



Paraparaumu School

PRINCIPAL'S Notes

Dear families and friends of our school,

Kiwaha (saying of the week)
 “Haere rā....Goodbye/Safe Journey.”

Te Whānau Kautū Camp

Our second lot of students went to Makahika Outdoor Pursuit Center near Levin this week. They are having an exciting time. 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

Before and after school drop offs and pick ups.

During before and after school drop offs and pick ups can you please make sure you park where the car parks are. This ensures you our road patrollers have a full view of the road in each direction. This keeps our students safe when they are crossing the road. Thank you for your co-operation, it is most appreciated.

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
Alicia	1	Lazarus
Te Mahea	3	Glenise
Amira	4	Clara
Willow, Leonidas	5	Izzy, Malachi
Rhya, Fleur	6	Cooper, Xandy
Zahara, Hendrix	7	Billie, Holly
Hayley	8	Thea
Azariah	11	Callie
Makoto	12	Atarangi
Cruz, Jai	13	Nirvana
Summer, Riko	14	Arlo, Dakota
Rhiannon	15	Kaitahu

Student of the Week

Theo Room 15 Year 2

Theo is a new taura to kura, however kura feels like a place he truly belongs. Ia rā ia rā he arrives with a huge smile and ready to learn.

Each morning at karakia Theo joins in with confidence and pride. He has embraced his Māoritanga with enthusiasm, taking part in mihimihī and kapa haka with great passion. His energy and commitment inspires those around him, and it is clear that he is very proud to stand tall in his culture.

Theo is a taura who loves to learn. He is always wondering about the world around him and asking thoughtful questions during lessons. If something sparks his curiosity, Theo wants to know more!

Theo has settled into kura beautifully, showing kindness, curiosity, and pride in who he is. We are so proud of the way he participates, learns, and supports his peers. Ko te manu e kai ana i te miro, nōnā te ngahere. Ko te manu e kai ana i te mātauranga, nōnā te ao."

Student of the Week

Hugo Room 11 Year 8

Hugo is awarded Student of the Week for his outstanding leadership, care, and dedication to others. He has approached this year with a clear sense of purpose, consistently striving to be a kind, thoughtful, and reliable role model in our classroom. Hugo is trustworthy and hardworking, and he makes a genuine effort each day to support those around him, always leading with his peers in mind. This is clearly reflected in his role as one of Room 11's student councillors, where he demonstrates responsibility and a commitment to making a positive difference. Hugo's polite nature and warm sense of humour make him a valued member of our class community, and he is able to sing fantastic renditions of Wonderwall and My Way, which showcase his confidence and vibrant personality.

LET'S GET MOVIN' IN MARCH!

Movin'March – Week 4

This year Movin'March is turning 17 and there are a record number of tamariki taking part, including yours. With just over a week left this March we're keen to help your kids achieve their goals.

To celebrate we're holding a Walk or Wheel Whānau Day on Tuesday the 31st of March.

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

THE BIG EASTER WEEKEND NGĀ MANU NATURE RESERVE

Egg-scuse me!? Did someone say The BIG Easter Weekend at Nga Manu? From Friday 3 rd – Monday 6 th 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.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK MORNING TEA

A reminder that all of our 'Students of the Week' will be joining us on Thursday: Destiny, Jonty, Lachlan, Layla, Nathan, Theo and Hugo.

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!

BIG AIR

GYMSPORTS & CHEERLEADING

BIG AIR HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

April Holiday Programme:
 Dates: Tuesday 7th April – Friday 17th April
 Session Times: Half Day (8:30am – 1:00pm) / 1:00pm – 5:30pm | Full Day (8:30am – 5:30pm)
 Bigair Gymsports Kapiti: ph. 297 0400,
 e. kapiti@bigairgym.co.nz at 4 Manchester Street.

SCHOOL ABSENCES

Please remember if you child is sick that you must let the school know. It is also a ministry requirement that you must also leave the reason for you child being away.

UPCOMING DATES

MARCH

- 27 Teacher Only Day
- 31 Wacky Wheels Day

APRIL

- 1 Easter Bonnet Parade

MAY

- 13 Board Meeting

JULY

- 1 Matariki Celebration Evening

BOARD MEETINGS

- 13 May, 10 June (term 2)
- 5 August, 9 September (term 3)
- 28 October, 2 December (term 4)

TERM DATES 2026

- Term 1 Wednesday 4th Feb – Thursday 2nd April

- Term 2 Monday 20th April – Friday 3rd July
CLOSED: 27 April ANZAC day observed
 1 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)