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Paeroa College Comment

22 May 2020



Coming Events

26 May
Board of Trustees Meeting

10 June Home School
Partnership Conferences

2 July
Written Reports posted home

Year 11 Camp (TBC)

Year 12 Camp (TBC)

Year 10 Camp (TBC)



The Fabric Academy are working on their next projects for this Semester

Principal's Message

Kia ora e te whānau,

Monday saw the re-opening of Paeroa College to all students and staff. It has been an incredible pleasure to hear the voices and laughter of our young people as they reconnect with their teachers and peers, after what has been an unprecedented time.

I would like to congratulate and thank everyone in our college community for the aroha with which you have navigated the waters of challenge and change. Collective dedication and hard work has meant that we have been able to collaboratively provide a cohesive, personalised programme to support student wellbeing and quality learning during Alert Levels 4 and 3. I extend my gratitude to you, our parents, caregivers and whānau for your support of your child(ren)'s learning. I encourage you to continue to strengthen the robust partnerships that have developed among your child, your child's teacher and the college. I know all of you have been working at pace and under high stress for an extended period. I encourage you to use the weekend to decompress and enjoy some unstructured time as a family.

As I mentioned in my last letter to you, public health advice is that schools are safe to open at Alert Level 2 to all rangatahi. People no longer need to stick to their bubbles and can meet with friends and family. But people need to play it safe and continue to take sensible health and safety precautions. These precautions, as they apply to Paeroa College, are detailed elsewhere in this newsletter.

Distance learning will still be available for those who need to remain at home and staff will continue to support students who are required to learn off-site. If you have any queries about distance learning, please contact your child's Achievement Dean.

I look forward to seeing all of you in due course and will update you with additional information on sport and gatherings as it becomes available to schools through the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health.

Nāku noa nā, ngā manaaki,
Amy
Principal/Tumuaki

Chromebooks / Laptops

As Covid-19 Level 2 Alert has made the sharing of devices a Health and Safety concern, Paeroa College has decided to trial a one student: one device scheme for the remainder of 2020.

At this point, all students should have one of the following:

- Their own device (not a cell phone) that they can bring to school on a daily basis. This may be a tablet, chromebook or laptop.
- A college-provided chromebook and charger
- A laptop and charger that have been provided by the Ministry of Education and are now owned by the college

In the event that your child has been allocated a chromebook or laptop, they will have a \$100 bond added to their school account. This bond is fully refundable when the device is returned without damage to the college. All devices owned by the college are covered under our insurance.

As we do not have charging facilities available, students should bring their device to school fully-charged each morning. Students will not be able to share devices or use their cellphones in class so it is essential that they begin the practice of charging the device each evening and bringing it with them to school the following morning. We look forward to your support and are happy to answer any questions you may have.

Buses

Murphy Buses have resumed normal school runs as from Monday 18 May.

Maintaining distancing for students is not always practicable on school buses, so Murphys has informed us that the following steps are being taken to ensure the appropriate level of protection for drivers and students:

- Seats immediately behind and beside the driver are not to be used.
- Hand sanitiser is available to drivers and students on the buses as they board.
- Murphy Buses drivers will sanitise the high touch surfaces after each journey.

Any student who appears to be unwell should not be catching the buses. Unwell students must remain home. Good hygiene measures like hand washing with soap and water, physical distancing, sneeze and cough etiquette by all, and wiping down surfaces still remains the best defence against COVID-19.

As Paeroa College is required to support contact tracing by maintaining a roll of all students on the bus each morning and afternoon, it is imperative that students not disembark the bus in town but take the morning bus all the way to the college. Any student not following this requirement will lose bus privileges.

Covid-19



Paeroa College Community 'Play it Safe' Procedures for Alert Level 2

Information for Parents and Caregivers:

What Paeroa College looks like at Alert Level 2. Please note that these procedures have been developed with the safety and wellbeing of staff and students in mind. Under Alert Level 2 we will continue to follow the guidelines set out in the Paeroa College Pandemic Policy and will continue to **manage the areas identified below**. While I know many of you will be anxious at this time, we will ensure that school is the safest possible place for your children to be outside of your whanau homes. At all times we will be following the most up to date advice from the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health.

