



Excelling as a creative, innovative, can do community

Paeroa College Comment

13 December 2019



Year 9 – Grier Buchanan, Jamie-Lee Owen, Hayley Harris & Mikaela Bradey



Year 10 – Hamish Buchanan, Arihia Morehu & Grace Wright



Coming Events

31 January
Y11 & Y12 Course Selection
Y13 Day – All must attend

3 February
Y13 Course Selection

5 February
Student Leadership Day
Head Students, Prefects &
House Leaders – All must attend

10 February
Start of Term 1 2020
Y9 & New Students Powhiri at
10.00am.
Remainder of students start at
8.55am

14 February
Swimming Sports

21 February
Athletics Day

26-28 February
Year 9 Camp

Principal's Comment

Tēnā koutou katoa,

In this final edition of the College Comment for the 2019 school year, I would like to offer a debt of gratitude to the parents, caregivers, and extended whānau who have partnered with us to make 2019 an outstanding year for Paeroa College and a very special year for me, personally. I have loved my first year here as your principal and I am grateful for the support and guidance you have given me along the way. It takes a huge team effort to guide our students through the school year and so it is appropriate that we all acknowledge their efforts and achievements together.

As our school year comes to an end, I am very proud to say we have continued the Paeroa College tradition of high achievement, with all of our students attaining the NCEA qualifications they worked towards. We are committed to providing relevant targeted pathways for all of our young people into the workforce, further training or university study. It is such a privilege to witness their delight when our students learn that hard work does pay off and that they have earned the qualification they aimed towards.

I would also like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the teaching staff, who, I am sure you will agree, consistently go above and beyond what might reasonably be expected of them and who I know care deeply about your children and seek to maximise their learning and achievement in every way they can.

I appreciate the opportunity to formally acknowledge the special contribution of those staff members who will not be returning for the new academic year. I would like to thank Mrs Voss, Ms Ram, and Mrs Palmer for their valuable contributions to the Junior School, Science and Technology, respectively. We also farewell our support staff members, Mrs. Buchanan and Mrs. Floan. I would like to acknowledge and thank you for the difference you have made in the lives of the young people you have taught or supported while at Paeroa College. We are sad to see you go and we wish you all the very best in the next stage of your life. I also acknowledge the BoT for their relentless commitment to our young people in their governance role. They have been a real source of strength for me. To those board members who completed their terms after years of valuable service, Dave Porter, Winara Levi, Corrie Anderson, Letitia Voss and Skye Budge, I thank you on behalf of the school.

I would like to wind up my year with you by sharing some wisdom from Dr Seuss, the well-known children's author. In his book: *Oh, the Places You'll Go!* He delivers wisdom with a punch in his famous line where he reminds us to try new things, to be brave, and to take risks –
You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the one who'll decide where to go...

All the very best for your summer break and the joys of the Christmas season. I wish you all a happy, safe and refreshing holiday and look forward to seeing you and your children in 2020.

Nga mihi nui

Amy Hacker
Principal/Tumuaki

Start of School for 2020 Information



Welcome to 2020

- Friday 31st January – Y11 & Y12 Course Confirmation – Individual interview times to be advised
- Friday 31st January – Y13 Day – all must attend 9.00am – 3.00pm
- Monday 3rd February – Y13 Course Confirmation – Individual interview times to be advised
- Wednesday 5th February – Student Leadership Team Training 9.30am – 3.30pm
- Thursday 6th – Friday 7th February – School is Closed
- Monday 10th February – Y9 & new students Powhiri starting at 10.00am – students need to be at school by 9.45am
Y10-13 School year starts at 8.55am

Uniform Shop Hours:

Jan 31st – Feb 5th 8.30am – 3.30pm

**Enrolments for new students from
30th January 2020**



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Communicating with Us

The home-school partnership is key to your child's success at College. We pride ourselves on having an open and welcoming school wherein parents and whānau are encouraged to communicate in partnership with us. If there is something you would like to touch base on, there is no need to wait for HSP days. These formal interviews are the minimum meeting requirements. We welcome regular contact from you.

