



# Paeroa College Comment

23 May 2019

Our fantastic Chess Team who placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at their recent tournament with Jeramiah placing 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. Well done boys.



## Coming Events

28 May  
Parent Portal Tutorial 6.00pm

29 May  
Industrial Action

30 May  
School Cross Country

4-6 June  
Year 13 Camp

17 June  
Teacher Only Day

18 June  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
(Purple Room B Block)

19 June  
Boulten Cup - Thames

2-5 July  
Year 10 Camp  
( with Year 12 leaders too )

# Principal's Comment

Tēnā koutou katoa,

What a privilege it has been to see so many families here yesterday, on our HSP day, supporting your children and partnering with our amazing teaching staff! As I write this, I reflect on how privileged I am to lead this school and to be a part of fostering strong and educationally powerful connections between the school and you, our community. I'd like to take a moment to thank you all for being here. For showing up for your kids and for this school and in allowing us to have an important role in partnering with you to support your children as they navigate that "in-between" space of not really being children but not yet being adults.

The day was extremely well attended, and we were able to have important conversations with you that will empower us to continue to support your child's academic and personal growth in the best way possible. This was a great opportunity to have an in-depth dialogue. It was pleasing to see students attending and being part of the three-way conversation with parents/caregivers and teachers. There is strong evidence to suggest that students' academic performance is greatly enhanced when the student, school and whānau partner together.

In addition, a big thanks to those of you who took the opportunity to complete the HSP survey. Congratulations to Miss Rangī Fraser who was the winner of our draw and received a portable wireless speaker.

Please do not let yesterday be the only time you join us here at school this year. Your ongoing presence is the most important present you can give your children. Although they may not always show it, you are the most important influence in your children's lives. They never tire of knowing you are on the side-lines, cheering for them, asking about their day and sharing stories of your own. Plenty of writers, designers, artists, and scientists, have come to the same conclusion: That finding your stride, that making quality stuff, and that being successful, mostly comes down to just showing up. So once again, thank you for showing up for us and for your children.

In terms of our students and their commitment to school, showing up doesn't just mean arriving here every morning — it means being prepared to put in the work, regardless of outside factors or obstacles. Painter Chuck Close spoke about this, when he noted that "inspiration is for amateurs...the rest of us just show up and get to work." Great ideas and good intentions are not enough. Stickability and follow through are important to experiencing success. One of the most important things our young people learn at school is the importance of hard work. Thank you for being such an important part of the partnership required to help our students along this journey.

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 from 9.00am – 11.00am. If you require an appointment, please see Ms Berry at Student Services

We have a new school nurse. Margie Goldsworthy will be here Monday – Thursday 9.00am -3.15pm.

## School Fees

As our academy classes and winter sport have started. Fees have been 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.

Rugby fees have been added to the students accounts and these need to be paid by the 3<sup>rd</sup> playing Saturday. Fees are \$80.00 in total per player. If you have any questions or queries, please contact Pauline Kisling [paulinek@paeroacollege.school.nz](mailto:paulinek@paeroacollege.school.nz)

NZQA



After an extensive review of NCEA, the Minister of Education has announced a number of upcoming changes. In 2019, families of secondary students will no longer have to pay fees to enter NCEA and New Zealand Scholarship. Other aspects of the changes will take years to happen and we will alert you as they do. This removal of fees is the only change for 2019. The full implementation of the changes is currently scheduled for 2025.

The removal of fees will ensure that all the credits received towards NCEA will be visible in a student's Record of Achievement without cost to the student or family. In addition, NZQA will be working to award credits and qualifications earned in previous years where fees were not paid.

As a result of these changes, Paeroa College will no longer be collecting fees for NCEA. If you have already paid these fees, the \$76.70 will be credited back to your school account. As fees no longer apply to enter NCEA and New Zealand Scholarship, we will not need to process applications for financial assistance to pay them. Should you like to receive a reimbursement for NCEA fees paid, please contact our Executive officer, Debbie Gould. You are also welcome to leave your account in credit, which can be applied to upcoming charges.

## Year 11 Course Selection

Year 11 Course Selection on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May. Students will have a scheduled 10-minute interview to choose their options for the second semester. They will leave class on this day for the interview. Students have been given a paper copy of the course booklet, please read through this with your student and talk through their choices.

## Industrial Action – Wednesday 29 May

As you will be aware, primary and secondary school teachers across the country have voted to strike on Wednesday, May 29. The historic strike, the day before Budget Day, is the largest - and first ever combined - teachers' strike.

The PPTA has advised the Paeroa College Board of Trustees that teachers at our school will be taking part in this strike action. As a result of this industrial action, The Board of Trustees cannot provide teaching for students on this day as the school will not have sufficient staff available.