Classrooms	Getting to and From School	When we are Together
<p>Under Alert Level 2 hand sanitiser will be provided in every classroom. Hand sanitiser stations will be set up at the designated entry and exit points of each classroom and Students and Staff will use this as they enter or exit a room.</p> <p>Additional disinfectant spray bottles will be available in classrooms for students and teachers to sanitise spaces throughout the school day as required.</p> <p>Many students have their own stationary, supplies and devices and will be encouraged not to share these.</p>	<p>Students who walk to school should maintain appropriate physical distancing with their friends and classmates.</p> <p>Where possible there should be one person designated for pick up and drop off. This person should stay in the vehicle, pull into the bus-bay and depart the student(s).</p> <p>Bus services will be operating as per usual under Ministry guidance.</p> <p>Students will not be allowed to enter the school site before 8:15am.</p>	<p>There is no bubble concept at Alert Level 2 so there are no restrictions on groups of students mixing with others on site.</p> <p>Physical Distancing – Physical distancing is a good precaution to prevent the spread of disease.</p> <p>Students and staff should be far enough away from each other so that they are not breathing on or touching each other, coupled with good hygiene practices and regular cleaning of commonly touched surfaces. There does not need to be a specific measurement, but where practicable 1 metre should be used as a guide, particularly between adults.</p>
Cleaning and Hygiene	Breaktime	Attendance
<p>Students and Staff will use hand sanitiser when opening and closing all doors.</p> <p>Physical education equipment can be used but hygiene practice will be observed before and after playing with equipment. There will also be regular cleaning of shared equipment such as balls, sticks etc.</p> <p>Cleaners will complete daily cleans in line with the Ministry of Health guidelines.</p> <p>In an Alert Level 2 we will continue to model good hygiene practices (coughing into your elbow, handwashing and drying) and regular cleaning of commonly touched surfaces.</p> <p>Cell phone use will not be permitted in classrooms</p>	<p>Staff and students to ensure physical distancing provisions remain in place. This means students and staff should be far enough away from each other so that they are not breathing on or touching each other.</p> <p>Drinking fountains will remain turned off. Students will need a named drink bottle at school.</p> <p>The school canteen will be open for lunch. Students will need to pre-order food before the end of interval.</p> <p>No students will be permitted to sign-out for lunch</p>	<p>Students and Staff will not attend if they are unwell. Students and Staff who become unwell during the school day will be sent home. If medical advice warrants, a Covid-19 swab and result will be required before the student or staff member returns to school.</p> <p>In schools our contact tracing is a combination of timetable, attendance register and visitor register. These provide good information to health authorities if they need to contact people that might be considered a close contact of a confirmed case, and determine whether they will need to self-isolate.</p> <p>This includes recording who the adults on-site are in close contact with as well as recording any visitors to the site, including parents and caregivers.</p>
Staffroom	Movement In and Out of School	Wellbeing and Reporting
<p>Staff are to maintain a minimum of 1m physical distance where practicable including in the staffroom.</p> <p>Staff will supply their own cups, spoons and plates. They will be responsible for cleaning them.</p> <p>Soap and sanitiser will be provided in the staffroom. Disinfectant/wipes available to be used on shared keypads (e.g. photocopier and alarm).</p> <p>Staff to clean and disinfect hands at the start and finish of each class.</p>	<p>Under Alert Level 2 parents and caregivers will be discouraged from coming on site. Please be respectful of this as it is the 'most likely' chance of Covid-19 entering the school grounds. In the event of unforeseen circumstances, please come to the school office to register and register as a visitor.</p> <p>We are very mindful of all non-essential curriculum activity both in and outside of school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor whole-school assemblies are postponed until further notice • School trips will be scheduled only if contact with outsiders can be controlled • Sport is currently under consideration • Outside providers can work with students in groups of 10 or fewer 	<p>When students return to school in Alert Level 2 their wellbeing will be our number one priority. This will require a lot of communication between families and the school. Please contact your child's Dean if there are issues we need to be aware of.</p> <p>We have a school counsellor and nurse available</p> <p>School reports will be sent home at the end of Term 2. We will share a more detailed plan for how we will conduct our Home-School Partnership interviews in due course.</p>

