



# Paeroa College Comment

14 March 2019

Our beautiful teacher aide, Emma Deane has become the first recipient of the Hauraki Cluster acknowledgment of Teacher Aides award.  
Congratulations Emma, this is a well - deserved award.



## Coming Events

19 March  
Thames Valley Touch Tournament  
– Paeroa

19 March  
Netball Trials – Paeroa Netball  
Centre

19 March  
Board Meeting 6.30pm – Purple  
Room

21 March  
School Photos

5 April  
Gumboot Day – Fundraiser for  
Mental Health

6 April  
Senior School Formal

12 April  
Last day of Term 1

# Principal's Comment

Kia ora koutou,

I love the feel in the air as the seasons begin to change and the nights get colder. The students are settling into their learning and beginning to set personal and academic goals for themselves in conjunction with their Learning Leaders. The home-school partnership is critical to our students' success, so please get in touch sooner rather than later. If we can help sort out little niggles before they bloom into troubles, please give us the opportunity to do so.

This is the time of year that we can begin to see uniform discrepancies crop up as students feel the cold on the way to school. Please ensure your child has the correct uniform gear to keep them warm in the cool weather. Special note: warm black socks (without logos) are now available from the uniform shop for \$3.

I really enjoyed seeing our students participating and enjoying the College Triathlon last week. There was a very positive atmosphere and great level of participation, with nearly half of our students having a go! Our kids are amazing and their willingness to push past their comfort zone and participate in our house competitions is admirable. Thank you to the staff who organised the day, especially to our Physical Education teachers and Sports Coordinator. A big congratulations to Rapiri as the winning house for triathlon!

Triathlon marks a shift in the school calendar. The big whole-school sport events are now over for Term 1 and students are well and truly engaging in their learning. I encourage you to discuss your child(ren)'s learning with them and support them in managing their academics alongside their important co-curricular or out-of-school commitments.

By now, most senior students are well into their class programmes and should have one or more internal assessments to work on. A signature aspect of our curriculum is the provisioning of semester-long Academy days on Fridays in the senior school. Students in Years 11 to 13 spend the entire day devoted to a single subject about which they are passionate. This semester students are engaging in a number of exciting learning opportunities including, Fashion and Fabric, Outdoor Education, Tikanga, Horticulture, Hospitality, Hard Materials Technology and Drama, to name a few. Our Academy programme enables students to spend an entire day immersed in high-quality, dedicated experiential learning. Please feel welcome to come have a look at what we are up to!!

Nga mihi nui,

Amy Hacker  
Principal

# Student / Parent / Caregiver Information

## Student Services

Parents / Caregivers please note the number to text to advise the school your child is absent is 021 157 4615 - This is for TEXTING ONLY

## To All Parents and Students

Please be reminded, only Year 13 students have the privilege of leaving the school grounds at lunch time.

Year 13 students MUST still sign out if leaving the school grounds.

Year 13 students are only allowed to leave the school grounds if their parents have signed the consent form and this has been returned to Mrs Berry in the student centre.

## Medical Information



The Doctor will be here on Wednesdays (starting 27 March) from 9.00am – 11.00am. If you require an appointment, please see Ms Berry at Student Services or Jennie the Nurse.

Jennie the nurse is at school every Tuesday and Thursday 8.30am – 3.00pm as well as every second Friday. This health service is free to our Paeroa College students.



## Bus Routes

Parents of students who take the bus, should have received a letter in the mail regarding the changes to the bus routes. If you have not received this letter, please contact Ms Berry at Student Services

## Updating details

**Medical Register** - We are currently updating our medical register, if your child has any allergies, asthma, any special medical conditions we should be aware of can you please contact Ms Berry at Student Services.

**Email Contacts** - We are currently updating our email contacts so we can send out newsletters and notifications to parents via email. If your email address needs to be updated or you haven't provided an email address to the school, can you please contact Ms Berry at Student Services.

**Legal Information** - We are currently updating our Health and Safety procedures. We are aware of some families who have legal documentation regarding custody, protection etc. Should your child need to have their privacy protected, not be able to be picked up by anyone in particular etc, and you have not already notified the school of these circumstances, please come in and see Ms Berry with the appropriate documentation. Should there be protection orders in place, we need to know the name of the person from whom children are protected, and ideally a photograph for staff for the purpose of identification. This then means we can activate the appropriate procedures should that person come onto the school grounds. Hopefully this is never needed. However, it is always best to be informed and prepared.

## Lost Property / School Uniform Items

Could you please **NAME** your children's school uniform items so your items do not get lost.

As the mornings are starting to get a bit colder, it is time to start thinking about if your child needs a school jacket, a school jersey or school sports hoodie or all of the above.

