



Paeroa College Comment

11 April 2019

Below are a few of our very impressive drawings from the Year 10 Skullture unit – Pen / Pencil dry media Observational drawing assessment.



Coming Events

12 April
Last day of Term 1

29 April
First day of Term 2

30 April
Board of Trustees Meeting
6.30pm – Purple Room

13-14 May
Teacher Only Days

Principal's Comment

Kia ora koutou,

As we come to the end of the term, I would like to remind you that we are one of the very best schools in New Zealand. Take a moment to contemplate this. I do not write this lightly or without deep consideration.

Our little college punches well above its weight class in sport, in our academic success, and in our relentless focus on service and character development. We have so many things of which to be proud; our beautiful grounds, deep roots in our community and a commitment to excellence in everything. But for me, as I reflect on my first term with you, what sets us apart, our real point of difference, is our willingness to love and serve others, to be cared for by others in return, and to never be content with "good enough". Thank you to all the teachers, ancillary staff, volunteers and whānau who have worked tirelessly this term to enable our students to be the very best version of themselves. It is through your dedication, support and encouragement that our students experience success and develop as individuals who strive to make a real difference in the world. As you will read about in this newsletter, we have recently been involved in a number of co-curricular activities including a fabulous school formal, Gumboot Friday, Salvation Army food drives and environmental stewardship initiatives. All these activities enable our students to grow in their understanding of what it means to be a deeply conscientious New Zealander. Please accept my very best wishes as you head off on a well-deserved term break. Take this important time to nourish your children with plenty of family activities, important conversations and a few adventures!

Over the next couple of weeks, students are likely to find themselves with more unstructured time than usual. It feels timely to address the pervasive issue of digital devices and social media and the significant role they play in the lives of our young people. Your children's on-line lives may impact on their growth and development in ways that we, as the older generation, are not completely aware. We need to work together to set clear boundaries and establish high expectations of students about making considered choices and becoming positive digital citizens. I encourage you to engage your children in conversation about their use of mobile devices and to monitor their use of the devices and the content with which they are engaging. The risks and rewards of social media need to be carefully managed to eliminate cyberbullying, ensure student safety and to teach our children to ethically negotiate the online environment. A few key points for your consideration:

- Face to face conversation is usually the best way forward, especially when emotions are involved, and the communication is not simple or straight-forward. Talking promotes the development of positive relationships, emotional intelligence and social skills.
- The use of games and some apps can be addictive (e.g. Fortnite) and interfere with healthy time outdoors and socialising with friends and family; so, limit screen time.
- Cyberbullying must be addressed quickly and effectively. As most cyberbullying behaviour happens out of school hours, it is essential that parents address this with their children and are in communication with other parents when the situation warrants. Please be encouraged to speak directly with other parents, even when it takes you well out of your comfort zone.
- There is evidence that the increased use of social media leads to a decline in student resilience and self-esteem (everyone appears happy and beautiful on *Instagram*, real life can never compete). This has been linked to an increase in teenage anxiety and depression.

- The presence of a phone can consume attention and take us away from being fully present with those around us. Model responsible and considered device use.

On that note, I wish you the very best for your term break and look forward to gathering together once again on 29 April to continue our journey together. Please know I hold each and every one of your children in my heart.

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 leaving us. Thursday will be her last day at Paeroa College – we will miss you and wish you all the best for the next stage of your journey xx



From the start of Term 2 we expect to have a new nurse at the College. Please watch this space for details

School Fees

As our academy classes have started and winter sport approaches, fees will start to be added to student accounts. To keep on top of this, the school has an AP system where you can set up an automatic payment into your child's account. This can be as much or as little as you would like. Please note: Some of these fees are payable within certain time frames.

The account number is: Payable to Paeroa College BOT

Account 03 1572 0004693 00

Particular – please make sure you have the student's name in this part.

Code – the student's school number – this can be given to you by contacting the school.