Reporting & Home School Partnership (HSP)

Redesigned Progress Report

You will be emailed or posted a progress report at the end of each term. The progress report has been redesigned with a fresh, new look that makes it easier to navigate and understand. The progress report will provide you with a summary of your child's achievement to date. It will also provide you with information about your child's general learning dispositions and work habits in relation to our school treaty.

Home School Partnership

Our HSP parent-student-teacher meetings are now scheduled for Wednesday 10 June. The HSP will provide an opportunity for you and your child to discuss their learning progress and set goals moving forward into the rest of the year.

Continuous Reporting

Any students that receive a Not Achieved grade in an assessment will be contacted by their subject teacher. The purpose of this is to have a discussion around why the teacher believes the student Not Achieved and to put in place steps to avoid this in the future.

For every assessment, your child completes, the subject teacher will write a comment on how the student did and what your child could have done to gain a higher grade. This will be published live to the Parent Portal.

Year 11

Year 11 Semester 2 Subject Selection

Year 11 students will be choosing their second set of subjects for the year on Thursday the 4th June 2020. Students will bring home a course selection book next week. Please take the time to read through this with your student and talk over their option choices.

We will then run short meetings with each student where they will make their selections. Parents will not need to attend these meetings and instead if you have any questions or queries please contact the Achievement Dean, Darren van der Wetering (darrenv@paeroacollege.school.nz or 8627579) prior to the meeting day and he will be able to help you.

TIMELINE

Week 6 - first week back at school

Week 7 - course booklets given to students and emailed home

Week 8 - In-depth discussion in ACA class with Deans

- Subject selections made during short meetings

Term 3 - Semester 2 begins

NCEA Changes 2020

It has been lovely to see all our students back at school and to notice the enthusiasm with which they returned. The six weeks of learning from home has been a challenge and NZQA have at this stage, made a few adjustments to the due dates of exams and portfolio work as well as enabling teachers to gather different evidence for assessment. The key changes are listed below;

- ❖ Examinations for NCEA and New Zealand Scholarship will now **begin** on the **16th of November** instead of the **6th of November**, and **end** on the **9th of December** instead of **the 2nd of December**. These changes will allow for an extra week of teaching before the exams start. An updated exam timetable is available on the NZQA website but will also be given out to students.
- ❖ The submission date for subjects which require students to submit a portfolio is being extended to the **12th November 2020**.
- ❖ Students will have more time to complete their portfolios, and teachers will have more time for marking.
- ❖ The Ministry of Education and NZQA will also work with the Minister's NCEA Professional Advisory Group to consider how to address equity issues arising from the disruption. Their aim is to ensure that every student who reaches the level of the graduate profile described in the NCEAs will be awarded their qualification this year, without being adversely impacted by the disruption of COVID-19.

At this stage, there have been no changes made to the number of credits students will need to complete each year level, but schools are being assured that this is still under consideration.

In the meantime, students at Paeroa College are still well placed to achieve their level qualification this year and every senior student has had an individual discussion with a teacher to find out where they are placed and how we can best help them moving forward.

If the positive attitude they came with on Monday is any indication, then there is no reason to not believe that our students will achieve.

If you have any question around NCEA, either contact your child's classroom teacher, their academic dean or me.

Karen McLean
Principal's Nominee.

Sports 2020

Prime Minister confirmed we have moved to Level 2 on Monday 18th May. This was great news as it meant that schools will now be open for instruction. Unfortunately, this is not the case for School Sport just yet.

