



Paraparaumu School

PRINCIPAL'S *Notes*

Dear families and friends of our school,

Kīwaha (saying of the week)

Mauri mahi, mauri ora....Do the mahi, get the treats.

Mastermind Competition

Ngāi Iho Pūmanawa students had a fantastic time at the Fun at Mastermind competition today! Students were challenged to read 15 titles from the New Zealand Children’s Book Awards and put their reading knowledge to the test by answering questions about the books. We are especially proud of one of our senior teams, who achieved an amazing SECOND PLACE! Their knowledge of the books was impressive, and they did particularly well with the questions and answers in Te Reo Māori..

Teachers Only Day – Friday 23 October

Please note, there will be no school for students tomorrow, 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
Levi	1	Clara
Taare	3	Hine
Aaniyah, Mieke	4	Kym, Amira
Kayless	7	Kobe
Ashleigh	8	Lincoln
Jamie, Makere	9	Cori”lee, Billie, Trae
Hayden	12	Finn
Peace	13	Halo, Ceira
Molly, Indy	Te Puna	Tim, Mylah

Student of the Week 10

Myka

Room 13

Year 8

Kōia he ākongā kua puawai hei tuakana, hei kaitiaki, hei rangatira. E kaha ana ki te hāpai i ngā mātāpono o te kura ia rā, ia rā. He ringa āwhina, ahakoa te mahi, ko koe tērā e ū ana ki te whakaoti, ki te whakatauirahia mō te katoa me pēhea ka mahi, me pēhea ka tutuki, me pēhea ka angitū. Kāhore he kupu hei whakamārama i te poho kererū o tātou e whai ana i a koe i tōu tipuranga hei tuakana, hei tangata, hei rangatira.

You have grown into a tuakana who is able to guide teina with a ngākau nui, thank you for being a kaimahi that shows up, that consistently works to uphold the mātāpono of our kura and whānau. Your kindness to our teina help them grow in confidence, your whakapono to the kaupapa of your whānau, of your kura can be seen everyday, in every action you do.

He mihi nunui ki a koe e te tuakana o Te Whānau Kōtuku, Myka

Student of the Week 1

Maze

Room 5

Year 3

Maze, you are so deserving of Student of the Week! You are such a kind and caring soul. You ask the most wonderful and thoughtful questions, and you have such a beautiful way of looking at the world around you. This makes you an absolute joy to teach! Although you haven’t been at Paraparaumu School for very long, you have already made loads of friends and brought so much happiness and joy to our classroom. It is so lovely having you as part of Room 5. I feel incredibly lucky to be your teacher, Maze. Keep being your wonderful self!

BUCKET HATS
Please remember that bucket hats are required this term. You are welcome to bring your own bucket hat or order one online and collect it from the School Office.



KIDS CORNER

"The day the crayons quit" by Drew Daywalt.

Dear Duncan

Give me a break or I will leave the box! You make me work harder than any other crayons. You make me do strawberries and I never get a break. I'm going to die if you don't let me have a break or maybe I'll leave the Box. I never get a holiday off, why?

Your overwhipped friend,
Red crayon.

By Mav - Room 5

BOARD NEWS
INTRODUCING Aston Mitchell – PARENT REPRESENTATIVE



I'm a proud parent to three children, with my eldest currently attending Paraparaumu School since 2024. Living locally, I'm deeply invested in the wellbeing and success of our school community.

Professionally, I work as a Senior Policy Advisor, bringing years of experience in strategic planning, governance-thinking, and public engagement.

I'm committed to supporting a positive, inclusive environment where every child has the opportunity to thrive. It's a privilege to serve on the board and contribute to shaping the future of our school.

Our class Art by Holly in Room 9

Last term, we did lots of cool art with Miss Sallis like drawing butterflies and maths and leaves and lots of other cool stuff. At the start of the year we did self-portraits which was really cool. We also did foam print and Taniwha drawings for our School Matariki Night. I really enjoyed drawing bunnies and putting flowers and Easter eggs on my piece of artwork. Our Art with Miss Sallis is really fun!



UPCOMING DATES	
OCTOBER	
23	Teachers Only Day
26	Labour Day
NOVEMBER	
5	EPRO 8
11	Junior Athletics
17	Senior Athletics
26	BedTime Stories
27	Y8 Kapiti Island
DECEMBER	
8	Christmas Market
9	Road Patrol Parade
BOARD MEETINGS	
28 October, 2 December (term 4)	
TERM DATES 2026	
Term 3	Monday 20th July – Friday 25th September
Term 4	Monday 12 th October – Wednesday 16th December (12 noon)
TERM DATES 2027	
Term 1	Thursday 4th Feb – Friday 9th April
Term 2	Tuesday 27th April – Friday 2nd July
Term 3	Monday 19th July – Friday 24th September
Term 4	Monday 11 th October – Friday 17th December (12 noon)

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