The order will be placed next week. If your child is needing any of the above items, please pop into the school and get your child fitted or we can do this for you. If your child's account is in credit, we can charge it otherwise all items must be paid for before we order.

Jerseys \$66.00

Jackets \$75.00

Sports Hoodie \$ 60.00 (not to be worn as part of your school uniform)



## Student Attendance

Many thanks to those families who have been working hard to ensure your children attend school regularly. The measurable link between attendance and achievement means that it is very important that your child attends school every day, unless there are exceptional circumstances. Regular and punctual attendance at school is key to both academic and personal success. You can do your bit by contacting the school via the usual number if your child is ever absent. Please do this to support us as we try to make sure that every student is at school every day. Remember the student who misses one day on average a week, in total, misses almost a whole term in a year.

The Ministry of Education considers regular attendance to be 90%. In a 10 week term, this equates to no more than 5 days absence, for any reason.

If your child is not in school or on a school activity, they are absent, regardless of the reason. This is true even if the absence is *Justified*. The Ministry recognises *Justified* absences to include absences due to short-term illness, bus breakdown, accident, road closure, national/local representation, bereavement, and exceptional family circumstances. Absences can also be *Explained*, meaning that you have notified the school, but the absence does not fall within the Ministry guidelines for *Justified* absences. *Explained* absences include reasons such as: caring for younger siblings, working on assignments, shopping trips, and holidays during term time. These types of absence are not recognised by the Ministry as being valid reasons for students to miss school.

Family holidays should be arranged outside of school term time, whenever possible. If this scheduling is unavoidable, please request a leave of absence in writing from your child's Year Level Learning Leader, at least 7 days in advance. The Learning Leader will respond in writing and help facilitate your child's continued learning during the leave.

- Student responsibilities:
  - Arrive at school on time.
  - Attend classes on time and remain in class the entire lesson
  - Sign in at the student centre if you are more than 10 minutes late for the start of the school day.
  - Stay within the school grounds. The only students who are to leave during the day are Year 13 students who have signed out at the student centre for lunch.
- Parent/caregiver responsibilities:
  - Phone or text the school when your child is unable to make it to school.
  - Sign students in and out if they leave during the day for any reason.
  - Provide a written note or phone call to explain student absences on the day or as soon thereafter as is practical.

## Sports



Sydney Stuart competed at Thames Valley Show jumping on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Sydney managed 8<sup>th</sup> place in one of her classes out of 40 riders from 8 schools. Well done Sydney.

Netball Trials – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Paeroa Netball Centre  
Juniors are to be at the centre at 5.00pm ready for a 5.30pm start. Seniors be there at 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start. Please bring your shoes, water bottle and a good attitude.

Triathlon Results from Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March.

### Junior Girls

- 1<sup>st</sup> Josey Hansen
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grier Buchanan
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jamie-Lee Owen

### Junior Boys

- 1<sup>st</sup> Hemi Sutherland
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jordan Williams-Te Moananui

### Intermediate Girls

- 1<sup>st</sup> Grace Wright
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Trinity Taukiri-Keith
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jana Smith

### Intermediate Boys

- 1<sup>st</sup> Hamish Buchanan
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Case Baxter
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Damien Watene-Johnson

### Senior Girls

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ruby Hodgson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wibke Czekalla
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Paizley Gray

### Senior Boys

- 1<sup>st</sup> Wade Baxter
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Matthew Charlton
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Darion Williams-Oka

## Sporting Coaches

Do you want to be part of a great team? Helping our kids to strive to be their best? We are looking for coaches for Rugby (1<sup>st</sup> XV and Under XV) as well as Football – both boys and girls.

If you are interested in being a coach for any of the above, please contact Pauline Kisling at [paulinek@paeroacollege.school.nz](mailto:paulinek@paeroacollege.school.nz)

## Academy Classes

We have an awesome team taking the Horticulture Academy this year. Their first day they put in a huge effort harvesting giant pumpkins and potatoes, tidying the herb garden and knocking into shape some of the horticulture area.



First day of baking for Café Academy

Students learnt how to experiment with gel colours in buttercream icing.

Russian tip, leaves and star nozzles were used to pipe beautiful cupcake decorations.



# Community Notices



Thames Valley Indoor Bowls

Held every Wednesday night in the Paeroa College Gym – 7pm to 10pm.

Starting 6<sup>th</sup> March

New members are welcome. Come and give it a go!

