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Na to mahi kaha whiwhi ai
Success Through Effort

Tena Koutou, Ki Orana, Bula and Hello Whanau

Possum Purge

A huge thank you to everyone who came out and supported our annual Possum Purge and Gala on Sunday. Despite the terrible weather — the wind certainly wasn't ideal for possum hunting — our community spirit shone through. We still managed to bring in around 500 possums, which is an outstanding effort given the conditions!

The gala was another highlight, and it was wonderful to see so many families, friends, and supporters braving the weather to enjoy the day together. Your generosity and support make such a difference for our school.

A special acknowledgement must also go to all those who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make the Possum Purge possible — from organising, setting up, and managing logistics, to the many unseen tasks that ensured everything ran smoothly. **Ngaire and Andrew Hames** who selflessly give up their time to run these events with the school, **Jane Meek** who helps coordinate the admin side, **Barbara Wisnewski** who hunted down new sponsors and supported Ngaire with the gala organisation.

Thanks to those **parents and staff** who came along to help on the day, or sent along goodies for our raffle. Thank you to **Hiria** for your amazing baking and **Sean** for the donation of lamb. Thank you to **Noeline** for making us seafood chowder and **Nadine** for coming up and helping again this year.

To the pluckers - **Andrew, Malcolm, Jono, Rebecca and Logan**, we thank you for working at the muckiest job and probably the most frustrating job of all, plucking the possums. Giving up your time over the weekend was appreciated by us all.

To the hunters, we appreciate you for giving it a go in very wet and windy conditions. Thank you for supporting our school to better support our students.

Congratulations to the winning team - **Dead Possum Society**



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



<https://paparoa.schooldocs.co.nz>

Username: paparoa

Password: franklinrd

OUR SUPPORTERS



Bradmore Farms
Hames Family



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University of Canterbury exams

I would also like to acknowledge the outstanding achievement of the students who recently sat the University of Canterbury Year 5 & 6 exams. Congratulations to **Beckett Crompton** who received *Achieved* in the Science Competition, and to **Chloe Boulgaris** and **Zoë Colquhoun** who both received *Achieved* in English. We are very proud of their efforts.

We also recently had **Senior Constable Lisa Magnusson** and **Sergeant Ian Anderson** visit our school to support the teaching of the *Keeping Ourselves Safe* programme. Their sessions were well received by our students, who engaged positively and gained valuable learning from the experience.



Calves

Finally, we are excited to share that we have some new additions to our school — calves! This year we put the call out to farmers and we have had a total of eleven calves donated to the school. Huge thanks and appreciation goes to the **Moyes & Sunanto Farms** who generously donated five calves and milk powder. We also had donations from **Karen Baker - McKay Farms**, **Ken Hames**, **Tina Ball & Cameron** and **Ann Shanks**, the generosity from our community has been more than we anticipated. Several students have been allocated a calf and are taking responsibility for brushing and teaching it to lead. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to learn responsibility and animal care. Students are welcome to come up to school during the holidays to continue with the training.

I also want to share my gratitude to **Julie Harper** who helps me feed the calves each day, **Rebecca** for helping us with the calves and **Andrew Hames** for being such an advocate for this venture.



Ian the Bread Man

Free tasting this Friday
19th September

Toppings:

Sunflower & Sesame Seed
Tomato, Olive & Cheese

Loaf Size: 37cm by 27cm
\$10 Whole Loaf
\$5 Half Loaf
\$2.50 Quarter Loaf

SAVE THE DATE



19th September - Last day of
Term 3

We welcome **Avocado, Oakley, Cocoa, Dice, DJ, Pickles, Ang , Daisy and Zoomie**



Bread - from Ian

We have started a new venture with Ian Guthrie using our kitchen each Friday to make fresh focaccia bread. This is available for sale at the end of day for anyone interested. Cash only, please see Ian at the school kitchen.



Monday 6th - First day of Term 4

Wednesday 15th - Pet & Show Day

Thursday 23rd - Strike Day (school is closed)

ATHLETICS

The Kaiwaka Athletics Ass is starting their athletics day up again next term. It is being held on Wednesdays at Otamatea High School back field, starting at 4.30pm. Put it in your diary to start on the 8th October.



STRIKE DAY - 23rd October

Today I got news that there will be a strike day next term. There are negotiations ongoing for **primary teachers, support staff (teacher aides, office), primary principals, therapists and MOE field staff (learning support) workers.**

Please know that what is reported by the media is often misleading and not the full story.

In our profession striking is the last resort as we know the impact it has on our families. Hopefully negotiations go well and the strike day will be avoided.

Board Elections - Selection Process

As advised by NZSTA, we are allowed to select one parent representative for the Board of Trustees.

The Board has selected **Mrs Judy Brown.** Judy is a retired teacher, grandparent and volunteer at our school. She has a wealth of knowledge around the education system and she will be a great addition as a BOT member.

We now have a casual vacancy on the BOT which will be discussed at the next meeting. The BOT will be looking to co-opt a parent representative.

Nga Mihi

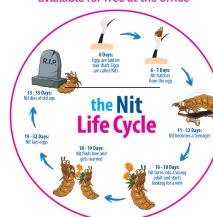
Karyn Taylor
Principal



Thursday 4-5pm at Paparoa Memorial Hall
apply at www.circuskumarani.co.nz/scholarship

BLITZ THE NITS

available for free at the office



Reminder

Please check your statement on eTap
Feel free to discuss options for payment

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Go it!



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

Values Awards

Respect

Room 1 - Hazel Collins

Room 2 - Zoe Colquhoun

Room 3 - Ezra Miles

Responsibility

Room 1 - Tanisha Devi

Room 2 - Beckett Crompton

Room 3 - Margot Crompton

Resilience

Room 1 - Braytin Smith

Room 2 - Bailey Middleton

Room 3 - Parker Hart

Student of the Week

Room 1:
Grace Evans

Room 2:
Ruby Reynolds

Room 3:
Ryhanna Jensen

10 Clicks Certificate

**Ryhanna Jensen
Grant Hobson**

**Bronze Certificate
15 clicks**

**Marlene Way
Haezal Patel
Hazel Collins
Braytin Smith
Nathan Buxton**

**Value Band
20 clicks**

Responsibility

**Billie Smith
Tanisha Devi**

Respect

Lux Silenzio

Resilience

Bailey Middleton

**Silver Certificate
30 Clicks**

**Grace Evans
Ruby Reynolds**

