



PROSPECTUS



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Welcome

**Nau mai, Haere Mai,
Ki te Kura o Pārāwai**

Greetings and welcome to Pārāwai School

It is my very real privilege to be the Tumuaiki/Principal of Pārāwai School.

I have the pleasure to work with the strong leadership team, excellent staff and very supportive parent/whānau community. We are driven to provide a rich learning journey for all of our ākonga/ learners. I am passionate about seeing the potential in each and every one of our students, and believe that we all have it in us to succeed. I look forward to ensuring that our school can support each of our learners on their learning journey.

Pārāwai School caters for approximately 250 students from Years 1-8. We have a long history of achieving great educational outcomes for our students within a broad and rich curriculum that delivers a vast range of learning opportunities. Our school has a strong reputation for dedicated, hard-working teachers that make a real difference, and we work closely with whānau/ families along the way. Pārāwai School holds and models strong values that are interwoven within many aspects of our school. We aim for all of our students to be confident life-long learners who are supported to become the best they can be. We are always more than happy to welcome new families or answer any questions about our school. Please do make a time to come in and discuss your child's education at Pārāwai School.



Jordan Palfrey
Principal/ Tumuaiki

The most recent educational review of Pārāwai School categorised us as 'Well Placed'. ERO said: "Students learn in caring and inclusive learning environments. They benefit from warm and respectful relationships with their teachers."





Our Vision

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Our Values



Our school values underpin everything that we do here. We specifically teach the behaviours that enable learners to realise these values and we are proud to celebrate success in showing these at our school. The Māori word for each value encompasses a breadth and depth of meaning. Therefore each of our values is associated with a range of attitudes, behaviours and skills.

Our Curriculum

At Pārāwai School we offer a broad and varied programme that covers the core learning areas of English and Maths with an integrated approach that includes Science, Social Sciences, Technology and the Arts. Physical Education and Health are also important aspects of the learning programme with different sports being a focus at different times of the year.

Extra-curricular learning is offered in a variety of ways. We offer Kapa Haka, Choir, Coding/Robotics, EPro8, Sports, Heritage Art, Enviro group, Inter-school Sports events, Gymnastics and Music lessons on site.

Our curriculum is flexible and makes the most of cultural events and opportunities such as Matariki, Māori, Chinese and Pasifika Language weeks, Thames Heritage week and New Zealand specific events among many others.

Our school is well recognised for our students' sporting achievements across the many codes available. We are very well represented at all Thames and many Waikato sporting events. We organise and run many sporting opportunities including: Netball/Soccer fun days, Golf and more.

Sports/	Golf
Interschool	Touch Rugby
Competitions -	Hockey
Netball	Swimming
Rugby	Cross Country
Rippa Rugby	Athletics
Gymnastics	Soccer



Chromebooks and iPads are supplied for students to use in classes in Years 3-8. Students can still bring their own devices to school.

Technology is utilised across the curriculum to support learning and not as an entertainment device. Devices are controlled and monitored using Hapara systems and teachers are trained to utilise hardware and software to extend and enrich the classroom learning programmes.



Kapa Haka is available for all students at Pārāwai School from Years 4-8. Our Kapa Haka performs for school and community events including TCDC citizenship ceremonies.

Enviroschool

Pārāwai School is a proud Enviroschool. We actively promote the principles that fit with being environmentally sustainable and practise many of these within our school curriculum.



We have edible gardens, a seed house and an orchard. We compost our organic waste and recycle paper and plastics.



Facilities

Pārāwai School is a very well-resourced school that provides an excellent environment for learning. We are fortunate to have a variety of playing and physical education areas such as; three large playgrounds, climbing wall, large turfed courts, two large fields, cricket pitch and swimming pool.

We are also in close proximity to an abundance of outdoor learning opportunities within the Kauaeranga Valley, which is a short drive from school.

Our school hall provides a large space for fitness, assemblies, productions, shows, and many other school events. We have a large modern library with a wide variety of books for all ages that students can borrow throughout the year. Alongside this we also have break out rooms that are used for small group work and for student and staff meetings.

Our students enjoy swimming lessons and swimming safety instruction in our salt water school pool in Terms one and four each year.



We organise our school in syndicates.

Within syndicates, teachers and students work collaboratively to maximise student learning. Syndicates also collaborate so that older and younger students can work together and benefit from Tuakana Teina (Buddy system).

Junior Years

Beginning as new entrants, our tamariki are transitioned carefully into school life. Our focus initially is on building relationships, getting to know our young learners, establishing routines and setting the foundation for future learning in which students can grow and thrive as unique individuals. A play-based learning approach and building close relationships between learners and teachers are critical to the success of our junior students. Structured Literacy is also a key component of our Junior School programme, which sets learners up for success.



