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Paraparaumu School

PRINCIPAL'S *Notes*

Dear families and friends of our school,

Kīwaha (saying of the week)
Whakatauki
"Ehara I te toa he toa takitahi engari, he toa takitini."
The success is not of only one, but the effort of many.

Takiri o te Ata
Yesterday, Te Whānau Kotuku took part in the annual Kāpiti Coast Primary Schools Kapa Haka festival. Their performance was magical and I was extremely proud of all the tamariki who performed. Thank you to Whaea Hayley, Whaea Ave and Whaea Karere for all their hard work in preparing the tamariki so well!

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 our road patrollers have a full view of the road in each direction. This keeps our students safe when they are crossing the road.

School absences
Please remember, if your child is sick you must let the school know. It is also a ministry requirement that you must also leave the reason for you child being away. As always, your co-operation 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
Aidan, Kelly-George	1	Alice, Sofie
Keya, Tamati	3	Te Mahea, Mikayla
Amelia, Taika	4	Harvey, Malakai
Ruby	6	Masina
Damon	8	Connor
Em, Lottie	9	Reid, Ardie
Caden	11	William
Isla, Tom	12	Atarangi, Makoto
Te Rauora, Cruz	13	Destiny, Tiana
Mikaere, Te Ariki	15	Keira, Kaea
Erin	Te Puna	Sophia

Student of the Week

Gurlagan Room 1 Year 5

Gurlagan, you are a wonderful example of kindness, perseverance and quiet leadership and that is why we have chosen you to be our 'Student of the Week'. You are a caring, gentle and hardworking member of Room 1, who consistently shows thoughtfulness towards others. Gurlgagan, you have come such a long way on your learning journey, overcoming the challenges of learning a new language with determination, courage and resilience. You should be incredibly proud of how far you have come! Gurlagan leads by example, showing that you don't have to be the loudest voice in the room to make a difference. Your quiet strength, kind heart and gentle nature make you a very special part of Room 1. We are so proud of you!

Student of the Week

William Room 11 Year 7

William is a very deserving recipient of our 'Student of the Week' award. He has shown tremendous growth in the way he approaches his learning and contributes to our classroom. He is diligent in completing his tasks and consistently seeks feedback before moving on to his next piece of work, showing a real commitment to doing his best. What has been particularly pleasing to see is the pride and responsibility he now takes in caring for our classroom. He willingly takes on odd jobs, keeps our space clean and organised, and makes sure our daily pack-up routine is followed. William has truly become a kaitiaki of Room 11, and we are incredibly proud of the positive contribution he makes to our classroom every day. Ka pai, William!

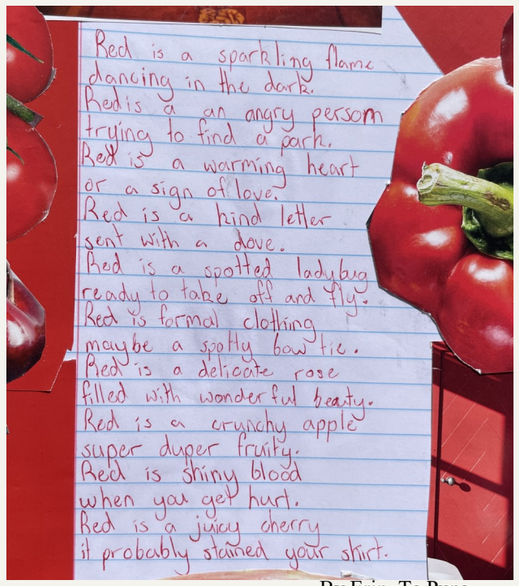




SENIOR ATHLETICS
A wonderful albeit wet day at the Interschool Senior Athletics Tournament on Tuesday. Our tamariki made our school proud by showing sportsmanship and our school values throughout the day. Thank you to the mums who came along and supported our students. We have four boys who placed and are going to the Regional Athletics Tournament in Newtown:
Arlen Todd - Ist 200m, 2nd high jump, 2nd shotput, relay team.
Jack Pritchard - 3rd 200m.
Charlie Bean - 1st High Jump.
Corin Phipps - 3rd 1500m, 3rd long jump.

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


Red is a sparkling flame
dancing in the dark.
Red is an angry person
trying to find a park.
Red is a warming heart
or a sign of love.
Red is a kind letter
sent with a dove.
Red is a spotted ladybug
ready to take off and fly.
Red is formal clothing
maybe a spotty bow tie.
Red is a delicate rose
filled with wonderful beauty.
Red is a crunchy apple
super duper fruity.
Red is shiny blood
when you get hurt.
Red is a juicy cherry
it probably stained your shirt.

By Erin, Te Puna

UPCOMING DATES

NOVEMBER

26	BedTime Stories
27	Y8 Kapiti Island

DECEMBER

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

BOARD MEETINGS

2 December 2026

TERM DATES 2026

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

TERM DATES 2027

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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