If you would like to send a compliment - please make contact with your child's teacher/ staff member. Compliments are gratefully received and go a long way toward building good relationships.

During the course of your child's time at College, it is possible that a concern may arise for you. If this does happen, we encourage you to communicate with us sooner rather than later so that we can work together pro-actively to support your child.

If your **concern is about your child's pastoral needs or wellbeing** - your first contact should be your child's year level Learning Leader who will work with you to support your child. They will also brief the relevant Deputy Principal who will ensure your child can access any relevant pastoral or medical services. The Principal will be notified if the issue involves significant wellbeing concerns.

If your **concern is about your child's teaching and learning**- your first contact should be your child's subject teacher. If this does not resolve the issue, or the issue is not confined to a single subject, please contact the year level Learning Leader who will work constructively to resolve the concern. They will also brief the relevant Deputy Principal. The Principal will become involved in those rare instances when the issue is not resolved to your satisfaction at this level.

Rumaki at Paeroa College

Tēnā hoki tātou katoa

Rumaki: *To immerse ones self in a particular subject or area*

Next year Paeroa College will be establishing a rūmaki classroom within the domains of Paeroa College. This is a big step forward for the College as we look to engage with those of our students who want to be immersed within a Māori setting of learning.

The rūmaki will be open to all Yr 9 and 10 Students who wish to experience a learning environment based within Te Ao Māori. Being able to learn in a Māori environment has been a desire by many of our community and is seen as a way to ensure that the language, culture and identity of students is enriched and enhanced by adopting Māori based learnings and teachings.

We look forward to this exciting journey and engaging with our community as we begin to plan the implementation of rūmaki here at Paeroa College in 2020. If you would like more information or to express interest in your child being included in the 2020 rūmaki, please contact Yolande Lowe on email yolandel@paeroacollege.school.nz or Tūrou Hawaki! (*May the force be with you*)

Year 10 Students

What started out as an AMPS task for the Science Line, manifested into a highly charged atmosphere of sharing Global issues pertaining to Science and Scientific ideas. The task was to “Explore and discuss a social issue arising out of scientific factors, which is a direct or indirect effect of one of the scientific concepts learnt in class”. Some of the ideas that came out were “Japan’s Nuclear Crisis”, “China’s Air Pollution”, “Burning of rainforests in Brazil” and “Effect of Climate Change on New Zealand”.

The students dressed in clothes to represent their country. A special shout to Jacob, Ayla and Layla for going out of their way to buy kimonos to represent Japan. Leilani represented New Zealand and looked ‘kiwi as’ cool in a jeans jacket. Hamish decided to be formal with a bowtie and trousers.

Students initially were apprehensive they had to speak formally. They practised and practised again. It was nice to hear Rihi correcting Blake’s pronunciation of long scientific words and Blake trying so hard to get them right. Aimee and Troy stole the show by rising to the occasion and being clearly in control of their work. Eli was knowledgeable and confident. Hamish, Kayler, and Layla were thorough in their content, which goes to show they had researched intensively.

Ms. Hacker also attended the event. For question time, Ms. Hacker, asked them relevant questions about their research, which the students managed to answer very confidently. Ms. Hacker also had something of her own to share “About Empowering Women through Education”. She spoke about how some countries do not allow women to be educated.

To finish Mrs. Voss ordered pizza for the crew. The group celebrated their achievement and learning proudly with loads of buzzing and pizza. Kudos to our students. They are amazing



This is Me Academy

The sport / colour run afternoon for the Year 9 and Year 10 girls was organised by the “This is Me “academy in conjunction with Sport Waikato. A great day was had by all who were involved.



Year 9 Camp

Even though the entrance was wet and slippery, I really enjoyed the year 9 camp and everyone that came. One of my favourite things was the stretcher making activity, where someone “broke” their leg and we had to stretcher them into a clearing so that the helicopter could pick them up. The rain on Tuesday afternoon was an annoying thing to happen but in the end I think it brought all of our individual groups together as we were all out in the bush waiting it out. With each day consisting of different exciting things we were all engaged and excited to try new things, this helped us to be tired enough to sleep anywhere, even on 2cm mats inside of tents. Overall camp was an experience that I'll never forget, and I wouldn't hesitate to have it all over again.