Transition to Pārāwai School

Parents/Caregivers/Whānau are encouraged to make contact with us so that we can plan for the beginning of your child's transition to Pārāwai School.

We encourage all four year olds to join our Kick Start programme a term prior to beginning at school. In this programme our newly enrolled students get the chance to spend some mornings at school. On these mornings they learn about being a student, begin to form friendships with peers and develop a rapport with our new entrant teacher.



Middle Years

In the middle years, our tamariki are encouraged to take more responsibility for their learning as they further embrace being an independent, motivated learner. Within a broad and rich curriculum, (which encompasses sports, cultural, arts and technological initiatives such as EPRO8) students have wide-ranging opportunities to

inquire, excel and follow their own personal interests. Students also begin to take on leadership roles within the school.



Senior Years

Our senior years are very special years as our children become adolescents. In years 7 & 8 leadership becomes increasingly important with many of our students taking on school wide leadership roles. Our senior tamariki are also encouraged to continue to build independent learning habits and further develop as inquirers who take on a far greater role in their own learning. Senior Sports, Technology classes, second languages and rich learning programmes complement a full and diverse curriculum.

Enrolling

To enrol your child please visit our website or call into the school office. We welcome requests for school visits and are happy to answer any questions you may have. Our enrolment form is completed online once you have discussed this with the school.



To learn more about Pārāwai School
Please visit: www.parawai.school.nz
Facebook Page: Proudly Pārāwai



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Transition to Secondary School

We aim for all of our students to make a smooth transition into their secondary schooling.

We have close links to Thames High School as part of the Thames Community of Learning and through our continued work with their staff and students.

School Houses

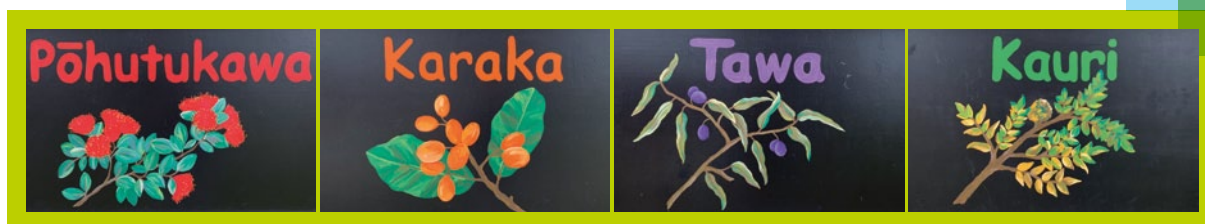
Our school has the following four houses which students are placed into when they begin at our school. Points are earned through our school value systems and at sports and special house events.

Camps

In our middle years students engage in short overnight experiences, building confidence for longer camps in the Year 7 and 8 Senior years. These camps are filled with fun challenging experiences that are interesting and educational.

Uniform

Our school has a compulsory uniform and a high standard is required. We believe that having a uniform such as ours allows all of our students to feel equal and creates a sense of belonging and pride in our school. We encourage parents to come into the school office to organise sizes for uniforms.



Pastoral Care

It is one of our most important school policies that all students feel safe at our school. As a school, we provide a safe and caring environment that caters to a range of learning needs. When students have special learning needs our leadership team, in particular our SENCo, works to organise support that is needed and closely track their progress at our school. Learning, social skills, behaviour and well-being are all monitored and issues identified so that we can put in place the best programmes for our learners/ākonga.

International Students

Pārāwai School is a signatory to the Code of Practice for Pastoral Care of International Students and is offering limited spaces to international students. International students will benefit from a diverse, well-resourced school that is supportive and friendly to our visitors.

We can offer:

- Immersive experience in a supportive English speaking class.
- ESOL classes to support English learning.
- Visits to interesting local sites to learn about Thames and New Zealand.



We can accommodate short or long term students.

Please visit www.parawai.school.nz for more information.

Thames - Coromandel



Located at the gateway to the Coromandel, Thames offers easy access to many natural wonders and beautiful scenery. Beaches, forest walks, waterfalls and cycle trails are all in close proximity.

We are only an hour away from Auckland International Airport, and just over one hour from Hamilton and Tauranga.

Thames used to be a major gold mining town and there are many interesting historical sites and museums that showcase this rich history. We have many historic buildings as well as all the convenience shops that most people will need. Thames has an approximate population of 7,500 people and this is increased significantly in Summer.

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