The Board has carefully considered the availability of teaching staff, and unfortunately decided that we are unable to provide the normal teaching services during the strike so the school will officially be closed for instruction on 29 May. Supervision for your children is available upon request in writing or via phone to the school office. We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding.

## Parent Portal Tutorial Evening

The KAMAR Parent Portal is an exciting online tool that Paeroa College is aiming to use a lot more over the coming year. This tool allows you to access your students' academic progress in real time as well as gives you access to view the daily notices, interview discussions, reports and the school calendar.

You have recently been posted/given a fridge magnet with logon details for the KAMAR Parent Portal. Please use these to log on and check how your student is going.

We will be running a tutorial evening on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 6.00pm** in the Paeroa College Library. During this time, you will be shown the key features and receive help to navigate your way through the portal.

Please take this opportunity to come along and have a go with the portal and have any questions answered.

## Extra-curricular and Attendance

School core business is teaching and learning. The goal of the below is to encourage all students to prioritise their attendance at school.

1. Students must be attending school regularly and with commitment to participate in extracurricular activities. Students can only take the field/court/stage etc. if they are present at school on the day of the after-school activity. Where an activity falls on the weekend, students must have been present on Friday to participate.
2. The Ministry defines "regular attendance at school" as 90% or better. All students who meet this criteria are eligible to participate in the extra-curricular (sport or cultural) activities of their choice as long as all other criteria are met.
3. When a student's attendance falls below 90% for the term, the following process will be used to determine eligibility to compete/participate:
  - a. Attendance for the preceding week will be checked each Monday. Any student whose overall term attendance is less than 90% will be scrutinised to determine if there are any unjustified absences for the preceding week.
  - b. Students whose overall attendance is less than 90% and who have unjustified absences will be notified on Monday that they are ineligible to compete the following week.
  - c. Said students have until Wednesday 3:00 pm to correct any discrepancies in their attendance to regain eligibility.
  - d. Coaches and Managers will be notified on Wednesday after 3:00 pm of any students who cannot take the field/court/stage the following week.
  - e. For purposes of sport and other activities, weeks begin on a Monday.



# 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





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.

# Sports

Rugby this weekend:

The Under 15 game starts at 10.00am and is at home against Te Aroha

Open Grade starts at 11.30am and is being played in Waihi

We hope to see you all there.

Basketball this Friday is away against Manaia

The College Cross Country is on Thursday 30th May, from 10.50am – 12.40pm (Period 3 & 4)

Compulsory for all year 9 and 10 students. Senior students sign up at at student centre.

Good luck to all of you.

# Community Notices

## **Free Ear Clinic Service for Children – Term 2**

The date for Paeroa is Thursday 4 July – Plunket rooms, Cnr Wharf & Marshall Street, Paeroa  
9.30am – 12.30pm

