

# Paeroa College Comment

13<sup>th</sup> April 2017



## Coming Events

13 <sup>th</sup> April	TVSS Swimming At Te Rapa  Celebration Assembly in the Hall at 2:15  End of School
<b>Term 2</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Yr 11 Camp Completion Day in Tauranga
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Yr 11 Celebrating Academic Success
4 <sup>th</sup> May	MUFTI Day – Westpac Helicopter fundraiser  Yr9/10 Environmental Morning
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Yr9/10 Environmental Morning
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Yr11 First Aid Course
11 <sup>th</sup> May	HSP Meetings Year 9, 11 and some Year 12/13 students
12 <sup>th</sup> May	Aussie Tour Quiz night
15 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Fiesta Week
17 <sup>th</sup> May	Cross Country
18 <sup>th</sup> May	HSP Meeting Year 10, 12 & 13

Kia ora koutou,

We are at the end of a hectic, busy term with so many amazing events and achievements that have occurred.

We began in February with our celebrations of achievement for the senior students, our Year 13 and 9 camps, our Great Barrier Island camp, our marae overnight visits at Pae o Hauraki. We have had a wealth of fundraising and service events including our traditional support of the Battle of the Streets, our bingo night and too many other events to mention as we look to achieve our goal for the Australian tour.

We have had Athletic Sports, Swimming Sports, Triathlon and success for both our Touch teams qualifying once again for Nationals and winning all at the Thames Valley championships, our Moto X team visiting two events and most recently, outstanding achievement for our Basketball team at last weekends Rotorua Tip-off completion with our Junior Girls and Boys in the finals and the Senior Boys winning their competition.

We are pushing our curriculum, with innovative developments in the junior school and our new Academy days and Blended courses. A number of our Y9 and 10 learners are building on Kapa Haka and Te Reo knowledge in our partnership with Central school. Our new Academic Tutoring process is bearing fruit and we are looking forward to HSP on 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> May with details and invitations coming to you shortly regarding this.

All of the above can't be achieved without extremely hard working teachers, support staff, volunteers and parents. I take this opportunity to acknowledge all of you. We are proud of our College and look forward to continued success.

Have a lovely Easter and a safe and enjoyable school holiday.

Nga mihi nui

Doug Black

## Technology Fabrics

We are looking for second hand canteen bandannas for a fabric technology project. If you have any lying around we would love your donation.

Thanks

## Paeroa Little Theatre

A shout out to The Paeroa Little Theatre for use of their amazing costumes this term for a little movie some of the year 9's were making. We appreciate your support.

## St John's Fundraiser

The year 9 students took to the BBQ to raise some funds for a worthy cause. As part of their enquiry work this term the Year 9 students had to take some sort of action that would contribute to their community. This group of youngsters decided to raise some funds for St Johns. They managed to do this and had a great day. Other Year 9's have gone to Miller Avenue School and helped with reading, some have been to Montessori while others have been helping plan the school hangi. **A massive thanks to Burtons Butcher for the donation of the sausages.** Well done team.



## AgHort Students

This term our Level 2 AgHort students have been learning about the identification, uses and propagation of plants through cuttings. Part of this has involved a trip to the Paeroa Garden Centre.

It was great to be able to see the relevance of learning in practise and learn from the wealth of understanding of the Paeroa Garden Centre and for our students to see links between in school learning and application in our community



## Tip Off Basketball

Last weekend we took our 4 Basketball Teams to the Annual Rotorua Tip Off Tournament. It was a fabulous weekend of Basketball and all teams were amazing. It was the first time in the history of the tournament that we had teams in the finals. This year both our junior boys, girls and our senior boys made it to the finals. There were moments of huge tension, nails being bitten and lots of side line encouragement. Our biggest success was our senior boys who played an outstanding game and won by ONE POINT!!! Below are the reports from the boys coaches. We would like to send out a huge thanks to all the coaches, managers and support that went along and helped out our students to achieve this outstanding result.



