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Coming Events

18 February Board of Trustees Meeting

18 February Thames Valley Tennis

21 February Athletics Day

26-28 February Year 9 Camp

4 March Thames Valley Athletics

9 March Triathlon

11 March Thames Valley Swimming

4 April School Ball – Y11, 12 & 13

7-9 April Year 13 Camp

15-17 June Year 11 Camp

13-15 October Year 12 Camp

8-10 December Year 10 Camp

Camp donation \$100.00 or less to be confirmed.

Principal's Comment

Tena Koutou Katoa

Welcome back everyone to the start of another full and exciting year at Paeroa College!! It was wonderful to have so many members of our community with us for our start-of-year pōwhiri, which I am sure you will agree, was a fitting beginning to the school year, and indicative of the heart and soul of this beautiful college. I am very pleased to report that the year has begun smoothly and gained traction rapidly. It is wonderful to have the campus alive with the laughter and the chatter of our young people. Our returning students seem pleased to be back and we are delighted to welcome those students and families who have joined our school this year. We look forward to getting to know your child and your whānau and to partnering together to make your time with us exceptional.

I am excited to report that the 2020 school year begins with a year 9 cohort of over 70 students, the largest group in some time. We also welcome seven overseas students to our community. They have arrived from Japan, Germany, Brazil and Denmark. We look forward to sharing our, respective, cultures.

In addition to our new students, I extend a very warm welcome to a fabulous group of new staff. I know you will enjoy getting to know them and working with them to meet your child's learning needs. There is a photo and additional detail later in this newsletter.

We are once again able to celebrate the outstanding academic success of our senior students. The college has exceptionally strong NCEA results, far exceeding national averages. Every student who finished the year with us experienced NCEA success. Our ongoing commitment is that each and every student will achieve a robust and rigorous qualification that is well-matched to their needs and aspirations.

This year we are privileged to roll-out a rumaki pathway wherein our students will have the opportunity to learn their core year 9 and 10 subjects in Te Reo Māori, if they so choose. It is right and fitting that we begin this journey just after the 180th celebration of Waitangi Day, which acknowledges the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi, Te Tiriti o Waitangi. I am committed that our college will continue to live and breathe the ethos of participation, partnership and protection that are embedded in this document.

Please be assured that my phone line is open. My door is open. And I promise to find the time to sit with you, with parents, with students, with school board members, and with community leaders to hear your aspirations for our young people and any challenges or concerns you hold in your hearts. I hope you will always feel that I value your time and, more importantly, that I value you. My promise to all of you is that I will work hard for you and your children every day.

Nga mihi nui Amy Hacker Principal / Tumuaki

Year 9

It was a wonderful start to the year for our year 9's. They certainly came in buzzing ready to engage, explore and connect with college life. Wednesday was our first day full day of timetabled classes and from the chitter chatter and laughs, everybody enjoyed their day. We're in a great space at the moment so let's roll out this term just as well as we started!!

Our year 13's were awesome in supporting our year 9's, - thank you so much for your help.







<u>Year 10</u>

It was a great to start to the year for the year 10 cohort for 2020. We spent time creating connections through team building activities. Had way too much kai or just enough, depending on whom you asked. We enjoyed sharing all our amazing adventures from the summer holidays. The enthusiasm for being back at school was easy to see. Everyone was excited to see their brand-new timetables and check to see if they were similar to their mates. The first week of classes are now complete and everyone is getting back into the groove of school and looking forward to the hotly contested swimming sports and athletics days.







YEAR 9 & 10 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Paeroa College invites you to come along and hear about the changes we have made to our Year 9 & 10 curriculum. This will also be an opportunity to meet the Deans and Deputy Principals attached to your student's year level.

DATE: THURSDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2020

TIME: 5.30PM-6.30PM (PLUS QUESTION TIME)

LOCATION: WAIHOU

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<u>Year 11</u>

The Year 11 cohort has had a busy but productive start to the year. After a day of team building and learning about expectation, the students are now settling into their Semester 1 courses and have been getting to grips with the ins and outs of NCEA. We are looking forward to a challenging and exciting year with these students filled with success.



<u>Year 12</u>

The Year 12's are off to a flying start, diving straight into a first aid course. They are all excited to be back at school and are pumped for a successful year!







<u>Year 13</u>

Tena koutou katoa, Welcome to the Year 13s and their whānau. The year has started well with the Year 13s taking on Tuakana/Teina role and running the Peer Support day with our Year 9s. Here are some photos of some time well spent. We are excited about the year ahead, nga manaaki Bianca Till (Achievement Dean) and Denise Grimmer (Pastoral Dean).





