



## Senior Leader Junior School Comment

17 November 2017

Kia ora koutou,

It is a very busy but exciting time of year in the Junior School for students and staff. Our Year 9's have a heavy careers focus at the moment where they are experiencing how life could look after school. This includes having a 'real life' job and all of the responsibilities that come with this, including planning, accommodation, budgeting and the day to day tasks that come with having a profession.

Our Year 10's have a central focus of graduating from the Junior School and preparing for 2018 and the world of NCEA. Mr Williams and Ms Youngman spent time with our Year 10's this week introducing the course selection process for next year. We are grateful for this and the Year 11 students, Ruby Hodgson, Darion Williams-Oka and Skye Budge who came in and spoke to our Year 10's about their experience this year and offered very helpful advice.

The course selection process will continue over the next two weeks and it is very important for whanau to have discussions at home around courses for next year.

- Week 5, Thursday 16th November:  
Course booklets distributed to Year 10's and emailed home.  
Discussion regarding courses to take place at home and school.
- Week 6, Thursday 23rd November 6.30pm:  
Parent information evening to go through structure of Year 11, NCEA basics and answering questions around courses.

- Throughout Week 6 Academic Tutors will speak with individual students to discuss courses.
- Week 7 Thursday 30th November:  
Year 10's complete course selections in a 10 minute interview slot.  
Whanau will be invited in to attend these interviews with a letter home in Week 6.

We are also well in the midst of transitioning the current Year 8's from their Primary Schools into Paeroa College. This process is hugely valuable in ensuring our incoming students and their whanau feel connected and informed about joining our Paeroa College community. We look forward to seeing as many parents and students at the Year 8 BBQ on Monday 20 November 5.30pm. This is an opportunity to come and meet some key staff and gain a deeper understanding of how we do things at Paeroa College.

I look forward to watching our Year 9 and 10 students finish the year strongly and striving to achieve their academic goals in the coming weeks.

Andrew Cameron  
Senior Leader Junior School

## Coming Events

Sat 11 & 18 November	Elite Touch League	Fri 1 December	Leavers Dinner
Sun 19 November	Galaxy Touch	Thurs 7 December	Year 9 Show Case of Learning
Wed 20 November	Tournament	7-10 December	NZ SS Touch - Auckland
Wed 29 November	BBQ for Year 8 Students and Parents	Tues 12 December	Junior Prize Giving
	Year 8 Enrolled Students Day		

# Boys and Men Working Together Paeroa College Magazine 2017

**Katie Morrison**

Thursday evenings in the technology block at Paeroa College, teacher Garry Smith, invites male students and their dads to come into the school and work on a project together. Garry says "The purpose of this evening is for the boys to spend more time with their dads/male caregivers, and to help them become more focused on their work",

This is the first year Garry has put on this type of evening and the kids and their male caregivers were allowed to build anything their imaginations could come up with, with the materials Paeroa College could supply, of course. The creations varied from go-carts to a pizza oven.

When interviewing the boys, they spoke with enthusiasm about their experience. Student, Wade Baxter said, "It was fun to bond with my dad, he was a great help and I appreciated his input." Another student, Jesse Roy Wickliffe said, "He was a good help and great company."

Kyan McMurtrie and his Dad built and finished a beautiful pizza oven/barbeque. They made their own dough and tested it at school by cooking a pizza at lunchtime.

The projects and the evening itself have been a great success and a truly amazing concept.

***Are you wanting a Paeroa College Year Book this year???***

If so, have you paid for it?

There are some students that have had it part paid with automatic payments, etc, but it needs to be paid in full to be able to receive one.





# Untraditional Fridays

## Breanna & Chloe

The Junior school has been involved in activities on a Friday that have been a little untraditional. We are continuing this for the rest of the term. The learning we are doing is action packed and filled with numerous options such as Outdoor Education, a Quad Group, Newsletter, A workout group and even a Catch up group.

One of the groups is an Outdoor Education class. Today they are off in a small group climbing Karangahake Mountain. Their group is all about tramping, tramping, and more tramping. The group is for students who want to increase their fitness, push their abilities and be around nature and the outdoors.

Speaking of the outdoors, a small group will be working hard on redesigning the quad. They have made their way out to Mike O'Donnell's place out at Tarariki Stream to get an idea of how we can bring nature into our bland looking quad area. There has been talk of this for a while now and finally we have a willing group to take some action. The Quad is a place where most of our students tend to spend their intervals and lunch times so a change of scenery will be very welcome and beneficial to the students and the visitors that come to the school. Watch this space!

We also have a workout group which is being led by Mr McNaughton. A small group of Year 9 and Year 10 boys are working hard on muscle training and how to train your body properly, keep up the hard work boys.

Then there is the Catch Up group, this is for the students who have not yet completed all AMPs assessments to date. They will spend their Friday in B Block finishing work to ensure they will pass the year with 80 credits. Good luck.

Finally we have a group of 5 students, Sommer Hemming, Hollie Wilson, Chloe Hastings, Breanna Doran and Martha Brown have taken over the College Comment for Term 4. We will be continuing to write articles until the end of the year.



# Should Zoos be Banned or Not?



## Sommer & Hollie

Hamilton supports other zoos in New Zealand in regards to zoos being beneficial while some others disagree. The Year 9 & 10's have been studying other argumentative topics including this. As a result we visited the Hamilton Zoo on the 10th of November.

When we got there we were greeted by a staff member. After we all piled in we were split into groups and got allocated to a teacher to explore the place.

We saw various animals ranging from meerkats, monkeys, rhinos, birds and even reptiles. My favourite animals were the African wild dogs and the orangutans.

To conclude the day we had a lesson from one of the workers. They explained their opinion on zoos and why they support them. One of their opinions was, since they are held at the zoo there is no way any of the animals are able to get hurt or are able to be killed by predators.

Another opinion was that they always get fed food that they normally eat in the wild but they don't have to hunt to get it. We learnt that they adapt the cages to replicate the animal's natural habitat. For example, in the giraffe enclosure they put different scents around to make it seem like they're in different locations as they like travelling often. They also put their food up high to mimic a tree.

On the other hand a negative of zoos is that animals get held in captivity against their will. The size of their cages restrict their ability to run free.



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