



# PAPAROA SCHOOL

Na to mahi kaha whiwhi ai  
Success Through Effort

27th February 2026

NEWSLETTER 02

## School Information



School App



FaceBook: Paparoa School

To enrol a student -

<https://enrolments.linc-ed.com/apply/NZ/1077>

Website: <https://www.paparoa.school>



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

Username: paparoa

Password: franklinrd

Bus Information - <http://song.easybus.nz>

## School Hours

8.30am to 2.25pm

Morning Tea: 10.30am - 10.50am

Lunch: 12.30pm - 1.20pm



Paparoa Friends of the School

Private group · 17 members

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**



04th March - Swimming Sports at Matakohe School for students 8 years+

05th March - Grandparents Day 9.30 - 12.30 Junior Swimming 1.00 - 2.00pm

10th March - Football Festival: Paparoa Hosting

13th March - Hui: Room 3 sharing

26th March - Last day of Term 1 for students

27th March - Last day of Term 1 - *Teacher Only Day*



Monday 20th April - First day of Term 2

Tena Koutou, Ki Orana, Bula and Hello Whanau

**Gosh we are now halfway through the term with a few exciting things coming up.**

The never ending kitchen story continues with a huge rangehood added to the mix. We were quite taken back at how big it is, reminding us of a fish and chip shop. We have now been offered a chance to get acoustic roof panelling which I was not going to turn down.

## **HERO UPDATE!**

### **Finance**

I am pleased that you are able to use the finance widget on the app. You are able to pay through the app, however a reminder that there is a surcharge using a credit card. If you use the app for payment, this will automatically be applied to your child's account. If you pay via internet banking, Jane will allocate the payment once she has sighted this through the bank statement. If you have any queries, please email or contact Jane in the office from Wednesday - Friday.



### **Calendar vs Events**

We have now got the event page up and running. I have had a lot of questions regarding this so I thought I would explain the difference between them.

The calendar is the widget to see what is happening at school, like a normal calendar. I put all the information on the calendar so you can see what is coming up in advance.

The events are found in the calendar symbol down the bottom of the app -

This is where I will send the events that are happening and need permissions.

You will only see an event if it involves your child.



If you need more help around this, please call in and see me during the week.

Thank you to those that have started to use it, I am looking forward to adding more to it, especially the learning information.

### **Senior Swimming (8 years & up) Wednesday 4th March**

Information for this event is on HERO under the events calendar. It requires permission for them to go. They do have an option to buy a sausage and bread, if they don't we will take this option away from finance. So far we have one car to help with transport but we will need more. Please go in and look at this asap.

### **Grandparents Day & Junior Swimming**

On Thursday we will be starting the day with the Grandparents which will be from 9.30 - 12.30pm. We will be providing morning tea and lunch for them. We will then move onto Junior Swimming which will be for the 5 - 7 year olds, starting at 1.00pm. The Grandparents are welcome to stay, the parents are welcome to come in.

### **BOT Meeting: 26th February 2026**

We had our Week 4 meeting last night.

There are a few mentions from the meeting:

1. Bi-election - We have two vacancies and you will receive information by email about this today.
2. Attendance: The BOT are happy with how we are tracking on 86%
3. Property projects are continuing:
  - a. We are waiting for contractors to come in and remove a tree near the orchard that is dying. The chestnut trees in the Ngahere are also going to have their branches cut down and privet removed.
  - b. Fencing is being organised to finish the native grove down in the bottom paddock.
  - c. We are also organising for the school buildings to get a good wash and spider spray.
4. Wishlist: The BOT created a wishlist in 2024 and so we had a good look at this and were pleasantly

surprised about what we had already accomplished. We have created an updated wishlist, adding new water fountains, updating the playground and looking at getting some new aesthetic pieces around the school to add some colour. If you have any cool ideas, please don't hesitate to talk to the BOT about this.

5. We had an indepth conversation in regards to future fundraising events.
6. As part of my Springboard Trust course I am participating in this year, I had to take some homework to the BOT. We discussed the school's vision and the irrelevance to our school, beginning to look at our school as an identity - the opportunities and challenges we have internally and externally. I am looking forward to discussing this with our school community in more depth. Homework completed



### **Buses Information**

The Schools of Otamatea Network Group (Paparoa School is included in this) acknowledges community concern following two recent school bus fire incidents in neighbouring districts — one involving Go Bus and another involving Ritchies Transport. We understand that the proximity of these unrelated events has understandably caused anxiety for families in surrounding districts.

We wish to clarify the following:- The Schools of Otamatea Network Group was not directly involved in either incident. The Go Bus incident occurred outside of our network. While Ritchies is the contracted operator for our network, the recent Ritchies incident occurred in a different district and under a separate contract.

**Immediate Review Undertaken-** Although our network was not involved, we took proactive steps to reassure our community. A comprehensive audit of all maintenance and compliance records for vehicles operating within the Otamatea network has now been completed. This review included:- Certificate of Fitness documentation- Preventative maintenance schedules- Service and repair logs- Driver licence, endorsement, and safety clearance verification Following this review, we are satisfied that:- All vehicles operating within our network are compliant with regulatory requirements. Maintenance schedules are current and being adhered to. Contractual safety obligations are being met. Monitoring and reporting systems are functioning appropriately. We have also engaged directly with Ritchies management to confirm their internal review processes and ensure continued vigilance across their fleet.

**Commitment to Student Safety** - The Schools of Otamatea Network Group operates under the Ministry of Education's Direct Resourcing framework and maintains a dedicated Health and Safety system. This includes:- Ongoing operator performance monitoring- Route-level risk registers- Incident reporting and investigation procedures- Regular governance oversight Student safety remains our highest priority. While the recent events were unrelated to our services, they serve as an important reminder of the need for continuous attention to safety and compliance.

**Supporting Our Community** - We understand that families may have questions. Caregivers are encouraged to contact our Network Manager, EasyBus, at [www.song.easybus.nz](http://www.song.easybus.nz)

**Togs and towel each day while the weather is warm!!  
Don't forget water bottles as well.**

**Nga Mihi**

**Karyn Taylor  
Principal**

## Welcome to our New Student - George



## OUR SUPPORTERS



**Bradmore Farms**  
Hames Family



Yuri van Houten  
[northtanks@gmail.com](mailto:northtanks@gmail.com)



Welcome to our new sponsor Akarana Timbers based in Ruakaka. They are supporting us to upgrade our playground.