



# Paeroa College Comment

4<sup>th</sup> November 2016

## Coming Events

4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Aussie Tour Quiz Night Touch Competition Hamilton
7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Taiwanese Students visiting
8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Senior Prizegiving 7pm College Hall
9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Yr10 Parents Eveing 5:30 – 6:30pm B1
10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	External Exams Begin
11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Touch Competition Hamilton
12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	West & Paeroa College Fundraiser Comedy Night
15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Yr8 Parents & Students BBQ 5:30-6:30pm
18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Touch Competition Hamilton Ohinemuri Schools Athletics
19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Rod Coe This is Your Life Evening
20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Te Ara Tapu a Tane Trip to Cape Reinga
21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	POET – Yr 12 Leaders for Yr10 Camp
22 <sup>nd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Last day for Primary Technology

Kia ora koutou,

Sports Prize giving on Tuesday was a great confirmation of the awesome commitment and hard work that our community, parents, staff and students put into sport. In particular a highlight for me was seeing the number of blues that we were able to award to our outstanding nationally representative athletes including, of course, our touch representatives.

When I first moved to New Zealand (more than a decade ago) I came across the term 'Tall Poppy syndrome' and realised that sometimes we culturally fall into the habit of under-appreciating the people who we should celebrate. At Paeroa College we celebrate our tall poppies and encourage everyone to see the opportunities that are there for all of us – fortunately we have so many of them that one or two doesn't necessarily stand out!

A source of satisfaction for me was realising that most of the prize winners weren't just great sportsmen and women but also committed learners. It's not responsible or appropriate for students to think that sports in isolation is enough. Our 1<sup>st</sup> XV are a really good example of a team who have achieved both in the sporting arena but also in their qualifications and we should celebrate both aspects of their performance. You can help them to do that by coming down to Prizegiving on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November and giving them a great applause and pat on the back. I look forward to seeing you there.

Finally, I would like to again acknowledge Rod Coe and Ava Meek. Rod has been committed to sport in the school for the last 37 years, whilst Ava has been the Teacher in Charge of Sport for the last 16 years. With more than half a decade between them we salute you both!

Nga mihi nui  
Doug Black

## Exam Leave for Senior Students

We have had a lot of success this year in the senior school with many of our students having either passed or being close to passing their respective NCEA qualification already.

Recent letters home discussed the school's policy this year on study leave. Only those who have already passed their NCEA qualification for the year may finish school on the 8th November. Any who have not passed must continue attending school and completing their plan of action in order to pass their outstanding internal assessments.

Once they have attained their NCEA qualification they may sign out for the year. The only exception to the above criteria is if a student has a number of exams and has had a discussion with their learning leader.

This Monday a letter will be going home to inform you whether your child has already achieved their qualification or not, and therefore whether they are expected to continue attending school. In the meantime, feel free to check your child's progress through the Parent Portal on our website.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact your child's learning leader.

## 2017 Course Selection and Parents Evening

Next Wednesday, the 9<sup>th</sup> of November at 5.30pm in B1, we would like to extend a warm welcome to all parents of Year 10 to attend a course selection information evening. The purpose of this evening is to outline the Course Structure for Year 11 students next year and explain new courses that have been added to the Timetable for 2017. At this time you will have an opportunity to raise any questions, concerns or clarifications.

On Friday, the 11<sup>th</sup> of November, Year 10 students going into Year 11 will complete their course confirmation for 2017. This process will start at 9.30am and continue until all students have selected their courses. We really welcome and encourage parents and caregivers to come in and be a part of these discussions on the Friday. If you would like to make an appointment please contact the Student Centre and we will do our best to accommodate you.

## SENIOR PRIZE GIVING

Senior Prize Giving is being held in the College Hall on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 7:00pm

Please come along and support our student's wonderful achievements!

## Australian Maths Competition

This year we had 10 junior students participating online in the Australian Mathematics Competition. Students compete from all different countries answering 30 multiple choice questions.

This year Wade Baxter gained a Credit and Skye Budge received a Distinction. This puts Skye in the top 20% of all students who took part in this competition.

Well done Skye!



### Important Contact Details

#### Learning Leaders

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## **HIKUTAIA BOWLING CLUB INC.**

Alley Memorial Park (by the bridge)  
Thames-Paeroa Highway

**TWILIGHT BOWLS every FRIDAY  
NIGHT**

Starting on the 4<sup>th</sup> November

Please wear flat sole shoes  
plenty of bowls available

Names in by 5-45pm starting play at 6pm

Dinner can be purchased and  
will take place at 8-30pm

Everybody welcome –Bowlers –Non Bowlers  
Just come along have a go and enjoy the fun.  
If you are unsure if play is on check out the  
Hikutaia Bowling Tennis & Croquet new Website

[www.sporty.co.nz//alleypark](http://www.sporty.co.nz//alleypark)

## **Do you want to make a difference in a child's life?**

Child, Youth and Family are currently looking for people in this area who can offer safe, caring, stable homes for young people in need of short term care, time out over weekends and/or holidays, or a home for life.

Our team will support you to understand and manage the challenges of fostering a young person, and we will be there with you to celebrate the successes.

You may be surprised; you could be just the right person to offer your care to a young person who needs you!




If you are interested in finding out more, or know someone who may be interested, or if you think you might be able to help in some other way then we would love to hear from you!

Please call Johnson Taoho, Care Services Manager, on 07 957 4740 or email [johnson.taoho001@cyf.govt.nz](mailto:johnson.taoho001@cyf.govt.nz)



### **Will you be riding a quad bike this summer?**

#### **Remember:**

-  Quads require skill
-  Quads are difficult to handle
-  Quads roll easily

#### **So keep you and your mates safe:**

- ✓ Always wear a helmet
- ✓ Stick to terrain you know and a bike you can handle.
- ✓ Carry an emergency locator beacon

Have fun, but come home.



DECEMBER 3RD 2016

# NZ DIRT JUMP NATIONALS

NARROWS PARK FREESTYLE BMX AND MOUNTAIN BIKE CHAMPS

OPEN AND AMATUER FREESTYLE BMX AND MOUNTAIN BIKE CATEGORIES

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FAMILY DAY OUT - SPECTATORS WELCOME



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## THIS SHOULD BE A BIT OF FUN

We've got professional jump tracks designed and built by two kiwi BMXers, Paul Langlands and Jed Mildon who will also form part of the judging panel on the day. These two know a few tricks and will be going head to head for a bit of fun.

It's a chance to ride top tracks and either take out the national title or have a crack at freestyling on the amateur line and see how you go. All for the sake of building the freestyle scene in NZ.

### The Details

- \$15 entry to compete
- 9am practice run, 10am competition rides <
- \$2 at the gate for spectators
- Junior kids track (free) so bring your bike and your kids for a great day of freestyle riding.



FIRST GUY IN THE WORLD TO DO A QUADRUPLE BACKFLIP

WORLD RECORD HOLDER FOR A BMX JUMP OF 68FT