



Paeroa College

“Excellence in Everything”

College Comment

Thursday 1st September 2016

Kia ora koutou,

This week is tournament week and we have two teams involved. The UNISS netball team has been working extremely hard to prepare themselves for a challenging tournament and headed up to Auckland on Sunday. Diane Furze and Deb Berry (with support from Rongomai Wilkinson) have managed and coached the team with distinction and the success and enjoyment of sport is dependent on these fantastic members of the community. In addition, our 1st XI girls soccer team are in tournament week and have had a very successful season. Supported by Coach Carter and Bronwyn Buchanan they have had a great run and go into their tournament with optimism.

Sport makes a huge difference in kids’ lives. Recently on a scoping exercise for our community of learning I met with a number of local business people to discuss their aspirations for students. One of the key things they raised was the importance of sport. Sport isn’t just about winning – its about making sure that our kids are picking up the values of participating and contributing, engaging, working together and building resilience. We were lucky to have the Primary Schools cross country on Friday and it was a delight to see a huge number of kids engaged in running round a very wet and challenging course.

At the College we have had success this year in a number of areas including finalists 4th grade Rugby, semi finalists 1st XV Rugby, TV Senior Girls basketball champions and finalists with two other teams, various netball successes and football successes. We are also looking forward to touch nationals later in the year. The work that we do can’t happen without the support of the community – Dali Tui-Taylor and Ava Meek do a great job but extra help is always required. If you can put your hand up please do. If you can’t, please remember to thank our volunteers who do so much good work.

On other matters, I’m delighted that two of our Y13 girls, Briely Schuler and Georgia Kyd, have already achieved their Level 3 qualification. In addition, Ataarangi Raharaha has achieved her Level 2. This is outstanding early achievement and I look forward to hearing about more success as the year goes on.

Finally, on Tuesday 13th September there is a Paid Union Meeting in Thames. This means that the majority of teachers and leadership will be in attendance during the morning. Whilst school will be open, we will only have a skeleton staff available so, if possible, I would ask that you **send your child to school for a 12.00 start** rather than the usual 8.50 am. **If this doesn’t meet your needs please let the school know via student services. If your (senior) child has an exam, these will run as usual.**

Thanks for all your support

Nga mihi nui
Doug Black
Principal

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Givalittle

Thames High School student Keenan Alexander (17) suffered a serious spinal injury in a secondary school First XV rugby semi-final on Saturday 6th August. He was airlifted to Middlemore Hospital and now has been transferred to the Auckland Spinal Unit for several months of extensive rehabilitation.

Keenan is a young man who enjoys the simple things in life - fishing, hunting, sports and hanging with friends and family. He has a great sense of humour and has a positive attitude to life and needs help to ensure he can embrace every opportunity life has to offer.

To make a donation, please go onto the website www.givealittle.co.nz

Funds will be used for expenses such as education needs (for example, special software) and for house/car modifications.

NZQA FEES

Just a reminder, these need to be paid by Friday 2nd September. Financial Assistance forms can be collected from the Student Centre if you are eligible to apply for this.

Hauraki Youth Summit

The Hauraki Youth Summit was held on Monday 29th August in Thames. The students had fun at Wintec WTA Hammer and Box competition as well as trying to outsmart each other with the wooden blocks of noughts and crosses. There was tough competition and all students did well and enjoyed themselves.

Of course there can only be one winner for the box competition and the pair that did well were Karleah Beazley and Billie Ngamu. They made the box up in 58 seconds. Well done girls! 🤩

The Hammer Competition went to two students with 4 hits to hit the nail into the piece of wood. They were Ngarimu Te Moananui from Paeroa College and Miller from Mercury Bay Area School

Chess Tournament

TeAroha Chess Day. Students involved were Wanui McRae, Aroha Wiperi, Treyn Garlick, Sam Dwyer and David Mitchell. Wainui did well being placed at 5th with the 3rd best score of the day!! As a team they were placed 3rd.



UPCOMING EVENTS September 2016

- F Sat 3rd** Te Ara Tapu a Tane boys to visit Wellington.
- Wed 7th** Yr11 Community Planning Day
- Thu 8th** Music Group Trip
Social (Jnr Council) 7pm – 10pm
- Sat 10th** Yr9 Sport – Mud Run at Massey University – Albany 6:30am – 3:30pm
- Mon 12th
To Frid 16th** External Exam Practice
- Tue 13th** Pacific Coast Tech Inst – 9 Yr11 students
- Wed 14th** Cheese Judging in Hamilton – Yr10 students
- Thu 15th** TVSS Jnr Volleyball
- Fri 16th** BOP Polytech
Paeroa College MOTOX
TV Golf Competition
- Wed 21st** China Exchange Leaves
- Thu 22nd** TVSS Snr Volleyball
Junior Science Fair
- Frid 23rd** Snr Results Summary sent home
Yr11 Community Day