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# Paraparaumu School

## PRINCIPAL'S *Notes*

Dear families and friends of our school,

**Kīwaha (saying of the week)**
"Ko wai tō ingoa....What is your name."

**Keeping Our School Clean – Litterless Lunchboxes**
As a school, we do see a lot of rubbish accumulating. We would love to reduce this and help keep our school environment clean and tidy. I'd like to share something that is happening in Te Whānau Kōtuku. They are introducing litterless lunchboxes! A litterless lunchbox is simply a lunch that creates little or no rubbish. This means avoiding disposable packaging where possible, such as food wrappers, snack packets, yoghurt pottles, soft sandwich bags and zip-lock bags. This doesn't mean these foods can't be brought to school. It simply means thinking about alternative ways to pack them. For example:

- Using small, reusable containers for yoghurt.
- Choosing lunchboxes with separate compartments.
- Using reusable containers instead of individually wrapped snacks.
- Packing sandwiches and other food in reusable wraps or containers.

Our goal is to make our school a litter-free zone, and every little bit helps! I encourage all families to give litterless lunchboxes a go.

As always, your support with all the things we do is greatly appreciated. Thank you for helping us make a difference!

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 |
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| Desmond | 1 | Edie |
| Raumati, Te Mahea | 3 | Mehiana, Keya |
| Aria | 4 | Addison |
| Rowan | | Meike |
| Rhya, Xandy | 6 | Scarlett, Cairo |
| Kaylee | 7 | Arlo |
| India, Tiuri | 8 | Mason B, Hayley |
| Blake | 9 | Nina |
| Jamie | 10 | Huia |
| Nixon | 12 | Octavia |
| Te Rauora, Te Awanui | 13 | Novee, Nirvana T-P |
| Opihi, Judah | 15 | Kaitahu, Zion |
| Tiare | Te Puna | Tim |

## Student of the Week 10

**Billie** **Room 9** **Year 5**

The Room 9 teachers could not resist choosing Billie as our 'Student of the Week', for a multitude of reasons. Billie starts each day with her sensational smile and has impressed us both hugely with her consistent and never-ending kindness. She not only hears and supports her close friends, but her classmates and teachers.

In a small group, Billie shines as a great conversationalist. She is curious, inquisitive, and will occasionally come out with a wonderfully profound quote, or a quirky joke. Calmness and peacefulness are one of Billie's many wonderful qualities. Her easy-going nature is a super-power, making her an excellent friend.

As a learner, Billie shows resilience in challenging tasks by giving it her best go, asking for help or learning from her mistakes. It has been incredible to see Billie's confidence grow throughout the year!
Billie you have been an utter joy and delight to teach!

## Student of the Week 1

**Lincoln** **Room 6** **Year 8**

Lincoln is a very deserving recipient of Student of the Week! Throughout the year, he has impressed us with his hard work, positive attitude and lovely manners. He has shown growing maturity in the way he handles tricky situations, making thoughtful choices and showing respect for others. Lincoln is a great friend and a fantastic role model for our younger students, who can look up to him. His determination and focus have really shone through during EPro8, where he has worked hard, persevered with challenges and shown a real enthusiasm for learning. Lincoln, we are so proud of the attitude and maturity you have shown this year. Keep up the awesome work!







**BOARD NEWS**
**INTRODUCING KOROWAI TE HUIA –**
PARENT REPRESENTATIVE



Kia ora, I'm Korowai Te Huia. I bring experience in operations management, health and safety, training, and social media marketing. I currently serve as Chair of the Whatonga Waka Ama Board, where I've been involved in building a strong community organisation that values teamwork and inclusion.

I'm passionate about creating positive outcomes for all tamariki and whānau at Paraparaumu School. I take a practical, people-focused approach to problem solving and decision making, and I value open communication and collaboration. Guided by a te ao Māori perspective, I want to help strengthen connections across the school community and support a learning environment where everyone




## KIDS CORNER

**Hannah and the Rocks in Room 9**
In Week 9, a teacher called Hannah came into our class, she told us she was studying Earth Science, so she taught us things about volcanic rocks, volcanoes and volcanic explosions on the TV. It was a really fun experience. We even got to take home little rocks that she gave us. We loved learning about the different rock types . It was super fun and enjoyable. I hope to learn more about rocks soon.





## UPCOMING DATES

### NOVEMBER

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| 11 | Junior Athletics |
| 17 | Senior Athletics |
| 26 | BedTime Stories |
| 27 | Y8 Kapiti Island |

### DECEMBER

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| 8 | Christmas Market |
| 9 | Road Patrol Parade |
| 16 | School finishes (12 noon) |

### BOARD MEETINGS

2 December 2026




### TERM DATES 2026

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

### TERM DATES 2027

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| Term 1 | Wednesday 3rd Feb – Friday 9th April |
| Term 2 | Tuesday 27th April – Friday 2nd July |
| Term 3 | Monday 19th July – Friday 24th September |
| Term 4 | Monday 11th October – Friday 17th December *(12 noon)* |

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