NZQA



NZQA Fees are currently being loaded to students accounts for \$76.70. However, there is a subsidy form available for those that have a current community services card. The forms are available from Student Services and you must bring in your community services card to be sighted. Please find below the link to the NZQA page re funding if you are unsure if you qualify or not.

<https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/entry-into-ncea/fees-for-ncea/financial-assistance/>

Bus Route Changes

The Ministry of Education has recently advised changes to the existing bus runs, starting next term. Our bus runs are determined and provided by the Ministry.

As a result of these changes, our Board of Trustees (BOT) is looking at whether there are options available to better service students currently using the bus, and also for students who may use the bus in the future. We will consider whether there are options for some that currently don't catch the bus but would like to.

Families who are eligible to use a bus service should expect contact from the College. The BOT will use the knowledge gained from that to consider ways we can best service the school community.

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.

School Formal

What a beautiful night it was, on Saturday the 6th of April, Paeroa College had its 2019 "A night at the Grammys and the Oscars" school ball. With around 120 guests, including students from Year 11,12, and 13, staff members, and other invited guests, the night could be simply described as one to remember.

Everyone who attended the formal all looked absolutely amazing and had some great moves out on the dance floor! A special thanks to all the parents, staff, and members of the community for your contribution towards the night, without your help none of it would have been possible.



Year 13 Environmentalists

Year 13 spent Wednesday morning collecting rubbish from around school, rail trail and the road side up to the bridge. We are advocating for being more environmentally conscious and nearly the entire cohort got involved in trying to clean up our local space. This was completed within our academic mentoring time in which we grow our leadership and stewardship capacity. Well done team!



Teacher Only Days

Teacher Only Days May 13 and 14

At the start of Week 3 Term 2, on May 13 and 14 the College will be closed for instruction. This is to enable our teachers to participate in an in-depth Relational and Restorative Practice professional development using a bi-cultural, culturally responsive approach. The focus of the training is on the continued development of positive learning-centred relationships among staff and between teachers and students. The evidence is very clear that as the quality of the relationship between the teacher and learner increases, student engagement and academic success also flourish.

We are excited about this opportunity and appreciate your support.

Uniform

In Term 2 we are introducing a number of new uniform pieces.

We will have	Green Culotte for the Junior Girls	\$ 50.00
	Black Shorts for the Senior Girls	\$ 55.00
	Black Pants for the Senior Girls	\$ 65.00

These pieces are on a pay to purchase basis. Once we have received orders, we will send away for these.



We still have the Black Pants and Long Sleeve White Shirt for our Senior Boys in stock.

Black Pants	\$ 65.00
Long Sleeve White Shirt	\$ 55.00



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.

We are placing an order Friday 3 May for jackets and jerseys if you are wishing to purchase one for your child, please ensure payment has been made by the above date.

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)



We also have in stock Paeroa College Hoodies for the younger members of the family who wish to support their siblings. Price is \$50.00.



Paeroa College has a simple rule around socks as part of the uniform. The expectation is plain black socks with no markings or labels e.g. white Nike ticks. Some students are still choosing to wear non-uniform socks, as of Term 2 this will no longer be acceptable.

If a student attends school with non-uniform socks they will be sent to the Student Centre and provided with a pair of plain black socks. The cost of these socks is \$3 per pair and will be added to the students account. Please take the time over the holidays to get your students socks sorted so that you will not incur this cost.

We appreciate your support in keeping our young people looking the best they can and representing Paeroa College with pride.

Gumboot Friday

On Friday 5th April, Paeroa College, along with many schools and businesses nationwide, took part in supporting Gumboot Friday. Raising funds to help with Youth Counselling.

With a mufti day (had to wear gumboots), a sausage sizzle and gumboot throwing at lunchtime the school raised \$ 430.00.

Gumboot throwing winners were:

Y9 -	Te AU Pounamu	17.8m
Y10 -	Jemma Rose	15.8m
Y11 -	Eraea Tai	20.7m
Y12 -	Baz Donald	37.9m
Y13 -	Kyan McMurtrie	23.0m
Goldfields -	Hamiora Wright	12.6m
Staff: Mr McNaughten	29.7m	



Sports

Moto X

We have had a very busy first term with a number of MX events.