Contact email: [tvindoorbowls@gmail.com](mailto:tvindoorbowls@gmail.com)

## Important Contact Details

<b>Learning Leaders</b>  <b>Year 9</b> – Corrie Anderson extn 228 Email: <a href="mailto:corriea@paeroacollege.school.nz">corriea@paeroacollege.school.nz</a>  <b>Year 10</b> – Letitia Voss extn 228 email: <a href="mailto:letitiav@paeroacollege.school.nz">letitiav@paeroacollege.school.nz</a>  <b>Year 11</b> – Denise Grimmer email: <a href="mailto:deniseg@paeroacollege.school.nz">deniseg@paeroacollege.school.nz</a>  <b>Year 12</b> – Karen McLean extn 224 email: <a href="mailto:karenm@paeroacollege.school.nz">karenm@paeroacollege.school.nz</a>  <b>Year 13</b> – Miah Williams extn 241 email: <a href="mailto:miahw@paeroacollege.school.nz">miahw@paeroacollege.school.nz</a>  <b>Principals PA</b> – Yolande Lowe extn 207 Email: <a href="mailto:yolandel@paeroacollege.school.nz">yolandel@paeroacollege.school.nz</a>	<b>Careers</b> – Denise Grimmer email: <a href="mailto:deniseg@paeroacollege.school.nz">deniseg@paeroacollege.school.nz</a>  <b>Learning Support / Student Well-being</b> email: <a href="mailto:andrewc@paeroacollege.school.nz">andrewc@paeroacollege.school.nz</a>  <b>Accounts / Executive Officer</b> Debbie Gould extn 205 email: <a href="mailto:debbieg@paeroacollege.co.nz">debbieg@paeroacollege.co.nz</a>  <b>Absences</b> – Extension 201 or dial 1 at the prompt, School Absentees – text 021 157 4615  <b>Reception, Student Services and General Enquiries dial 1 at the prompt</b>  <b>Deb Berry</b> – Extn 201 email <a href="mailto:debb@paeroacollege.school.nz">debb@paeroacollege.school.nz</a>	<b>Senior Leadership Team</b>  <b>Principal</b> – Amy Hacker extn 207 email: <a href="mailto:amyh@paeroacollege.school.nz">amyh@paeroacollege.school.nz</a>  <b>Junior School &amp; Acting Deputy Principal</b> Andrew Cameron extn 206 email - <a href="mailto:andrewc@paeroacollege.school.nz">andrewc@paeroacollege.school.nz</a>  <b>Senior School</b> Tina Youngman extn 219 email - <a href="mailto:tinay@paeroacollege.school.nz">tinay@paeroacollege.school.nz</a>  <b>Senior Leader of Community</b> Miah Williams extn 241 email: <a href="mailto:miahw@paeroacollege.school.nz">miahw@paeroacollege.school.nz</a>  PO Box 144 Paeroa 3640 Phone 07 862 7579 Fax 07 862 7578 <a href="http://www.paeroacollege.school.nz">www.paeroacollege.school.nz</a>
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# HOLLYWOOD AWARDS

*A Night At The Oscars & Grammys*

*Saturday 6th April 2019*

*7pm-11:30pm*

*Doors close at 7:30pm*

*Paeroa College Hall*

*Tickets: \$55 for a single \$100 for a double*

*Tickets and outside partner forms available from the student centre*

**Kumars**  
*Something Special*

Booking  
Essential

**18th year of celebration within Paeroa and extended community**

Allow us to wine, Dine and Entertain you

**SATURDAY, 23RD MARCH**  
From 5:30pm - 9:30pm

**PAEROA WAR MEMORIAL HALL**  
(Normanby Rd)

**Gregarious**  
celebration dinner and kindness night  
*A Multi-Cultural Indian Experience*  
Bringing to you and performing never before seen in Paeroa  
**My Staff, My Family and I**

Jessey John (Manager)    Jeesto Abraham (Chef)

**Tickets \$55 per head**  
Tickets available only at Kumars

76 Normanby Rd, Paeroa | 07 862 6800  
kumarssomethingspecial02@gmail.com | Look for us on FACEBOOK

## Future of Education

Public meeting



**Hon Nikki Kaye**

MP for Auckland Central and Opposition  
Spokesperson for Education and  
Sport and Recreation



**Hon Scott Simpson**

MP for Coromandel and Opposition  
spokesperson for the Environment  
and Workplace Relations

**Thursday 28 March, 5.30pm**

Grahamstown Hall, 768 Pollen Street, Thames

**Come discuss the future of our education system.** You'll be able to raise general education issues with a focus on proposals from the Government's "Tomorrow's Schools Review Taskforce". We've raised some serious concerns about the proposals which, in our view, could transfer power away from parents to officials. We want everyone to have access to information about the proposals. It's an opportunity for us to hear from you and ensure your views are shared.

