



PARAKAI SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

What a week!

The distance between Christchurch and Parakai is approximately 1119km. The distance between our hearts to show love, empathy, and unity is 0km. Strong statements such as "They are Us, We are One, This is NOT who we are" shows the beauty and unity of our beautiful country.

Friday did not divide us, it made us sad and sore - but it united us.

This week our team managed the event with sensitivity and age-appropriate activities.

I hope that all families received the email on how you can support your children at home.

Open Morning:

All parents, caregivers, and grandparents are invited to our OPEN LEARNING MORNING next Wednesday 27th March, from 9am - 10.40am. The plan for the morning is detailed below:

8.45-9am:

Cuppa in the staffroom with principal and deputy principal.

9 - 10.40am:

Parents, caregivers, and grandparents can spend time in learning spaces across the school to see what teaching and learning in WRITING looks like, sounds like and feels like. Teachers have prepared a wide range of activities which include:

- sharing writing goals
- students sharing their progress made in writing this term
- teachers facilitating the writing groups

Teachers will also share strategies to support you to motivate and support your child with home and school learning. We are determined to build effective home-school relationships so that we can partner together to raise our children's self-belief and love of learning.

Looking ahead:

Mrs Komene has been working really hard to organise netball for Term 2. Our children are excited about getting out and raising their netball skills. Sport builds good social and time management skills.

Please contact Mrs Komene in Learning Space 1 (sharonk@parakai.school.nz) if you can be of help as a coach or a manager. Both of these roles are massive and we respect every parent who steps up to serve our school community.

Farewell:

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs Nelene deBeer who has served our school for just over 6 years as a social worker. Mrs deBeer has been instrumental in supporting many of our students and families.

Mrs deBeer will be joining the Helensville Women & Family Centre as their Clinical Manager.

Mrs deBeer's last day will be next Friday, and we will be holding a special assembly for her on this day.

Please feel free to join us at 2pm to give her our aroha and best wishes for her new journey - (in which she will still continue to support our community).

Have a wonderful weekend. Looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday morning!

Mrs Choromanski



Our students are proud of their wall clocks that they made at Technology
The theme was 'High and Low' tides



SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Our school photo day is **Monday, 8th April**.

All students will have both an individual and class photo taken.

Sibling photos are available on request - if you would like this option, please pick up a form from the school office (this must be returned prior to photo day).

A week or two after photo day, students will be given a form with their child's individual photo code on it - which you can use to view their photo and to make an order online through PhotoLife.

There will also be order envelopes at the office if you would prefer this option to make payment (note: the correct amount of cash must be enclosed). As payment is made to PhotoLife directly by families, you will not be able to pay by Eftpos at the office or use credit on your child's school account. Payment is made AFTER photo day. If you have any questions or queries about our school photo day, please contact Sam in the school office on 09 420-8494, office@parakai.school.nz or pop in!

Note: Photo day information was sent home with all students today - spare copies of the flyer are available in the office.



River Valley Baptist Family Gala
Saturday 23rd March 10am-2pm
1 Fordyce Road, Parakai



Bouncy Castle

Café

BBQ



Magic Carpet Rides

Easter Egg Hunt



Second Hand Goods & Clothes

Water Balloons, Plate Smash



Produce, Jams & Baking

Hot Food



Face Painting... & more...

**Come along for some
great community time
with fun, budget-friendly
food and activities!**



South Kaipara



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Charity Machinery Auction

organised by the South Kaipara Rotary

Where: in the paddock at
190 South Head Road, Helensville

When: on Saturday 6th April 2019
Starting at 11am sharp!

We will sell on your behalf for 10% commission and we are looking for donations of farm equipment, machinery, trucks, utes, motorbikes etc. in any condition.

Pick up can be arranged for donations.

For bookings or donations
please call 0274 953 240
or 09420 8905

A great opportunity to clean up your unwanted stuff

All profits go back to the community