PAPAROA SCHOOL

SUCCESS THROUGH EFFORT

Na to mahi kaha ka whiwhi ai



Our Mission at Paparoa School is to be a vibrant learning environment which is culturally responsive to families and the community. We are passionate about education and will assist all students to feel nurtured and challenged to achieve their full potential.



Staff Directory

Principal	-	Karyn Taylor
Deputy Principal & Room 3 (Year 0-2)	-	Julie Harper
Room 2 (Year 5-6)	-	James Parnell
Room 1 (Year 3-4)	-	Janine Sims
Preschool teacher	-	Shannon Campbell
Teacher Aide	-	Christine Stewart
Admin Officer	-	Jane Meek
Chef	-	Sunita Mall
Cleaner	-	Gaewyn Pook
Gardener	-	Graeme Neale

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Nau mai, haere mai. Welcome.

At the heart of the Paparoa community, Paparoa School is known for its strong sense of whanaungatanga — a deep feeling of belonging that creates a warm, welcoming, family-friendly, and inclusive environment. Our modern rural school is surrounded by paddocks and enriched by purposeful outdoor spaces, including a bike track, vegetable gardens, and an orchard. We are fortunate to have close access to the community hall and local walkways, all of which enhance learning beyond the classroom.

At Paparoa School, every child is known and valued. Our small class sizes enable strong relationships to flourish and allow teachers to provide more one-on-one time, individualised programmes, and personalised, authentic learning opportunities. We offer a balanced curriculum grounded in structured literacy and effective mathematics teaching, alongside meaningful use of technology and a healthy rural school focus. Guided by panekiretanga, we strive for the highest standards, encouraging our tamariki to aim high, be challenged, and experience enrichment — with a clear focus on quality rather than quantity.

In 2024, we repurposed one of our buildings to create a fully equipped kitchen, enabling our participation in the Healthy School Lunches programme. Students now enjoy freshly cooked meals each day, shared together in our dining room, strengthening connections and wellbeing. In 2025, our Environmental Programme was further developed to include the whole school, with four key modules: Gardening, Cooking, Ngahere, and Mana Ake. Through a tuakana–teina approach, students rotate through these modules weekly, learning alongside and from one another. We continue to value and grow our agricultural programme, giving students hands-on experience working with calves and participating in our much-loved Pet & Show Day.

At the end of 2025, Paparoa School established a Preschool Class for four-year-olds, responding to the absence of local kindergarten provision. This programme offers our youngest learners a caring, play-based environment where they can begin their school journey with confidence.

Through rich play experiences, children develop curiosity, creativity, and important social and communication skills. Alongside play, they are gently introduced to the foundations of Structured Literacy, early number concepts, and the basics of writing through drawing, mark-making, and early writing activities — giving them a strong and positive start to learning.

To complement our learning and culture, we continue to develop our indoor and outdoor environments, ensuring Paparoa School is forward-focused, nurturing, and a place our community is proud of.

We warmly welcome you to visit us at any time. We would love the opportunity to meet you and your child, show you around our school, and talk with you about the unique opportunities a rural school — including our preschool pathway — can offer.

Our door is always open.

Karyn Taylor
Principal



Our Values

RESILIENCE	
RESPECT	
RESPONSIBILITY	

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board of Trustee meetings are held at 3.30pm in the school's Board Room and are on Thursday of Week 4 and Week 8, each term. You are welcome to attend these meetings, if you would like to address a meeting, you must request to do so in writing, briefly stating your intended topic, by Wednesday preceding the meeting.

Maureen Evans	Presiding Member
Judy Brown	Parent Representative
Ngaire Hames	Parent Representative
Julie Harper	Staff Representative
Karyn Taylor	Principal

SCHOOL HOURS

8.00am	School gates open
8.30am	School starts
10.30am-10.50am	Morning Tea
12.30pm - 1.20pm	Lunch Time
2.25pm	School Finishes



TERM DATES

	2026		2027
Term 1	2nd February - 2nd April	Term 1	TBC - 9th April
Term 2	20th April - 3rd July	Term 2	27th April - 2nd July
Term 3	20th July - 25th September	Term 3	19th July - 24th September
Term 4	12th October - 11th December	Term 4	11th October - TBC

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

	2026		2027
Waitangi Day	6th February	Waitangi Day	6th February (8th February)
Easter	3rd April to 6th April	Easter	26th March to 30th March
Anzac Day	25th April (27th April)	Anzac Day	25th April (27th April)
King's Birthday	1st June	King's Birthday	7th June
Matariki	10th July	Matariki	25th June
Labour Day	26th October	Labour Day	25th October

SCHOOL POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Our school policies and procedures are available to be viewed through schooldocs.
Go to **paparoa.schooldocs.co.nz**
Community Username: paparoa
Community Password: franklinrd

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL - Please read our brochure



ENROLLING

To enrol your child online, please put the following into your web browser :
https://enrolments.linc-ed.com/apply/NZ/1077
The school will receive the completed form. We will contact you to organise an appointment with the Principal to have a chat about the school and discuss any of your child's needs, answer your questions or concerns and have a tour. You will need to bring a Birth Certificate (5 years only) or current Passport and your child's immunisation record. (Well Child Booklet or ring doctors surgery for a copy).

STATIONERY

At Paparoa School, we ask that parents purchase school stationery requirements through the school office in the first week of school. Stationery lists will be made available from the school office. Please note that the school has no mark up on the stationery items provided. Students can 'top up' stationery items through the year, and an invoice will be issued to parents.

