



Paraparaumu School

PRINCIPAL'S Notes

Dear families and friends of our school,

Kiŵaha (saying of the week)
 “Nau mai, haere mai...Welcome/Enter”

Movie making with Room 12

I had a fantastic day in Wellington on Wednesday with Room 12. Our first stop was the Carter Observatory, where we explored the origins, stories, and legends behind Matariki. The students were highly engaged and enjoyed learning about the significance of this special time in the Māori calendar.

We then visited the Wellington Library, where the class had the opportunity to work in a fully equipped recording studio. The students created their own Matariki themed news show, taking on a variety of roles including directors, sound technicians, reporters, actors, and camera operators. This was an incredible hands-on learning experience, and the students thoroughly enjoyed seeing their hard work come together in the final production.

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.

Thank you for your co-operation and support — it is greatly appreciated.

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou — Warm regards to you all.

Steven Caldwell
 PRINCIPAL

Student of the Week

Eric Steward-Martin (Zara-Jane) Room 13 Year 8

Kua kitea i a koe e kaha ana ki te manaaki tamariki, tiaki teina me te tautoko hoa i te wā karakia. Kei te mihi!

Kua whai hua koe me ngā rautaki hei tutuki i te Mauri Tau, ka whakatinana ana koe i te ara tika mehememea e raru tōu arā ki te kōrero i runga i te hiahia kia tau ai te rangimarie. He tino akoranga mō ou hoa waihoki mō ōu teina, mō te marea. He ngākaunui tāu e hine, tēnā ka kitea!

Eric, you have shown great emotional maturity this year and you set a great example for all our tamariki with your strategies and approaches when faced with a challenge or situation.

You approach teina in need of a helping hand or supportive shoulder. You have a very empathetic soul and your kind words always mean a lot to those you share them with.

Student of the Week

Ezra Room 12 Year 4

Congratulations to Ezra, our Student of the Week! Ezra is a gentle, kind, caring, and helpful member of our class who consistently demonstrates all of our school values. He approaches every challenge with an amazing positive attitude and is always willing to give new things a go. Ezra works incredibly hard in his learning and shows great perseverance, never giving up even when tasks are difficult. He is respectful towards others and is always ready to support his classmates. We are very proud of the effort, determination, and kindness Ezra shows every day. Well done, Ezra!

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UPCOMING DATES

JUNE

10 Board Meeting

JULY

1 Matariki Celebration Evening

6 Term break starts

17 Term break ends

BOARD MEETINGS

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)