A few weeks ago, we were at Tect Park – we had all weathers in one day. Duncan ended up with a nose bleed, Carlos came racing with us for the first time. Grant Hart came 2nd in the Novice 12 - 16 125cc and Max Patterson came 3rd in the novice 85c class. Well done to the whole team but in particular these two boys for their efforts.

We then saw the whole team out at the Hikutaia Trail. It was great to see the team riding here at their home track of the Paeroa College TT races. Wade Baxter hurt himself here and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Ashton Whyte has been out racing again this term after his injury and he was able to place in the top 10 in all of his races out at Rotorua. Well done Ashton!

Last Friday saw the team out at North Island Kings Country school MX. It was a fine day for racing with Tybias Bird racing with the team for the first time. Unfortunately, Korbin Chwesik came off in the second race and we wish you all the best for a speedy recovery.

The team are heading out for a different race on Friday - a X Country Race. This is a 1 ½ race through Maramarua forest. We wish them all the best.

We are also lucky to have Katie Morrison, Blake Ross and Campbell Whyte who continue to be our pit crew and support our riders during races.

This sport involves a lot of help and support and the team would like to thank the following parents for taking days off work, transporting and supporting us over this term.

Conall Buchannan, Steve Begbie, Dave Stuart, Scott Patterson, Narelle Fowell, Joanne Ashby, Karl Chwesik, Adrian Baxter, Mark Whyte, Janet Stuart, Richard Cox - we appreciate you.



Netball

Netball takes a break over the school holidays so no games on Wednesday nights.

Netball starts back on Wednesday 1 May.

Rugby

Rugby will be starting in the 1st week of Term 2. We will post the draw on the Paeroa College Facebook page as well as add it to the next College Comment.

Motorbike Riding

Blake Ross has finished his 1st season his in the NZSBK championship, coming 5th overall out of 20 riders.

What an enormous achievement given this is his first year in a new class and on a new bike.



Salvation Army Food Drive

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Case Baxter and Naomi Smith from the Social Studies NCEA Level 1 drove this project.

All students were asked to bring non- perishable food items to school. The food drive was run from 25th of March to the 5th of April.

A total of **189** food items were collected with Year 13 taking out the year level competition.

All the food items will be distributed by the Salvation Army to people who are in need.

A massive thank you to all the students and whānau who contributed.



Community Notices

Host Families Needed in April.

If you are interested in hosting an exchange student (France, Denmark, Finland or Germany) they will arrive in April, May, June and July. They are to attend the local school for 3, 5 or 10 months.

If you are interested please contact Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd, 0800 44 00 79 or www.studentexchange.org.nz

Bowls

I have a plea from the TV Indoor Bowls group who use our Gym on a Wednesday night from 7- 9.30pm. They would love to see some new members come along and have a game or two.

If this is for you or a member of your family, please rock up on a Wednesday night from 7pm onwards. Sue Sheary is the lady whom you can contact – email: tvindoorbowls@gmail.com for more info.

Paeroa Badminton Club



*Come join our fun and friendly
badminton club
Any ability, any skill level welcome.*



Tuesdays at 7.30pm

**Adults \$5.00 per night
held at Paeroa College**

Rackets available @ \$2 hireage per night

***Juniors' season starts Term 2 at
6pm (\$2 per child)***

For further information contact Anna: 021 132 9511

Job Available.

FARM ASSISTANT POSITION

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DRIVERS LICENCE PREFERABLE

RING ROZ ON 0277643794

OR CONTACT Denise Grimmer 0212227318

Important Contact Details

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

2ND MAY - 6TH JUNE

THURSDAY 4:30-7:00PM

KEY INFORMATION

All inclusive, fun, mixed, 4 a side social lacrosse league happening indoors in the Paeroa College gym.