SCHOOL DONATIONS

At Paparoa School we are a part of the Ministry Donations Scheme. This means that parents are not asked for donations at the beginning of the year.



COMMUNICATION

We understand how busy life is for most. We have a number of different ways for you to contact us, and for us to contact you.

Hero Family App

Office Ph: 09 431 7379
Email: admin@paparoa.school.nz

Newsletter

We produce a fortnightly newsletter at Paparoa School. The newsletter will be distributed via the School app and email. A copy will also be added to the Website. If you would like any extended members to be added to our email list, please contact the office.

Hero Family App

We have a communication app for parents, whanau and the school. This Hero app connects with our school's administration system which will enable all absences to be recorded, messages can be sent as well as notifications of upcoming events. Once your child has enrolled with us, please sign up to the app. There are visual instructions on how to do this in the enrolment pack or go online: https://our-hero.com/parent-guide

Ka Ora Ka Ako - School Lunches

We are an internal provider which means we offer free school lunches, cooked in our school kitchen by Sunita, our cook. Our menu is posted out the week before to enable you to see what is on offer. This can be seen through the HERO app. Lunches are preordered by the students in the morning, 10.30am is the cut off time.

School & class information

We have a number of events that are happening at school. All information will be sent out via the Hero App. Please keep an eye out, and ensure that you have HERO notifications on.

Paparoa Facebook

Our Facebook page is used to share photos of celebrations and events. We will also send information about the buses if there are any problems. This is a quick and effective way to stay up to date with regular communication. Messenger is not available. Check us out at: www.facebook.com/paparoaschool

Paparoa School Website

Our school website has our school calendar where you will be able to check up on the dates of events that are happening. www.paparoaschool.nz

School Hui

Our School Hui (assemblies) will be held every second Friday afternoon from 1.45pm. We welcome any whanau to attend this event. The Hui is a celebration of learning, effort and achievement our tamariki have demonstrated over the previous two weeks.

Meeting with Staff

There will be formal events when you are able to meet with staff. If you need to speak with a teacher, we are happy to make time. All we ask is that if you do require time with teachers, please ensure this does not disrupt classroom learning. By all means, email or catch up with them before and after school.

Attendance Management Plan

As of 2026, all schools are required to have an attendance management plan. This is to develop a plan to achieve the 2030 threshold of 80% of students attending school 90% of the time. In reality, this is one day absent per fortnight. To view the detailed plan, please visit our school website.

Change of Details

Please inform the school promptly of any changes in your address, mobile number and email address. We must be able to contact you or a trusted caregiver in case of an emergency or illness. If you need to change your child's contact list, please ring the office.

SCHOOL BUS SERVICE

The Ministry of Education will not fund children's bus travel when families choose to send their child(ren) to a school other than the nearest appropriate one. The policy states that children under 10 years old who live more than 3.2km and children over 10 who live more than 4.8km from the nearest school are eligible for school transport. Eligible children are required to make their way to the nearest pick up point.
Please check the three different Paparoa School routes at: https://song.easybus.nz/routes

If you do not live within our school bus zone but wish to attend our school, collection points are

- Ford Road (Maungataroto)
- Petley Road (Matakohe)

Please contact the principal if you need to discuss or have questions about the routes or bus service. principal@paparoa.school.nz

Bus Changes

Should your child/children be getting off the bus at a stop other than their usual or you wish for your child not to go on the bus for any reason, **the school must be notified** so we are able to make the changes to the bus lists which informs the drivers. This must be done by **1.30pm.**



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FUNDRAISING

We talk about ‘quality over quantity’ at our school but to get the quality, we must fundraise to provide for the extra curricular activities, programmes and equipment. We rely on the school families to provide some time to support our school whether it be with fundraising events, working bees or cooking sausages on the BBQ!
We have a “Friends of the School’ group who organise and support the school fundraising ventures. In 2025, they paid for a fun day for our students, brought picnic tables and outdoor umbrellas.

In 2026, the wishlist consists of a new playground surround, new sandpit, vegetable garden extension and continued development of the Ngahere.

SUPPORTERS

In previous years, Paparoa has had companies sponsor the school for curriculum extras such as students being a part of the Duffy books schemes and receiving 3 books throughout the year. Currently MT Farms Ltd supports our Duffy Programme, Bradmore Farms supports our Calf programme and North Tanks maintains our Water Tanks. If you know of any businesses that would like to support the school, making a donation which will be allocated to learning resources e.g. tools for the garden, Duffy books, fruit trees for the orchard please contact Karyn Taylor, Principal. principal@paparoa.school.nz
Our supporters will be advertised on our website, showing their company logo and a blurb about what they do. They will have their logo in our newsletter.



SUN SMART

Paparoa School has been accredited by the Cancer Society as a ‘sun safe school’. To help continue promoting sun safety and awareness, the school provides all children with wide-brimmed sun hats to wear in Term 1 and Term 4. If children choose not to wear the hat, they will be sitting in the shade for break times.
Our tamariki may bring their own hat, but this too must be a wide-brimmed hat.

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

There is a fine line having computers in the classrooms as people have varying ideas of their use. At Paparoa School, all students have access to chromebooks and I-pads although these devices will be used as the tool, not the babysitter! Our students participate in coding and learning programmes, creating designs, digital animations as well as learning the basic programmes required to be a 21st century learner.



SCHOOL EVENTS



VISITORS

At Paparoa School, we ask that all visitors who enter the school grounds to please report to the office first and fill in the sign-in sheet. This is a requirement by law in case there's a fire or another type of emergency. The safety of our tamariki is of the **utmost importance,** we need to know who is in our school for their protection.