



Paraparaumu School

PRINCIPAL'S *Notes*

Dear families and friends of our school,

Kīwaha (saying of the week)

“Mā te huruhuru ka rere te manu.” — Adorn the bird with feathers and it will fly.”

Absences

If your child is away from school, please let us know and provide a reason for their absence. You can easily notify us through the ETAP app, including marking your child away for longer periods, such as a family holiday. Providing a reason helps us meet Ministry of Education attendance requirements and record the correct attendance code.

Teachers Only Day – Friday 23 October

Please note, there will be no school for students on Friday 23 October 2026. Our teachers will be taking part in Ministry funded professional development focused on the updated Mathematics Curriculum. This will be a valuable opportunity to strengthen our teaching and learning in mathematics. Thank you for your support and understanding.

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
Noah, Taine	1	Levi, Aidan
Te Mahea, Tamati T	3	Taare, Theo
Sofia, Nora	4	Logan, Hargun
Mav, Leo	5	Myah, Roman
Orion, Nixon	7	Harper, Alfie
Lottie, Madelyn	8	Blake, Thea
Hudson	9	Em
Avah	10	Ryley
Sacha	11	Hugo
Teddy	12	Gaia
Nirvana, Te Rouora	13	Destiny, Lily
Opihi, Mikaia	15	Rhiannon, Juno
Harlem, Indy-May	Te Puna	Tiare, Jack

Student of the Week 6

Luna **Room 7** **Year 1**

Luna is very deserving of ‘Student of the Week’. She consistently shows all our kura's PART values and gives everything her best. She approaches all learning tasks with positivity and perseverance. She is a fantastic role model and she shows whakaute and manaakitanga to all. She is very observant and takes initiative to help her kaiako, peers, or tidy anything up in the classroom. Luna models impeccable manners. She is among the first to say thank you which encourages her peers to follow suit. Recently, Luna wrote a story about having aroha as a superpower so that she could spread aroha everywhere - this is already your superpower Luna! We are so lucky to have you in Room 7.

Student of the Week 7

Matthew **Room 10** **Year 7**

Matthew has been a delight to teach so far this year. He is a hardworking and dedicated student who consistently puts effort into all areas of his learning. Matthew approaches tasks with a positive attitude and shows perseverance when faced with challenges. It is wonderful to see his commitment and willingness to do his best. Matthew is a wonderful role model for his peers. He consistently demonstrates kindness, respect, and a positive attitude, and he is always willing to support and encourage others. He should be extremely proud of his accomplishments, work ethic and positive attitude so far this year. Keep up the great work Matthew!

FUNDRAISING—TE WHĀNAU KŌTUKU 10 YR ANNIVERSARY

Tuesday 15 September

Sausages in bread \$2

Ice blocks \$1

Please pay via **Kindo**.

JUNIOR CRICKET—SUMMER!

Come and be part of our local cricket community this summer!

Our Junior Cricket programmes are open to boys and girls aged 5+.Whether they’re picking up a cricket bat for the first time or already love the game, there’s a place for everyone! Sign up today!

www.horowhenuakapitricricket.com



KIDS CORNER

Ki ora koutou. Imagine you - yes you, could be the first Paraparaumu School Sports Ambassador for every sporty kid in this school. I believe that this is a problem because currently we are being restricted from entering certain sports competitions. This is a major opportunity for anyone who cares about the future of our school and loves being part of fun school events.

Firstly, have you ever wondered why Paraparaumu Beach or Kenakena School get to go to all these cool once-a-year sports events? It is because they have the leadership role of a Sports Ambassador, and you can be just that. Studies show around 40% of school Sports Ambassadors end up in leadership roles in college that can lead to job pathways and careers in sport. Some of the responsibilities would include helping coach teams, referee games, and organising sporting events.

Secondly, if you and your friends love rugby, football, netball or any other sport but you don't have the funds in your whanau, studies from sport New Zealand say that 44% of family can not afford to enroll their child into a sport club and put food on the table. If that is you, then your Sports Ambassador will be able to work with the teachers in your school so you can still play sport at your school.

Thirdly, if you are not the competitive type but still love to play sport for fun or you just want to learn some basic skills then the Sports Ambassador can you help you with just that. 11% of children aged 3

BOARD NEWS INTRODUCING NEIL PHIPPS – PARENT REPRESENTATIVE



Kia ora koutou.

I live locally with my partner Donna and have been a board member at Paraparaumu School since 2023. Our older boy has recently moved onto college while our youngest is in Year 7.

There is so much to admire about our school, from its values led culture to the commitment of the staff who work tirelessly to provide the best opportunities for our kids to learn, play and grow.

I am a finance specialist and have worked in the Public Service for the last 10 years, before which I held varying senior manager and director roles in the assurance and advisory areas of PwC.

I am currently the Chief Financial Officer at Ara Poutama Aotearoa. I consider it a great privilege to serve on the Board and am highly motivated to play whatever part I can in our schools continued success.

YUMMY APPLE STICKERS

Please return your completed Apple Stickers to the office by next Thursday 17 September.



UPCOMING DATES

SEPTEMBER

18 House Day

OCTOBER

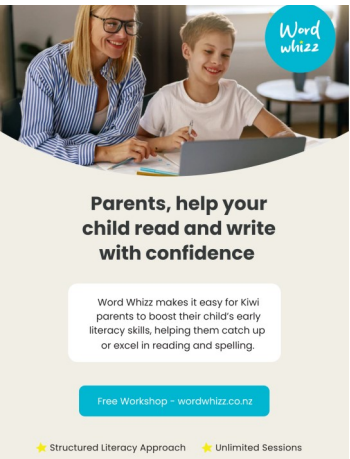
23 Teachers Only Day

26 Labour Day

BOARD MEETINGS

9 September (term 3)

28 October, 2 December (term 4)



TERM DATES 2026

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

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

TERM DATES 2027

Wednesday 4th Feb –
Term 1 Thursday 9th April

Tuesday 27th April –
Term 2 Friday 2nd July

Monday 19th July –
Term 3 Friday 24th September

Monday 11th October –
Term 4 Wednesday 17th December *(12 noon)*

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