As a school we are keen and excited about getting school sport underway again. We know sport is a great way to contribute positively to the wellbeing of our students and bring some sense of normality in a time that has been anything but normal. However, getting school sports back underway comes with considerable responsibility to ensure that it is done safely.

The wellbeing of our students, staff, volunteers, and the wider community has and always will be our priority. Therefore, it is important that until school sport has been given the green light to start again, we all remain patient and prepare as best we can so we can hit the ground running when the time comes.

While we wait for school sport to start again, we are preparing by using a 3 phased approach developed by School Sport NZ. This approach has been generally agreed to by National Sporting Organisations as good practice for planning return to sport.

1. **Get Ready:** Plan for a return to training and playing. Put in place protocols and practices to meet health requirements including hygiene (washing of hands and sanitising of equipment), contact tracing, facility access and physical distancing.
2. **Prepare to Play:** Resume training, utilising the appropriate protocols and practices. NSO guidance around this, particularly in reducing the risk of injury for students will be a valuable guide.
3. **Play:** Return to play when it is safe to do so ensuring that any public health requirements, particularly for interschool resumption which will involve people from outside your school bubble, are in place.

Ultimately, like our local sporting associations we are waiting for further guidance and direction from School Sport NZ and the Waikato Secondary School Sports Association. Once this comes through then we will have a clearer picture of what sports will go ahead and when they will start. In the meantime, the Sports Director and Sports Coordinator are currently developing protocols to meet the health requirements so we can start practising and get trials underway as soon as we are allowed.

Thank you for your patience and support throughout this time. Miah Williams

Student / Parent / Caregiver Information

Student Services

Parents / Caregivers please note the number to text to advise the school your child is absent is 021 0885 8220- This is for TEXT only **** NEW NUMBER ****

Please Note – The student centre hours are:

Monday, Wednesday Friday 8.40am – 3.30pm, Tuesday & Thursday 8.30am – 3.30pm.

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.

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 is Sue Els. Sue will be here on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday's.



School Accounts

To keep on top of your school account, the school has an automatic payment system where you can set up a regular payment into your child's account. This can be as much or as little as you would like. Please note: Some school 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.

Uniform

Jerseys, Hoodies and Jackets. If you are wishing to purchase a Jersey, Hoody or Jacket please make sure you have paid either via internet banking or at the student centre. If you need us to measure your child for the correct size, please send them to the front office to see Ms Lowe and we can organise to have this done. Please note these items are not held in stock and need to be ordered.

Jackets \$ 75.00 Jersey \$ 66.00 Hoodie (not school uniform) \$ 60.00

With cooler days now upon us, please remember we have the long sleeve shirt and long pants for our Senior Boys and the long pants for our Senior Girls.

Boys Long Pants \$ 65.00 Boys Long Sleeve Shirt \$ 45.00 Girls Long Pants \$ 65.00

Important Contact Details

Senior Leadership Team

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Deputy Principal – Tina Youngman tinay@paeroacollege.school.nz
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Deans

Year 9 – Pastoral – Ramai Gurnick ramaig@paeroacollege.school.nz
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Year 10 – Achievement – Ursula Johnson ursulaj@paeroacollege.school.nz
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Year 11 – Achievement – Darren van de Wetering darrenv@paeroacollege.school.nz
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Year 12 – Achievement – Tina Youngman tinay@paeroacollege.school.nz
Year 13 – Pastoral – Denise Grimmer deniseg@paeroacollege.school.nz
Year 13 – Achievement - Bianca Till biancat@paeroacollege.school.nz

Absences – extn 201 or dial 1 at the prompt or TEXT **021 0885 8220 ** NEW NUMBER ****

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
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PAEROA COLLEGE TREATY

MAHI TAHI KIA KAHA

We respect people, their belongings & our environment

We promote a caring, safe & welcoming environment

We appreciate our people and place

We are supportive of each other

We own our actions & decisions

We are organised and prepared

We are committed to learning

We show pride in all we do

We are role models

We are inclusive

We are kind



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“Excellence in Everything”