



# Paraparaumu School

## PRINCIPAL'S Notes

Dear families and friends of our school

Welcome back to 2025. This year promises to be an exciting one with lots of fun and interesting learning. There will be lots of opportunities for you to join in class/school activities and I encourage you to do so, we would love to see you.

### Kiwaha (saying of the week)

“Haere mai ki Paraparaumu School... Welcome to Paraparaumu School”

### School Communication

We have a number of ways that we will communicate with you throughout the year. These newsletters will come out every two weeks. We use email communication regularly, so can you make sure the school office has your most up to date email. Years 1-6 have a Facebook page, so if you haven't joined then I encourage you to do so. These Facebook pages have the most up to date information on them and are used most frequently by teachers. If you want to contact your child's teacher their emails are listed

on our school website ([www.paraparaumu.school.nz](http://www.paraparaumu.school.nz)) under Our School < Staff.

### School drop off

A reminder that children should be dropped off at school no earlier than 8.30am, unless arranged prior with the teacher. Teachers have early mornings and are getting ready for the day, so we are unable to provide supervision for your child before this time. Your co-operation is most appreciated.

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou - warm regards to you all.

*Steven Caldwell*  
PRINCIPAL

### Student of the Week—1

Loverah Room 8 Year 6

You have started the school year with such a positive attitude! Every day, you come in with a smile, ready to tackle whatever the day brings. I've noticed how you've been focused on challenging yourself and doing your best—what a fantastic mindset to have.

You're always willing to lend a hand and have shared some great ideas as we've built our class values together. I'm really looking forward to having you in Room 8 this year because I know you'll achieve everything you set your mind to. Keep up the great work!

### Cultural Night – Thursday, 20th March

As we embark on another exciting year, we want to take a moment to celebrate one of the things that makes our school so special – our incredible diversity. Over the past few years, we have seen our school grow into a vibrant community, now proudly representing 19 different nationalities. This is something we are extremely proud of, and to honour our cultural richness, we are excited to announce a special event: Cultural Night.

Come and celebrate our unique backgrounds. The evening will feature a variety of performances, including a special presentation from our kapa haka group, and we invite everyone to participate by showcasing songs, dances, or other traditions from their own cultures.

We look forward to seeing you there.

### READERS WANTED

Calling all, Mums, Dads, Aunties, Nanas, Grandads or uncle's. If you have an hour or 2 to spare in a week and are interested in helping our tamariki read, please think about joining our Whānau Reader programme. For more information please email Michelle MacManus at [michelle.macmanus@paraparaumu.school.nz](mailto:michelle.macmanus@paraparaumu.school.nz)

### NETBALL 2025

Registrations for netball are now open. For more info on the 2025 season or to register your child, please find the link on the school Facebook page, google Paraparaumu School Sporty or contact Nicola at [paraparaumuschoolnetball@gmail.com](mailto:paraparaumuschoolnetball@gmail.com)

### It's that time of year... MUDSLIDE '25 hosted by Paraparaumu Scout Group

Due to our location we can't do a MUD SLIDE but come and check out our awesome WATER SLIDE! SEE HOW FAR YOU CAN GO!

Bring your togs, towel, change of clothes and get ready to get wet and have a great time!

Everyone's welcome to come and join in the fun, and we look forward to seeing you all.

We'll also have a Sausage Sizzle & Cold Drinks for purchase.

Paraparaumu Scout Den, Kaitawa Reserve  
22 Feb 2025, 10:00am - 1:00pm

A Gold Coin Donation to the Group would be appreciated. Thank you on behalf of the Paraparaumu Scout Group & Kapiti-Coastal Scout Zone.

Parents, if bringing the whanau, please stay to help supervise your children.

### UPCOMING DATES

#### FEBRUARY

14 Te Whānau Pīrere swimming starts

27 Adrenalin Forest Y8's

#### MARCH

20 Cultural Evening 5-6.30pm

#### APRIL

3 Teddy Bears Picnic for Year 1-3



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### TERM DATES 2025

	Wednesday 5th Feb –
Term 1	Friday 11th April <i>CLOSED: 6th Feb Waitangi Day</i>
Term 2	Monday 28th April – Friday 27th June <i>CLOSED</i> <i>2nd June King's Birthday</i> <i>20th June Matariki</i>
Term 3	Monday 14th July – Friday 19th September <i>CLOSED: 27th Oct Labour Day</i>
Term 4	Monday 6th October – Thursday 18th December (12 noon)