for all involved. I would like to thank the teachers for all their hard work in planning this camp. I would also like to thank all our parent volunteers who are giving up their time to attend. We couldn't do camps like these without your help.

Did you know...?

There are many things around our school that help shape who we are and support what we do every day. We're starting a **“Did You Know?” series** to share some of these with our community. First up: the story behind our **school syndicate names** and how they came about. Watch out for this email on ETAP.

Steven Caldwell
 PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to our Whiz Kids	Room	P.A.R.T Certificates
Clara, Alfie	1	Penelope, Freyja
Piripi	3	Tiare
Thea	4	Keanu
Lochy, Zena	5	Kahu, Zella
Noah	6	Sophie H
Hendrix, Makere	7	Noah, Nina
Isaiah, Genesis	8	Connor, Zoe
Clem	11	Sean
Hayden, Alby	12	Lucian, Tom
Te Awanui	13	Nirvana
Tanemahuta	15	Theo

Student of the Week

Layla Room 8 Year 6

Layla is a kind and conscientious student who always puts in her best effort. She has been a wonderful buddy in our buddy class, showing patience, care, and encouragement towards the younger students. Layla consistently demonstrates our PART values and is a positive role model for others in the class. She approaches her learning with a great attitude and should be proud of the example she sets for those around her. Keep up the fabulous work Layla, you are a star.

Student of the Week

Nathan Room Te Puna Year 8

The student of the week for Te Puna is drumroll please Master Nathan! I spotted a little something extra special in Nathan the very first day that I met him. Nathan has a thirst to learn more and more and more!
 He's the kind of student who asks the questions no one else thinks of and notices the tiny details everyone misses.
 With a quirky sense of humour and a mind full of curious ideas, he brings a unique spark to the classroom. Whether he's sharing a random fact, cracking an unexpected joke, or diving into a topic that fascinates him, he always keeps things interesting.
 Nathan is a talented writer with a natural ability to express ideas clearly and creatively. His writing shows imagination with plenty of rich vocabulary. I love reading his stories - sometimes I need a thesaurus close by to help!
 Nathan follows our PART values and he is a student who strives to do his best at all times. We are so lucky and I am so honoured to have him in Te Puna again this year.

LET'S GET MOVIN' IN MARCH!

Movin'March – Week 2!

We're loving all the trips being entered in Te Haerenga o ngā Tamariki for the WoW Class Challenge!

Remember if you walk or wheel, we'll tick off your trip on the class wallchart – and there may be spot prizes or stickers up for grabs!

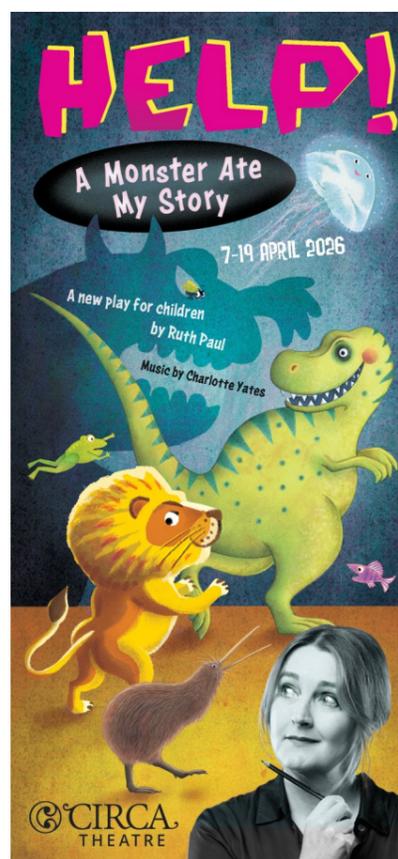
Classes who enter 5 days of trip data on Te Haerenga o ngā Tamariki can be in to win awesome prize packs – there are prizes from Micro Scooters and MyRide with Pedal Ready, and class trips to Staglands, Zealandia and Wētā Workshop up for grabs!

WACKY WHEELS DAY

To celebrate all the students who have been actively travelling to school, we will be holding a Wacky Wheels Day on Tuesday 31 March.

Students are invited to decorate their wheels: bikes, scooters, skateboards, or skates and bring them along to school. During lunch, the courts will become our Wacky Wheels zone where students can ride and show off their creative designs. At Morning Tea, we will also have a Wacky Wheels Parade, where students can show off their decorated wheels. The most creative wheels will receive a certificate.

We look forward to seeing all the colourful and creative wheels!



EASTER BONNET PARADE

Wednesday 1st April 1.30 - 2:45
 (If postponed, Thursday 2nd April, 1:30 - 2:45)

It's that time of year again! You are welcome to join us for this most prestigious and fun-filled event. We will gather on the front court at 1.30pm. Children from each class will be invited to walk in the parade. There will also be an under-5s category.

Teachers may provide some materials and time in class to make hats on the day, however, we do encourage children to make their bonnets/hats at home too. It is up to you whether you upcycle, recycle, or buy your materials. I'm super eggcited to see what you come up with!

THE BIG EASTER WEEKEND

NGĀ MANU NATURE RESERVE
 Egg-scuse me!? Did someone say The BIG Easter Weekend at Nga Manu? From Friday 3rd – Monday 6th April, Ngā Manu turns into four days of whānau fun!
 What's on?
 • Annual Easter Rock Hunt
 • Face painting
 • Sausage sizzle
 • Easter Hub activities and games
 There are over \$3,000 of prizes to be found, and heaps of Easter Eggs to be won.
 Come and enjoy nature, explore the reserve and be part of the fun activities!
 No need to book – just turn up for fun & games and egg-stra special Easter fun.

YUMMY APPLE STICKERS!

Eat Yummy apples for our school's share of \$200,000 free sports gear. Collect the 'Yummy Stickers' and 'cut-out labels' from Yummy 1.5kg apple bags and bring them to your classroom. Yummy apples are available at New World, Pak'n Save and participating Four Square stores. The more stickers we collect, the more sports gear for our school!



UPCOMING DATES

MARCH

- 25 Teddy Bears Picnic Yr 1-3
PP date 26 March
- 27 Teacher Only Day
- 31 Wacky Wheels Day

APRIL

- 1 Easter Bonnet Parade

JULY

- 1 Matariki Celebration Evening

SPARKLERS PLAYGROUP

Wednesday Mornings
 9.15am - 11.30am
 For ages 0-5 years
 For children & their whanau
 6 Tongariro Street, Paraparaumu
 Grace Hall, Kapiti Impact Hub

Check out our facebook page
[sparklersplaygroup](https://www.facebook.com/sparklersplaygroup)



TERM DATES 2026

Term 1	Wednesday 4th Feb – Thursday 2nd April
Term 2	Monday 20th April – Friday 3rd July <i>CLOSED:</i> <i>27 April ANZAC day observed</i> <i>1 June King's Birthday</i>
Term 3	Monday 20th July – Friday 25th September <i>CLOSED: 26th Oct Labour Day</i>
Term 4	Monday 12th October – Wednesday 16th December (12 noon)