Grier Buchanan

Water splashes up my legs, rocks avalanche down into the river, bubbles follow them down like little fish. Warmth radiates my body, the sun burning me with its powerful rays. Water rushes through the rocks, rippling down, unconcerned of the new beings walking through it. Algae covers the rocks like a blanket sending me falling at every new step. Feeling at peace, a smile shows on my face. This is where I want to be.

My favourite part was all of it, I wouldn't change a thing I had so much fun and loved all of it. I love being outdoors and this was the best camp ever can we please do it again next year, but this time bring phones to take pictures because the place was stunning. The only thing I would change as well is it to be longer. I wish it was a few days longer because I felt like everyone was getting used to it and getting more out of their comfort zone after a few days at camp.

Mikaela Bradey



Junior Prizegiving

Thank you to everyone who attended our Junior Prizegiving on Thursday 12 December. Below are your Special Award Winners.

The Kyra Ann Walter memorial Trophy	Matariki Ranginui
The Lyn Pullan Cup for Endeavour in Year 9	Jamie-Lee Owen
3 rd = in Year 9	Mikaela Bradey
3 rd = in Year 9	Hayley Harris
2 nd in Year 9	Jamie-Lee Own
1 st in Year 9	Grier Buchanan
The Donnelly Cup for Endeavour in Year 10	Ariihia Morehu
3 rd in Year 10	Grace Wright
2 nd in Year 10	Ariihia Morehu
1 st in Year 10	Hamish Buchanan



Year 8 Day (Year 9 2020)

It was Wednesday the 27th of November, and the bright summer sun heralded the arrival of Year 8 students, absolutely frothing to make their mark on Paeroa College. Our Year 8 Enrolled student's day is a significant day on our calendar for both our incoming Year 8 students and our staff.

It is crucial that all students feel connected to our people and place in the community and this day is the foundation for this. A short welcome in the school hall introduced these students to Mrs Amy Hacker (Principal), Mr Andrew Cameron (Deputy Principal), Mrs Ramai Gurnick (Y9 Pastoral Dean) and Mr Grant van de Wetering (Y9 Achievement Dean). After morning tea there was a series of games in the gym to help the students organise themselves into groups with each other. These groups were important as they allowed the Y8's an opportunity to meet some of their new peers for 2020, and also prepare themselves for a scavenger hunt of wit and speed.

Following this they were fed a scrumptious lunch consisting of pizza, fruit, and water before heading into the library to complete a questionnaire about themselves and spend more time getting to know each other. Finally, the day ended with a competitive game of kahoot and then it was time to ferry the Year 8's back to their schools.

To the schools and whānau who allowed their Year 8 children to attend this important day we say thank you. To the future Year 9 student cohort we say thank you for your eagerness to meet new people, work seriously, and make the most of this opportunity. For now, we say ka kite to our future akonga, have a safe holiday, and we look forward to officially welcoming you to Paeroa College in 2020.

Ngā mihi, Ramai & Grant



Boomerang Bag Sewing Ladies

Paeroa College would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to all the lovely volunteers who come in on a Monday morning and sew bags for the Paeroa Boomerang Bag stock. Thank you ladies.



Doctor's Visit

Back in November we had Rural Doctors come into our modern learning environment to share their journeys into the rural medical field inspiring our students to look into a career of medicine.

Great interest was taken when our students were asked to take each other's blood pressure, test reflexes and save dear Annie's life.

Thanks to Mrs Grimmer for organising this opportunity!



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 TEXT only

To All Parents and Students

Please be reminded, when your child has an appointment or is leaving school for specific reasons, could you please contact the student centre to advise them of this, or send a note or copy of any appointment to school with the student. When a student is leaving school, the person collecting the student **must** come to the student centre to sign the student out unless prior arrangements have been made.