Leaders for Paeroa College 2020



Introducing our Student Leadership Team which includes Head Students, Prefects and House Leaders.

We are delighted that each leader brings unique gifts and talents and has been selected for those gifts. The Head Students will function as a team who will complement one another, cover for each other, and together lead the school. This is an immense responsibility and one they do not undertake lightly. Our Prefects will serve as school role models and peer-support mentors. Our House Leaders will coordinate all House competitions, beginning with swimming and athletics sports. All student leaders took up their duties with a full day of leadership training and have now begun the year with huge amounts of excitement and some nerves. Please encourage these young people in their roles when you meet up with them.

Our Student Leadership Team

Head Students:

Selwyn Taiawa-Tukerangi (Arts/Culture), Paizley Gray (Community), Amia Tissingh (Learning), Wairangi Pene (Manukura), Trinity Taukiri- Keith (Sport), Kasey Bennett (Wellbeing).

Heads of House

Tara Heng Mean Sok Kyle Flemming Nelson Thorne **Maru** Kiwa Wehipeihana Piuela Makasini **Rapiri** Case Baxter Damian McCaskill Campbell Whyte *Ngakotu* Chandana Kumar Charlotte McKenzie-Jenner Carlaus Taholo-Tauranga

Prefects

Sean Simonds, Marcus Williams-Oka, Cheyenne Morland, Matt Stuart, Summer de Thierry, Ryu Watene-Johnson, Owen Lance, Montelle Herekiuha, Sarah Watson.

New Staff at Paeroa College 2020

This year we warmly welcome the following new staff members to our community: Lester Fox – Caretaker (not pictured), Darcy Knyvett- Science, Annette Morris- Fabric Technology, Chris Doak- Hard Materials and Building Technology, Winara Levi- Te Reo Māori and Rumaki, (not pictured) & Sheree Dunlop- Outdoor Education (not pictured). Aren't we lucky to have attracted such a strong group of people to join us!



Student / Parent / Caregiver Information

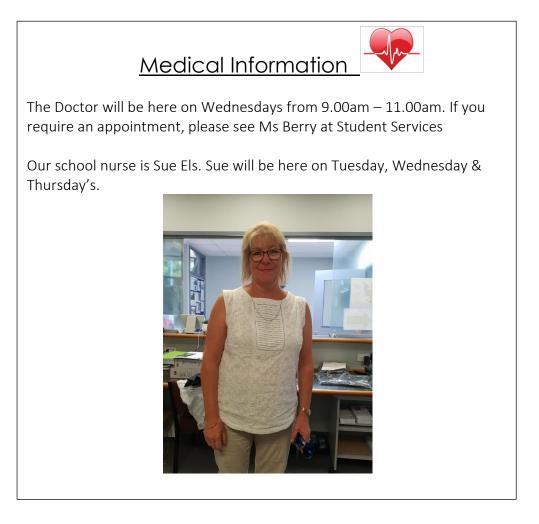
Student Services

Parents / Caregivers please note the number to text to advise the school your child is absent is <u>021 157 4615 - This is for TEXT only</u>

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 <u>must</u> come to the student centre to sign the student out unless prior arrangements have been made.

It is <u>only</u> 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.



School Fees

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.

Collecting of Students from School

If you are collecting your child from school during the school day, whether it be for an appointment, or illness, you MUST come to the student centre to collect your child. Students will not be allowed to stand outside and wait. This is to ensure our students are safe. If your child has to walk to an appointment etc, this must be pre-arranged with the College.

Students who need to leave school during the school day must have had a phone call from home made to the student centre prior to leaving and or a note from home. If they do not have either, then a phone call will be made to the immediate caregiver. This includes Year 13 students.



Important Contact Details

Senior Leadership Team

Principal – Amy Hacker Deputy Principal – Andrew Cameron Deputy Principal – Miah Williams Deputy Principal – Tina Youngman Assistant Principal – Loretta Goodhue

Deans

Year 9 – Pastoral – Ramai Gurnick Year 9 – Achievement – Grant van de Wetering Year 10 – Pastoral – Rewi Norman Year 10 – Achievement – Ursula Johnson Year 11 – Pastoral – Felise Tai'i Year 11 – Achievement – Darren van de Wetering Year 12 – Pastoral – Kirtis McNaughten Year 12 – Achievement – Tina Youngman Year 13 – Pastoral – Denise Grimmer Year 13 – Achievement - Bianca Till amyh@paeroacollege.school.nz andrewc@paeroacollege.school.nz miahw@paeroacollege.school.nz tinay@paeroacollege.school.nz lorettag@paeroacollege.school.nz

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Bank Account: Paeroa College BOT 03 1572 0004693 00

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.



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