### Junior Boys

The Junior Boys team finished second overall in their division which is a great achievement given we had only 9 players and many who had not played a lot of basketball before. They started the Tip-Off with a good win over Rotorua Boys D – 58-17 and followed that up with a 36-18 win over Western Heights after trailing by at least 6 points in the second quarter. Then they beat Rotorua Boys C team twice to make the final, both games were very close tight games that could have gone either way but the boys held their nerve to close the games out.

Their only two losses were against John Paul College, one in round-robin and then again in the final, as they had some very tall players that secured nearly all the rebounds which makes it hard to counter in basketball. The boys fought hard and played well throughout the tournament and did themselves proud.



## **PAEROA COLLEGE SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL 2017**

What can we say, what an awesome weekend it was for the Rotorua Tip Off Tournament, the boys had been training for this for over 4 weeks, most of the players had not been to this tournament before so the experience was what we were aiming for. They all put in a lot of time and effort with all attending trainings promptly, the neat thing about this team was they were all wanting to learn and help each other build as a team.

### **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

We all headed off to Rotorua arrived and got ourselves sorted in our motel rooms. Had a quick debrief of what was expected from each player on and off the court.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Game vrs Rotorua Senior B**

Boys were a bit gobsmacked when started as they weren't quite prepared for this kind of tournament and some thought that they were out of their depth.

**Won: 45 -26**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Game vrs Kokiri Tane**

A Harder game but we worked more to our game plan

**Won: 47 -34**

### **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Game vrs Napier Boys Development**

A well drilled basketball team who had heaps of skill, boys still were trying to suss out game plans with the 1<sup>st</sup> half going to Napier Boys high. 2<sup>nd</sup> half we focussed a lot more and came out with a convincing win.

**Won 48 -28**

### **4<sup>th</sup> Game Semi Finals vrs Massey Seniors**

Wow thought we were playing men! The size and height of some of the players was scary, some of the players were intimidated by them. A tight game right through with each team winning each quarter by 1 point. A more faster and physical game, but the boys played outstanding with a win.

**Won: 41 -40**

Woohoo we were in the FINALS who would have thought the boys were buzzing but they still showed no emotion as yet.

### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

### **FINAL GAME: vrs Kristin Senior Boys**

Our game wasn't until 2pm that day, so we decided to go to Strike Zone where the boys could relax and just be themselves had lunch by the lake with the team singing a few tunes as well.

Arrived at the gym at 12.15pm to support our Junior Teams which were both in the finals as well.

Both junior teams played well and deserved to be where they were.



## **Senior Boys Divison 2 Finals 2pm**

We all had a chat as to what we were going to as a team and explained to the team that already they had accomplished an amazing result, even to get to the Finals was a bonus.

Plans set in motion and whistle went to start our game, the team we played against were very skilled and knew the game, we led most of the 1<sup>st</sup> half and then the 2<sup>nd</sup> half was a total different ball game.

Kristin Boys put pressure on us some of the players were losing their cool but after a few time outs the younger ones calmed down and supported each other throughout the game.

Wasn't until the last couple of minutes is when the game got intense and with the team using the clock to our advantage to slow the game down Kristin College got beside themselves.

Kristin intercepted the ball where there was a lay -up and we fouled but the buzzer had gone and the ref called no shot and THAT WAS IT WE WON 44 -43 !!

AMAZING glory the look on the boys faces, the supporters, the mums and dads was just unbelievable .

Big UPS to Kimiora Ensor, the Senior and Junior Girls for their tautoko to our team, you could see the tears in everyone eyes.

The mana the Senior Boys showed was a credit to our Coaches Steve McKain and Miah Williams.

After the game the boys were still in shock and couldn't believe what they had just achieved, after many of them saying they thought that they would be lucky to win one game.

We are very proud of these young men and we look forward to Term two with the Thames Valley Competition on Friday nights and the team working towards the Premis and Nationals.

Thank you to Z Paeroa, all our Whanau, Friends and Supporters and the Paeroa Basketball Association.

Steve and  
Josey McKain





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**Matamata College will be 100 years old in March, 2018. To mark this significant milestone we are planning a weekend of celebrations to bring past and present students, staff and friends together. You are invited to join us, or become involved and help us create a weekend to remember.**

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