



# Paraparaumu School

## PRINCIPAL'S Notes

Dear families and friends of our school

### Kīwaha (saying of the week)

“Ko wai tō pāpā.....Who is your father.”  
 “Ko wai tō māmā.....Who is your mother.”

### School Cultural night

What a fantastic night we had last Thursday celebrating our many different cultures. There was an amazing variety of food and colour, including a performance from the Paraparaumu College Pasifika Group. I have had great feedback from people who attended. We have decided to add this event to our calendar going forward. I am looking forward to our next one in Term 1 2026.

### Teacher Only Day

On Friday 11th April, (the last Friday of Term 1), there will be another Ministry of Education allocated Teacher Only Day. The staff will be attending professional learning and development sessions on the curriculum and student wellbeing. It promises to be a very useful and productive day. The second day of these PLD will be on Saturday 12th April. Can you please make alternative arrangements for your child on the 11th April as school will be closed.

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

**Steven Caldwell**  
 PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to our Whiz Kids, Week 2 & 3	Room	P.A.R.T Certificates
Frejya, Lomond	1	Layla, Hayden
Tiare, Mikayla	2	Keya, Glenise
Tamati T	3	Hohepa
Siobhan, Charlie	4	Scarlett, Lily
Alicia, Kahu	5	Isabella, Jonty
Alice, Taylah-Rose	6	Finn, Alice
Luka, Jack	7	Harlem, Matiū
Hayley, Noah	8	Maisie, Indy D
Kylie, Hellen	9	Lochy, Noah
Drake, Nora	10	Layla, Sam P
Scott, Lachlan	11	Isaac, Robert
Holly, Trae	12	Mason, Octavia
Lana, Myka	13	Te Awanui, Micah
Madie, Leon	Te Puna	Liam, Erin

### Student of the Week—2

**Molly S-G Room 10 Year 8**

Molly S-G is a delight to have in Room 10. She has a fantastic work ethic and challenges herself with her learning. I really enjoyed seeing her step into a leadership role last week when she umpired a class game of netball. Molly is kind and respectful. She is helpful around the classroom. Molly displays the school PART values in everything that she does. Molly, keep up the hard mahi!

### Student of the Week—3

**Tiana Room 2 Year 5**

Tiana consistently works hard and gives her best effort in everything she does. She stays focused and gives it her all, no matter the task. Her dedication to her work sets a strong example for those around her. She truly lives by the whakataukī, 'Whaia te iti kahurangi, ki te tūohu koe me he maunga teitei,' which encourages us to aim high and always strive for our best, even if we face challenges along the way.

### TOUGH GUY GIRL CHALLENGE

Have you registered yet?  
 Date: Thursday 22nd May. Entries close: 6th May (but it sells out if you're not quick). Link to register: <https://eventpromotions.co.nz/junior-tough-guy-and-gal-challenge/> and then click enter online. If your child is on the bus for tough guy girl the \$10 MUST BE PAID BEFORE THE EVENT IN ORDER FOR THEM TO ATTEND.

### SAUSAGE SIZZLE

19th March, 26th March and 2nd April payable on KINDO.

### HOCKEY

Any children wanting to play hockey, please register through the link which has been emailed to you or on your class Facebook page. If you cannot do this please email [ashleigh.andrews@paraparaumu.school.nz](mailto:ashleigh.andrews@paraparaumu.school.nz)

### BASKETBALL REFEREES

Kāpiti College is looking to train more basketball referees for the region. If you would like to become a referee, you must attend the course at Kāpiti College on Sunday 23 March, from 4:30-7:30pm. Students should meet in V1 for the theory and then we will go to Tōputanga gym for the practical half of the course. Please register at <https://www.capitalbasketball.org/level-1-referee-course>

The college will pay the course fees for those that want to attend. If you have any questions about this course please contact [scott@capital.basketball](mailto:scott@capital.basketball)

### SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

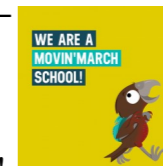
We have a number of ways that we will communicate with you throughout the year. These newsletters will come out every two weeks. We use email communication regularly, so can you make sure the school office has your most up to date email. Years 1-6 classrooms have a Facebook page, so if you haven't joined 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).

### READATHON

Readathon started last week and runs for the next three weeks. There will be awesome spot prizes for tamariki who are participating, we will draw them at assembly. This is a wonderful PTA fundraiser. We are fundraising for classroom trips, sports uniforms and the art mural.

### MOVIN'MARCH – WEEK 4!

(Thank goodness there's 5 in total)



### Let's Keep Stamping!

Don't forget to bring your passports for stamping every day you walk or wheel to school over the next 2 weeks to go in the [WOW passport competition](#) prize draw. At the end of March we'll be sending all passports off to the Movin'March team (remember they don't have to be complete – even passports with one trip count!). All passports go in the draw to win one of 5 x Micro Scooters and helmets. Ask your class teacher if you need a new passport. **Park & Stride:** If your family lives too far away to walk or wheel all the way, why not park away from the school gate and walk or wheel the rest?



### WOW Whanau Day

To celebrate the end of Movin' March the student council is organising a day with activities to encourage students to move their bodies. **Thursday 27th of March.**

Please encourage your child to wear their Whānau group colours and appropriate footwear.

Rāta - Blue  
 Kōwhai - Yellow  
 Pōhutakawa - Red  
 Mānuka - Green

### KAPITI INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING COMPETITION

When: Wednesday 7th May 2025

Who: Juniors: Years 4 - 6,  
 Seniors: Years 7-8

Time: Juniors - 9:30 - 12 and  
 Seniors - 12 - 2:30

If your child is a good swimmer and would like to sign up to the interschools competition, please go onto Kindo to register your child. All entries need to be done by **Friday 11th April.**

### UPCOMING DATES

#### APRIL

- 3 Teddy Bears Picnic for Year 1-3
- 7 Easter Bonnet Parade
- 11 Teachers Only Day

#### MAY

- 9 Teachers Only Day
- 22 Tough guy girl challenge
- 30 Teachers Only Day

#### JUNE

- 2 King's Birthday Weekend
- 17 Kapiti College Open Day
- 22 Tough guy girl challenge

### TERM DATES 2025

Term 1	Wednesday 5th Feb – 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)