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Na to mahi kaha whiwhi ai
Success Through Effort

Tēnā koutou, Kia Orana, Bula vinaka and Hello Whānau,

There are a lot of bugs going around at the moment — stay warm, stay healthy, and don't forget those vitamins!

We have a very busy term ahead, so please make sure you're reading all newsletters, notices, and staying connected with our Facebook page to keep up to date.

Board of Trustees Update

Firstly, a big thank you to our Board of Trustees for all the work they've done over the last three years. Nominations for the upcoming BOT elections closed on Wednesday, 6th August. While we are grateful to those who put their names forward, unfortunately, we did not receive enough nominations to fill our board.

This means we cannot move forward with important strategic planning and consultation unless we fill these positions. **We are looking for two committed people to join our Board.** If you're interested or would like more information, please email me at principal@paparoa.school.nz.

Our Board and I have worked incredibly hard to maintain momentum, and we truly need your support to continue building a strong future for our school.

National Education Summit

Last week, I was fortunate to attend the National Education Summit in Brisbane — a fantastic opportunity for professional growth and networking. The conference covered everything from Artificial Intelligence in Education to Cultural Competency. I had the chance to learn more about supporting dyslexic learners and connect with other educators from across Australasia.

One key takeaway was the requirement for Year 6 students to learn to type under the updated English curriculum. In response, I've sourced a programme to support this learning. I also connected with the founder of **Writer's Toolbox** (a Kiwi!) and secured a trial of their writing programme for our teachers to explore for the remainder of the year. I'm excited to see the impact this could have on our writing outcomes.

A big thank you to Ms. Harper for managing the day-to-day operations while I was away.

Possum Purge — 12–14 September 2025

School Information

Text: 0218686606

FaceBook: Paparoa School

Bus Information:

<http://song.easybus.nz>

School Hours

8.30am to 2.25pm

Morning Tea: 10.30am - 10.50am

Lunch: 12.30pm - 1.20pm



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OUR SUPPORTERS



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Our annual **Possum Purge** fundraiser is back! It runs from **Friday 12th to Sunday 14th September**, with two key parts:

- **Possum Plucking Team:** We need volunteers to help tie, hang, and pluck possums over about five days. Last year, we plucked **1800 possums** and raised **\$10,000!** The more helpers, the quicker the job.
- **Gala Day:** Happening **Sunday 14th September from 11:00am**, and we need helpers for set-up on Saturday and to run stalls on the day. Thank you to **Ngairé Hames**, who has kindly agreed to lead the gala again this year. Please contact her if you can assist in any way.

Pet & Show Day — Wednesday 15th October 2025

This year, we're offering **Year 4–6 students** the chance to rear one of our school calves at home. Numbers are limited, so get in quick! Students will need to provide:

- A shelter
- Twice-daily feeding
- Daily walks and brushing

The school will supply a bottle, one bag of milk powder, a harness, and a brush. Please email me at principal@paparoa.school.nz if your child is interested.

We will also keep a few calves at school for students who would prefer to rear a calf as part of a team.

If you know a **local farmer** willing to **lend a calf** or **donate milk powder** to help more students participate, please get in touch — we would be very grateful.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. Our school thrives because of the strong partnerships we share with our whānau and community. Let's keep working together to make Term 3 a great one for our tamariki.

Ngā mihi nui,
Karyn Taylor
Principal



ROOM 1 & 2 HAVE A CHALLENGE!!

TIMES TABLE CHALLENGE

The 10-Day Challenge isn't just about learning times tables — it's about helping every child climb higher, especially those who've felt stuck for too long.

If you want a front row seat, please follow the link to watch your child participate in this challenge. It would be great if they can do this in the weekend too.

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SAVE THE DATE



Friday 8th - Hui 1.45 Room 3

Wednesday 13th - School
cross country

Start time 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday 20th - Hui Room 1
Interscholar cross country 8 yrs
& up



12- 14 September - Possum
Purge

QUIZ NIGHT HOSTED PAPAROA LIONS FRIDAY 29TH AUGUST 7PM SPORTS AND REC HALL

TEAMS OF 6 RING ALISTAIR 0273333326 TO BOOK
\$20/PERSON INCLUDES SUPPER AND WELCOME DRINK
RAFFLES
COME AND HAVE FUN WHILE RAISING MONEY FOR A
GREAT CAUSE

Daffodil Day

LIONS CLUB OF PAPAROA
RAISING FUNDS FOR CANCER SOCIETY



Garden to Table Tips

With the cost of living rising dramatically around food, I thought I would pass on some tips we are receiving to support our lunch programme from our Garden to Table people.

Low Cost Alternatives

Butter

Oil: A neutral oil, such as rice bran oil, can be a great substitute for butter in baking.

- Softened butter - ratio of 0.75:1 mls of oil to butter
- Melted butter - ratio of 1:1 mls oil to butter

Greek yoghurt: yoghurt can replace butter in recipes using less than 1 cup of butter

- replace 1:1 in baking. Will make a moister cake.



Cross Country

11:00 a.m, Wednesday, 13th August, 2025
9 - 11 year olds, 7 - 8 year olds, 5 - 6 year olds

Children need to bring a change of clothes, a towel, and a bottle of water.
Children can run barefoot, or in suitable shoes that are ok to get wet and muddy.

Our tamariki have been training daily for this event, we hope you can come along and support them.



Congratulations to the following students for receiving certificates at our latest Hui.

Values Awards

Respect

Room 1 - Tāne Blithe
Room 2 - Ruby Reynolds
Room 3 - Lucian Jennings

Responsibility

Room 1 - Kcin
Henwood-Bardsley
Room 2 - Bailey Middleton
Room 3 - Nikki Boulgaris

Resilience

Room 1 - Yumi Nguyen
Room 2 - Zoe Colquhoun
Room 3 - Lux Silenzio

Student of the Week

Room 1: Tanisha
Devi

Room 2: Chloe
Boulgaris

Room 3:
Ezra Miles

Bronze Certificate 15 clicks

Tane Blithe
Billie Smith
Avian Silenzio