## **Bowls**

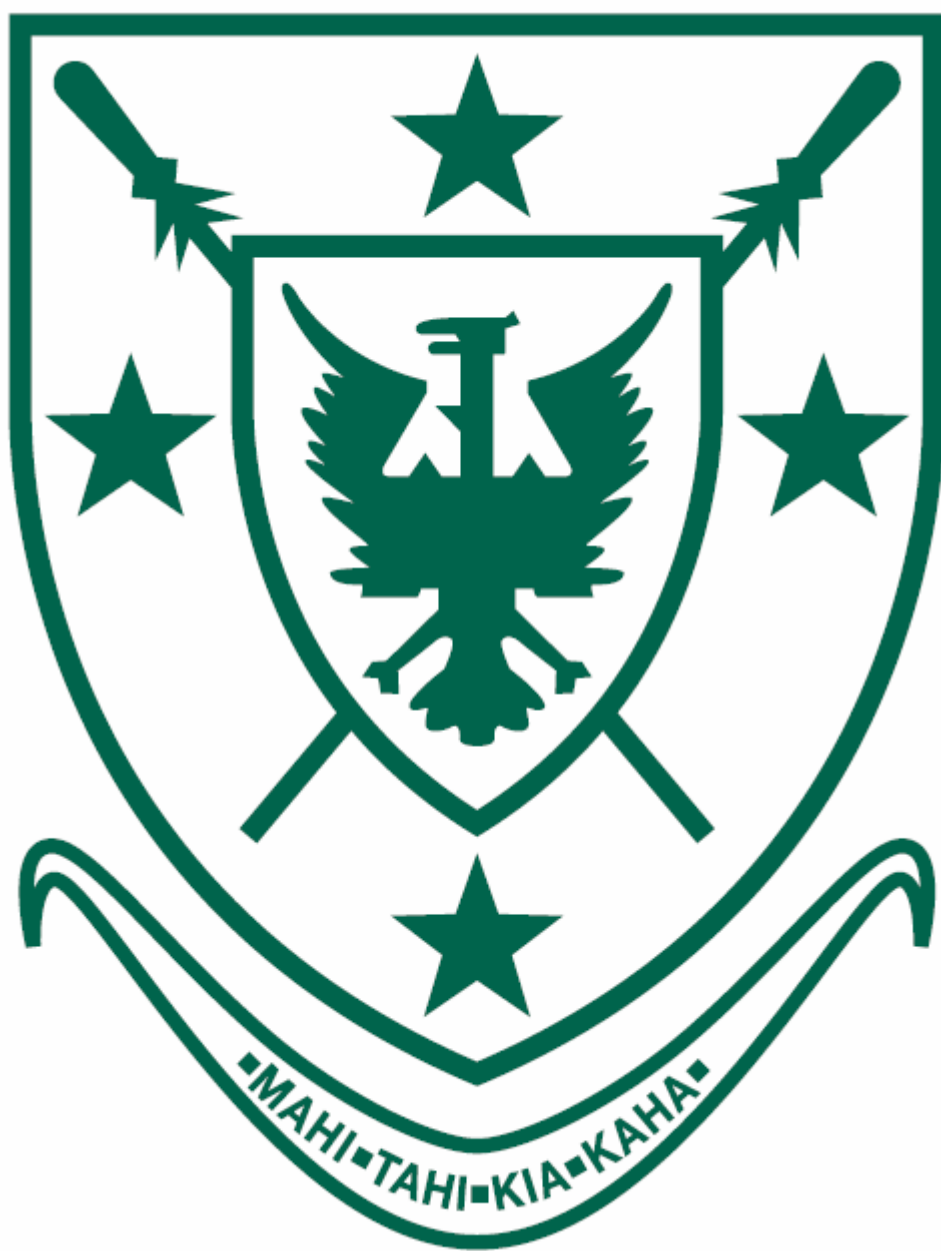
I have a plea from the TV Indoor Bowls group who use our Gym on a Wednesday night from 7- 9.30pm. They would love to see some new members come along and have a game or two.

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](mailto:tvindoorbowls@gmail.com) for more info.



## Important Contact Details

<p><b>Learning Leaders</b></p> <p><b>Year 9</b> – Corrie Anderson extn 228 Email: <a href="mailto:corriea@paeroacollege.school.nz">corriea@paeroacollege.school.nz</a></p> <p><b>Year 10</b> – Letitia Voss extn 228 email: <a href="mailto:letitiav@paeroacollege.school.nz">letitiav@paeroacollege.school.nz</a></p> <p><b>Year 11</b> – Denise Grimmer email: <a href="mailto:deniseg@paeroacollege.school.nz">deniseg@paeroacollege.school.nz</a></p> <p><b>Year 12</b> – Karen McLean extn 224 email: <a href="mailto:karenm@paeroacollege.school.nz">karenm@paeroacollege.school.nz</a></p> <p><b>Year 13</b> – Miah Williams extn 241 email: <a href="mailto:miahw@paeroacollege.school.nz">miahw@paeroacollege.school.nz</a></p> <p><b>Principals PA</b> – Yolande Lowe extn 207 Email: <a href="mailto:yolandel@paeroacollege.school.nz">yolandel@paeroacollege.school.nz</a></p>	<p><b>Careers</b> – Denise Grimmer email: <a href="mailto:deniseg@paeroacollege.school.nz">deniseg@paeroacollege.school.nz</a></p> <p><b>Learning Support / Student Well-being</b> email: <a href="mailto:andrewc@paeroacollege.school.nz">andrewc@paeroacollege.school.nz</a></p> <p><b>Accounts / Executive Officer</b> Debbie Gould extn 205 email: <a href="mailto:debbieg@paeroacollege.co.nz">debbieg@paeroacollege.co.nz</a></p> <p><b>Absences</b> – Extension 201 or dial 1 at the prompt, School Absentees – Text 021 157 4615</p> <p><b>Reception, Student Services and General Enquiries dial 1 at the prompt</b></p> <p><b>Deb Berry</b> – Extn 201 email <a href="mailto:deb@paeroacollege.school.nz">deb@paeroacollege.school.nz</a></p>	<p><b>Senior Leadership Team</b></p> <p><b>Principal</b> – Amy Hacker extn 207 email: <a href="mailto:amyh@paeroacollege.school.nz">amyh@paeroacollege.school.nz</a></p> <p><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></p> <p><b>Senior School</b> Tina Youngman extn 219 email - <a href="mailto:tinay@paeroacollege.school.nz">tinay@paeroacollege.school.nz</a></p> <p><b>Senior Leader of Community</b> Miah Williams extn 241 email: <a href="mailto:miahw@paeroacollege.school.nz">miahw@paeroacollege.school.nz</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;">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></p>
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