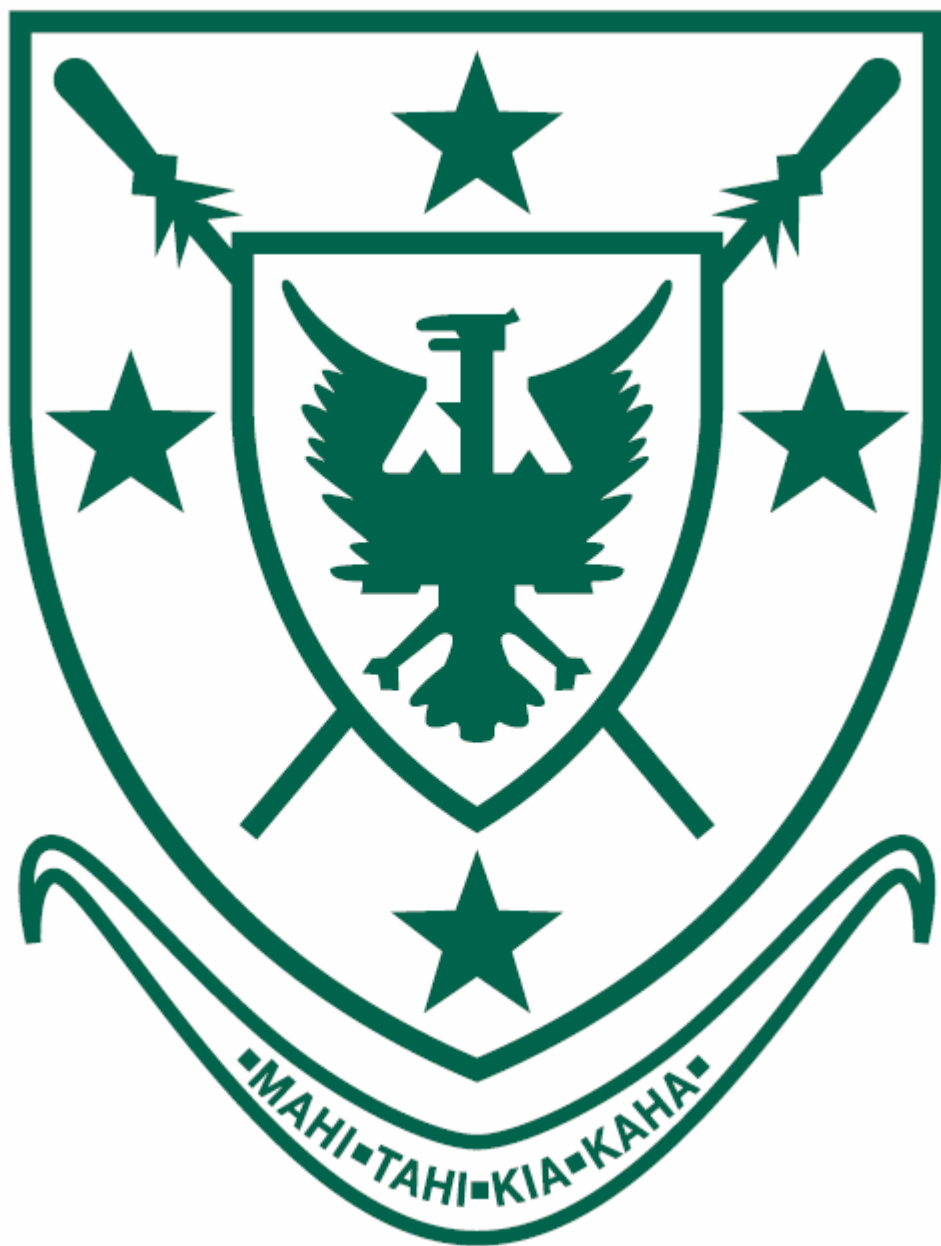
No experience needed and all equipment is provided.

Enter a team of 6-8 players.

Cost - \$80 per team for the league.

FOR INQUIRIES & REGISTRATION
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