

Principal's Comment

8 December 2017

Kia ora koutou,

I'm writing my final comment at the end of what has been a very special year for the College. Our academic results have been outstanding with not just excellent completion rates but also record endorsements at Merit, Excellence and Vocational Pathways. Our Level 1 and Level 2 have 100% achievement whilst our Level 3 have what appear to be record results as well, although we are waiting on external results before we report on these.

Some people have asked us how we are so successful academically. In short, we know your child and we tailor their learning to each and every one of them. We have high expectations, we have flexible courses that encourage them to pursue their passions, we work together as a team and we collectively care about everyone in our school. We love talking about what we do and we welcome everyone into our school to learn about our process. We are one of the highest achieving schools in the country and we are proud of our students, our teachers and our community!

We then have also had outstanding sporting success and on Thursday of this week we said farewell to our Touch team who are heading off to the national competition at Bruce Pullman Park in Papakura. As some of you may be aware, we have our new supporters hoody's available in the uniform shop so come in, grab a hoody and support the girls and guys up in Papakura. I would like to particularly mention Miah Williams, Dali Tui Taylor, Darren Van de Wetering, Georgie King, Charmaine Gray and all of the other adults supporting our team: Thankyou!

Finally, we have some great prizes to give and some farewells to make to some long standing staff on Tuesday. I encourage you all to come to our Junior Prizegiving on Tuesday at 10am to show our support to our junior learners and to our school. School will finish on Tuesday at around 11am following Prizegiving - so have a happy holiday and rest up!

Nga mihi nui

Doug Black

Coming Events

2017

7-10 December
12 December

NZ SS Touch - Auckland
Junior Prize Giving

1 February
7 February

Yr 11 Course Confirmation
First Full School Day
Yr 10-13, 9.50am start
Yr 9 & other new students
Powhiri 10am

2018

31 January
31 Jan- 2 Feb

Yr12 Course Confirmation
Yr 13 Camp

The Year 9's Show Off

Breanna and Chloe

On Thursday the Yr 9 students held a showcase for their options, showing off their learning from this term. It was to share the end results of their hard work.

Mrs Anderson said "It was great to see some students step out of their comfort zones and to see them in a different way with their learning."

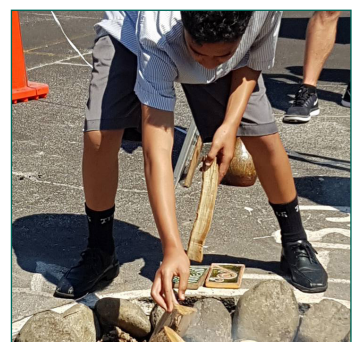
It was held in the College hall at lunch time, with the Yr 9 Home Economics class cooking a lunch they made, which was butter chicken, naan bread and trifle.



The Quad to Get a Facelift

Breanna and Chloe

Paeroa College students have been involved in something very exciting for the past few weeks. We have had Mike O'Donnell and the Enviro Group creating a plan for the new and improved quad. They dug a hole in the middle of the quad to test soil and to see the quality of the concrete underneath. They have discovered that the asphalt releases toxic fumes when excessive amounts of heat are applied and with the lovely hot weather we have been having over the last week they have decided that our bland quad needs a renovation. While the hole was empty Mike and the Enviro group took the opportunity to light a fire to symbolise a new beginning for the quad. The Year 9 and 10 students got the chance to have a sneak peek at the design for this vast new project. Watch this space!



Department of Conservation Summer Programme

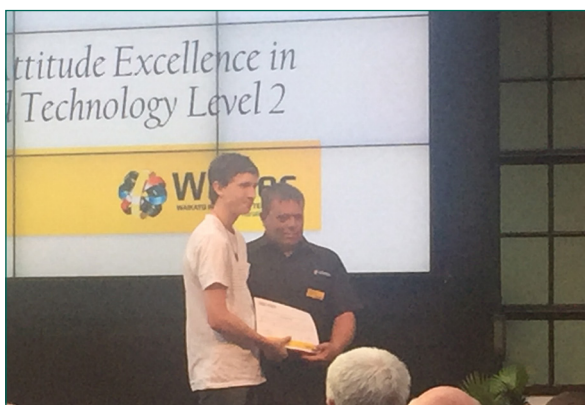
There will be a Department of Conservation Summer programme this January.

The programme is based from the Kauaeranga Visitor Centre and aimed at all ages, with most activities only costing a gold coin donation. The Valley is a fabulous venue and a great destination for summer fun, with its swimming holes, campsites, walks and activities.

From the Visitor Centre, we also run Kiwi Guardian activities and have a great treasure hunt based on conservation knowledge.

On 13 January, there is a concert, with lots of other activities – face painting, bouncy castles as well as music throughout the day. Either bring a picnic or enjoy the great food from the Café based at the Centre.

<https://www.facebook.com/KauaerangaValleyVC>



Waikato Trades Academy Awards

Sommer & Hollie

On the 6 December 2017, three senior students from Paeroa College went over to Wintec for the Trades Academy Awards. These students won awards for their achievements.

Kane Way got an award for being the top student and gaining an Excellence in Automotive Engineering for Level 3.

“Kane has grown significantly throughout his duration with the Waikato Trades Academy. He has gained many skills and always strives to achieve outstanding standards with both his theory and practical studies. We are very proud to announce that Kane has obtained an apprenticeship in Te Awamutu.”

Cody Flemming got an award for demonstration of Attitude and Excellence in Manufacturing and Technology at Level 2.

“He continually makes himself available to assist other learners and the tutor without question while completing all tasks on time and to a high standard.”

Olivia Pooley was our other student that gained an award. She couldn't attend the ceremony but she did receive a certificate. Her certificate was awarded to her for demonstration of Excellence in the Service Sector Level 2 and all round high achievement. “She has always shown initiative and puts 100% into every task and challenge that heads her way. She produces high levels of work and continues to impress us with her skills and knowledge.”

We are all very proud of the three of you for getting your awards and we hope to see you thrive even more in the future.



ICE SKATE TOUR

Ice Skate Tour
@ Waihi Memorial Hall
Fun(d)raiser

Thursday 25 January 11am - 4pm
Friday 26 January 10am - 8pm
Saturday 27 January 10am - 4pm
Sunday 28 January 10am - 4pm
Monday 29 January 10am - 4pm

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Junior Prizegiving

Sommer & Hollie

On Tuesday 12 December at Paeroa College we will be holding our Junior School Prizegiving in the hall at 10:00am. We will be congratulating and recognising the students for their achievements throughout the year. It would be great to see everyone come along.

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Going for gold

Madi

On Thursday we farewelled our Senior Mixed Touch team who are competing at the NZSS National Touch Tournament at Bruce Pullman Park in Papakura. The team has been preparing for the touch season for a few months now and finally, their work will start to pay off. Last year the team returned home with the Silver Medals, this year their aim is to return with gold.

Today they had their first game against Rangitoto College, winning 10-7, Mrs Kisling says "It was a nervy game but we won." Their second game today was against Rangiora, winning 10-2.

If we do well in our pool we hope to move on to the semis and finals, which will be happening on Sunday at Bruce Pullman Park in Papakura. Keep an eye on the Paeroa College Facebook page as we get the results as the tournament progresses.