It is **only** Year 13 students that have the privilege of leaving the school grounds at lunch time. Year 13 students **MUST** still sign out if leaving the school grounds.

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

Our school nurse Margie Goldsworthy will be here Tuesday – Thursday 9.00am -3.15pm.

School Fees

Just a reminder that ALL fees need to be paid if you have not already done so. To keep on top of your school account, 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.

Important Contact Details

Senior Leadership Team

Principal – Amy Hacker	amyh@paeroacollege.school.nz
Deputy Principal – Andrew Cameron	andrewc@paeroacollege.school.nz
Deputy Principal – Miah Williams	miahw@paeroacollege.school.nz
Deputy Principal – Tina Youngman	tinay@paeroacollege.school.nz

Learning Leaders

Year 9 – Corrie Anderson	corriea@paeroacollege.school.nz
Year 10 – Letitia Voss	letitiav@paeroacollege.school.nz
Year 11 – Denise Grimmer	deniseg@paeroacollege.school.nz
Year 12 – Karen McLean	karenm@paeroacollege.school.nz
Year 13 – Bianca Till	biancat@paeroacollege.school.nz

Absences – extn 201 or dial 1 at the prompt or TEXT 021 157 4615

Accounts / Executive Officer – Debbie Gould	debbieg@paeroacollege.school.nz
Principal's PA – Yolande Lowe	yolandel@paeroacollege.school.nz
Student Services – Deb Berry	deb@paeroacollege.school.nz
Careers – Denise Grimmer	deniseg@paeroacollege.school.nz
Learning support & Student well-being – Andrew Cameron	andrewc@paeroacollege.school.nz

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Community Notices

Unwanted Bras

Ladies don't send those unwanted bras to the landfill – send them to paradise. Paeroa College is now a drop off point for your unwanted bras. The Uplift Project set up by Liz Baker in 2005 sees her collating unwanted bras and sending them to the ladies in Fiji. Many women in the Pacific Islands often live without a bra. A new one is usually beyond the reach of most women, when their priority is to feed and educate the family. Please drop them into the front office at Paeroa College.

Summer Holiday Work Available



BLUEBERRY COUNTRY LTD
229 Central Road South. RD6. Ngatea. NZ
Phone 07 862 7552

SEASONAL VACANCIES FOR CAFÉ & FIELD STAFF.

100 acre Blueberry Orchard is located on Central Road South, Ngatea. Season for public commences late November 2019 and closes to the public early March 2020.

Orchard is open to the public 7 days, 8am to 6pm.
(Closed ONLY Christmas Day)

We are seeking applications for this season's café & field positions.
Successful applicants will be offered rostered days and hours.

Student holiday rosters available.

Position involves customer service, register operation, food preparation/handling and cleaning duties.

Cafe staff are responsible for registration and weighing of Pick your Own sales within the orchard.

Other routine field duties include parking control & orchard work.

Applicants must be available weekends and public holidays.

If you have an enthusiastic and cheerful personality, are well presented, reliable and enjoy being busy, we would like to speak with you.

Contact..

Vicki Quinn
Cafe Manager
Mobile.. 0211157981
email.. colin.quinn@blueberry.co.nz

Recycling Mobile Phones

As we are coming to the end of the school year, we'd like to remind schools with any unwanted/lost property phones that we are still collecting phones and would very much appreciate your support.

The Mobile Phone Appeal has raised well over three million dollars for the New Zealand Charities.

We have had a very successful year with Sustainable Coastlines our hardworking awesome charity.

With 69% of New Zealand's rivers deemed unsafe for swimming after rainfall due to contamination, this is important work that we hope you can support and promote through the collection of old and unwanted phones in your school.

To donate phones simply pack securely in a box or small jiffy bag.

At the bottom of this page is the freepost label you can use to send phones into us. Just print, tape or write the freepost address to the package and drop to any NZ Post Store free of charge.

Alternatively, you can courier the phones directly into our Auckland warehouse at the below address.