**National**

Authorised by Scott Simpson MP, Parliament Buildings, Wellington

## **HIKUTAIA SCHOOL TRAIL RIDE**

**SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2019**

10 am - 3 pm  
Rego: From 9am

Revell Farm  
8504 State Hwy 26  
(between Hikutaia and Puriri)

**Prices:**

**\$35 Adult (16yrs & over)**

**\$20 15yrs and under**

**\$10 Pee Wee Rider**

**Family concessions also available**

**Rolling farmland with varying track levels, including peewee, 5km junior loop and approx 30km loop.**

Hot Food, Cold Refreshments available for sale



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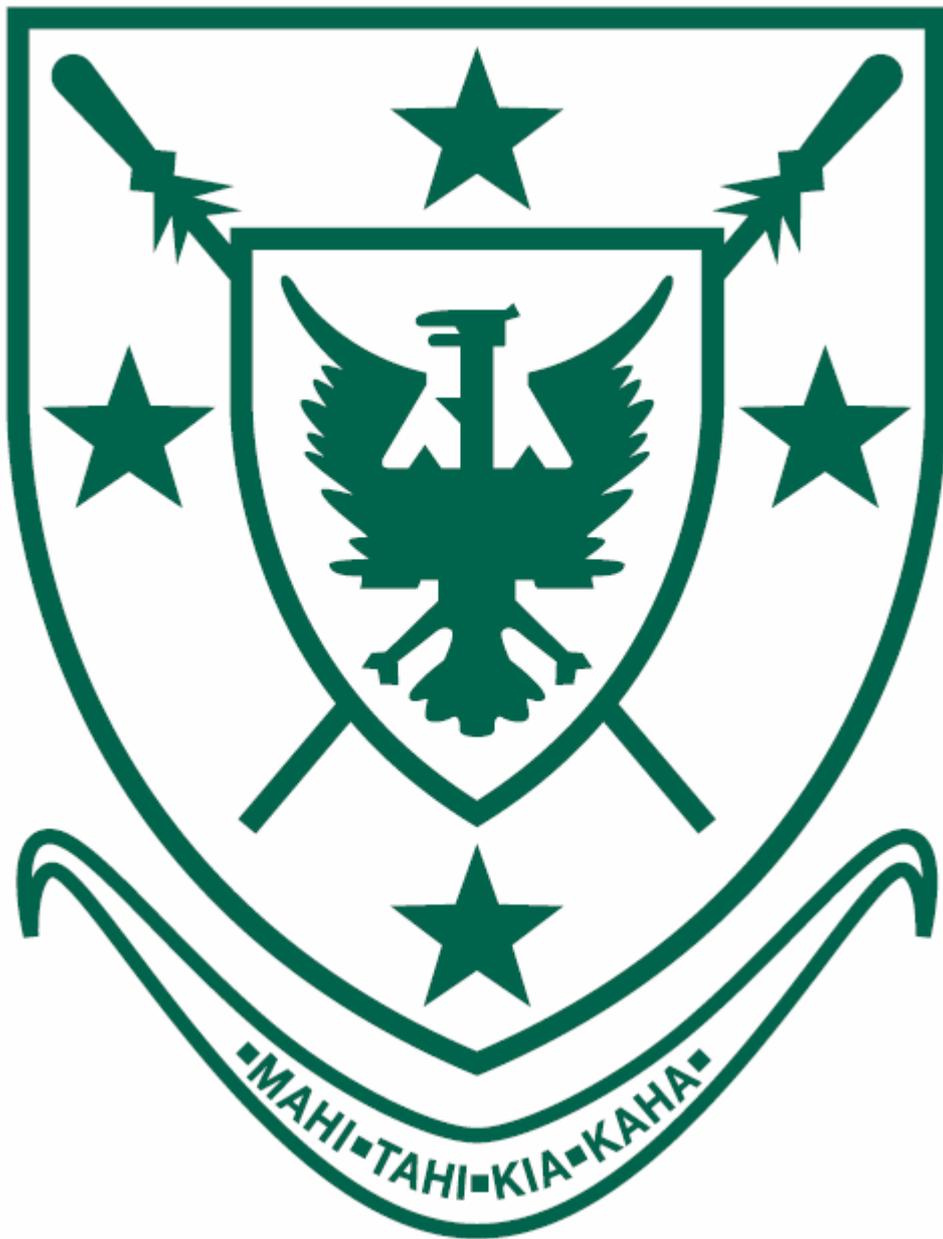
# **THE AMAZING HIKUTAIA SCHOOL GALA**

A special event for  
the whole family to enjoy!

**Friday 5th April 2019  
4pm-7pm**



**GAMES - RAFFLES - STALLS -  
LIVE MUSIC - FOOD - SWEETS -  
PONY RIDES - FACE PAINTING -  
BOUNCY CASTLE - DUNK TANK**



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