

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome back to everyone for the new year. It seems amazing that we are already in 2017. I heard a student mention the other day that it still felt to him like it was 2012. To me, I sometimes feel I am stuck in more like 2002! Time marches on and progress waits for no one.

Writing of progress, I'm sure that you are aware of the College's stunning results for 2016. We broke every record in the book with our achievement. 100% of our Y11s achieved Level 1. 97% of our Y12 students achieved Level 2 and all bar 3 of our Y13 students achieved Level 3. In addition, we had record endorsement levels with a massive increase in our Merit, Excellence and Vocational Pathways Award endorsement. Credit for this should go in the first instance to the students who did an amazing job and secondly to the staff who supported them on their journey. We were delighted to celebrate this success with our annual EME awards evening last week on Wednesday. A great turn out and some lovely food gave everyone a chance to sit back and enjoy last year's success.

We also had an excellent Maori Awards Evening at Ngahutoitoi on Tuesday of this week. Thanks in particular to the community for your welcome and the attendance of family and whanau at the event. The purpose of this evening is to celebrate our Maori student's achievement in a culturally appropriate setting and is the third example of a great night. Over the past three years we have now visited and been welcomed onto Tirohia, Te pae o Hauraki and Ngahutoitoi Marae and my thanks go out to our community for your welcome. From next week we are beginning a partnership with Paeroa Central school to offer additional tuition in Te reo Maori and kapa haka to our students as an option. I would like to acknowledge and thank Paeroa Central for all of their support – I can't wait to see the outcomes of this exciting project.

In addition, the start of the busy year has included a Y13 camp just before school started and this week an exciting Year 9 camp. Our Year 9s have made an outstanding start and we have been extremely impressed with their enthusiasm. As most of you are aware, Mr. Andrew Cameron is the new Senior Leader of the Junior School and can be contacted for matters relating to the junior school.

In other news, Dali Tui Taylor our sports coordinator and Ann Hoover our Junior school and SENCO teacher finished at the College over the holidays. Both of them have done an outstanding job in their respective roles. Pauline Kisling has replaced Dali as the new sports coordinator – she is your first port of call for sport. Joss Hale has taken over the SENCO role temporarily and she is contactable for any issues related to students with special needs.

In Pauline's first big job, we had a great swimming sports on Friday of week 1, despite the unfortunate weather. The students and staff really got into things and I know that our new staff were very impressed with the commitment of both groups. It was another great day.

Finally, we are excited about our first Academy day on Friday of this week. Academies are a big step for the College and will allow students to really engage in projects they are interested in for a whole day.

We are working hard and growing. The school is clearly progressing. We continue to need your support and thank you for all that you do. I am proud of Paeroa College and Paeroa.

Nga mihi nui,

Doug Block

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## **Uniform Shop Hours**

Just a reminder that the Uniform Shop is open from 8:30am to 9:00am on Mondays to Thursdays and closed on Fridays. If you would like information or prices please phone Sally at the College on extension 207

# Coming Events

24<sup>th</sup> Feb Athletic Sports

2<sup>nd</sup> March TVSS Swimming

8th March TVSS Athletics

9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Year 9 and 10 Marae Visit

March

11th March Waka Ama

12th March Waikato SS Touch Regionals

Kids Triathlon – Aussie Tour

16<sup>th</sup> March Individual and class photos

17<sup>th</sup> March Auction Night Aussie Tour

Polyfest Year 9 & 10 trip

21st March Coaches & Managers

Evening

25<sup>th</sup> March Waikato/BOP Athletics

Aussie Tour Bingo Night

## **Cobras Football Club**

Senior Men & Women Muster (Age 14+) All abilities welcome Saturday 18th February from 10am, Boyd park,

Stanley Avenue, Te Aroha. For more information contact Louise 021960949 or Ryan 0273095601.

## Music School

To parents and pupils

The Music school is starting up again on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 4 - 5pm. It will run during each school term at the Paeroa Cooperating Church complex. Macky Street (This is the street leading to the main gates of the Paeroa Domain) Paeroa. Contact Sharon Hamilton, Hauraki Resource Centre.

## **Australia Sports Tour 2017**

We are looking for any work in the community which will help us to raise funds towards this trip. Please contact Jocelyn Hale if you would like to talk about this further 021 111 6663

## **Contact Details**

Please take note of the new staff and contact details under the "Important Contact Details" below

Also, if your address or phone details have changed please don't forget to let Deb Berry know in the Student Centre.

## **Important Contact Details**

### **Learning Leaders**

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### Senior Leadership Team

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