Mobile Phone Recycling Appeal

Unit6/30 Fleet St

Eden Terrace

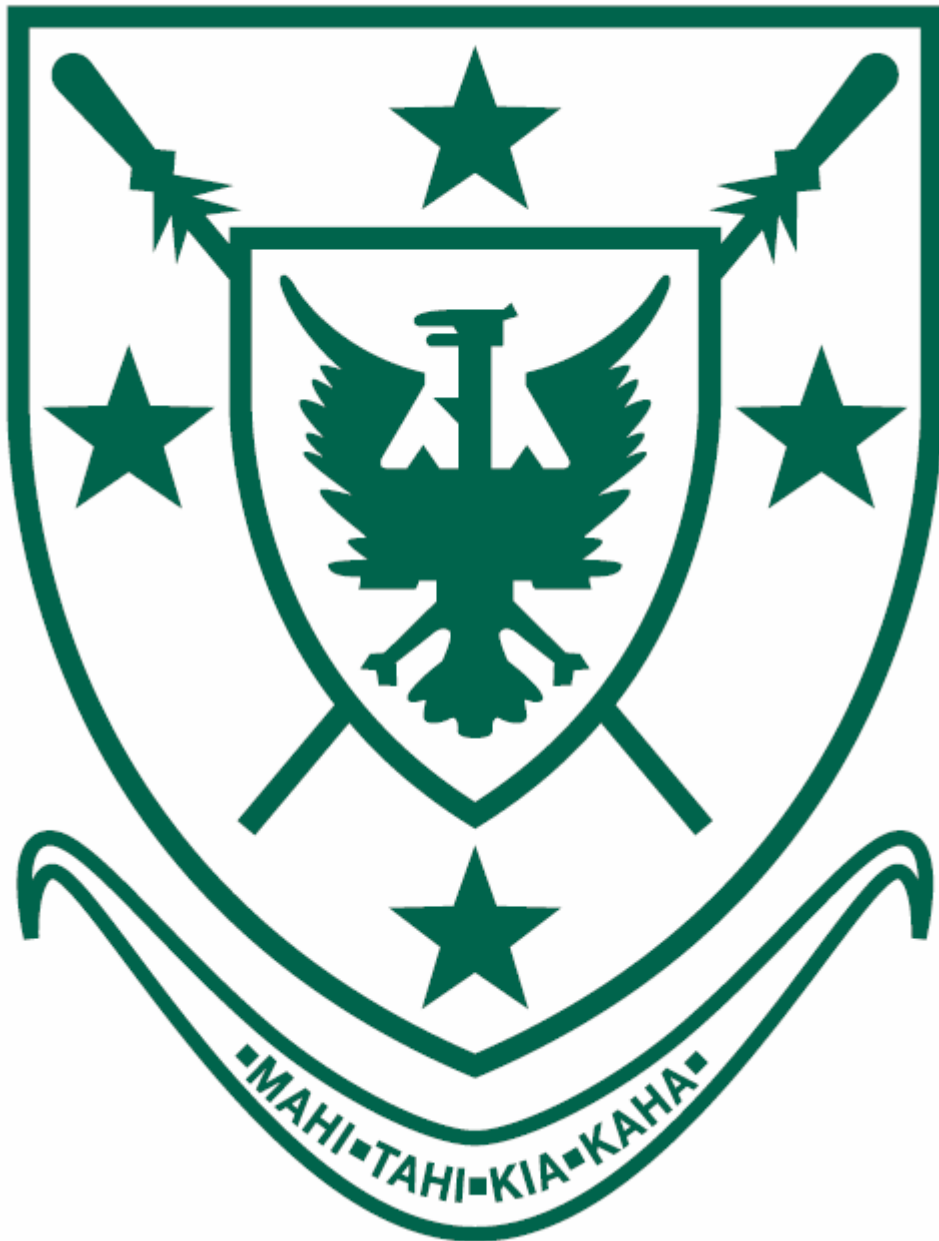
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