



Excelling as a creative, innovative, can do community

Paeroa College Comment

23 October 2020



Winners of the Boulten Cup 2020 – Paeroa College Senior A



Coming Events

26 October
Labour Day – No School

4 November 1pm – 3pm
Sports Awards

09-12 November
Fiesta Week

10 November
Top Team

12 November
Senior Prizegiving

16 November
NCEA Exams start

16 November
Y13 Leavers Dinner

20 November
Maori & Pacifica Awards night

24 November
BOT Meeting – Purple Room at
6.30pm

25 November
Teacher Only Day

2 December
Y10 Parent Evening NCEA 2021

7-10 December
Year 10 Camp

15 December
Junior Prize giving

Principal's Message

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Welcome to Term 4!

With this edition of the College Comment marking the beginning of Term 4, I am very aware of how important it is to ensure we make the most of the time we are given. Despite the disruptions that have characterised 2020, many of our students have already completed their NCEA qualifications and we are headed to finish the year on a high. We had an outstanding winter sport season with our Senior netball team taking out the regional Boulten Cup for the first time in over a decade. I would also like to congratulate our students for their successes in Wearable Arts and Stage Challenge. These are just some of the many examples of the resilience our students have shown in the face of challenge. I am very proud of you all.

Our school vision “Excelling as a courageous, innovative, can do community” captures the heart of what makes Paeroa College unique. Please feel warmly welcome to join us for any or all of the celebrations and prize giving ceremonies coming up this term. They are our opportunity to acknowledge the mahi of our students and staff and to remind ourselves of what a privilege it is to be part of this community.

I wish to extend my most sincere welcome to the Hauraki Resource Teachers: Learning and Behaviour (RTLb) service. Paeroa College has been privileged to have been selected as the new Lead School for the Hauraki cluster and we very much look forward to working in partnership to meet the needs of our most vulnerable students in years 1-10. Being selected as the new lead school is both an honour and a privilege and is evidence of the high regard in which Paeroa College is held at both a regional and national level.

It is also that time of year when we begin to focus on looking forward, planning and making decisions for the new year. As part of this process, we continue to review and refine our systems so that they are providing the best outcomes for students. We have been holding comprehensive focus groups with students and staff to ensure we remain nimble and focussed on positive outcomes for all learners.

As always, my door is open and I would love to hear from you in regards to your hopes and aspirations for our young people.

Nga mihi nui,

Amy Hacker
Tumuaki/Principal

School Day Length

We are seeking community feedback on beginning the school day 15 minutes earlier as from the start of 2021. This would mean classes starting at 8:40AM (currently 8:55AM) and school finishing at 3:00, as it now does. School buses would run on the current timetable. The rationale for this proposed change is to allow us time to hold regular assemblies, meetings with student groups (eg. enviroschools, student council) and follow up on attendance matters in whānau groups without taking time out of lunch or scheduled classes.

For reference we provide the following information with regards to the length of the school day at local secondary schools: HPC 8:40-3:20 ; Waihi 8:45-3:10; Thames 9:00-3:10; Te Aroha College 8:45-3:05. We invite community feedback to yolandel@paeroacollege.school.nz



2021 Enrolments

It is that time of year when we are finalising plans for the 2021 school year. We are encouraging all families with students in years 9 to 13 who intend to begin at Paeroa College in 2021 to submit their enrolment paperwork as soon as possible. This timely enrolment will allow us to ensure your child's needs are met in terms of appropriate staffing and course selection.

We are also encouraging families with students whose education was disrupted by Covid-19 and who left school, to consider re-enrolment. It is never too late to make a new start and earn your secondary school qualification. As we do not have a zoning area, Paeroa College welcomes students from within the Paeroa community and throughout the local region. Enrolment packs are available from the Student Centre.

Please email deb@paeroacollege.school.nz for additional information.

Period Products

As you may be aware, the government has initiated a programme to provide free period products to young women in all schools and kura across New Zealand during 2021. This initiative is designed to reduce “period poverty” and to increase student attendance and equity.

They have taken a phased approach to introduce this initiative. The first step involved a trial run across 15 schools in the Waikato during August and September 2020; Paeroa College participated in this trial. As such, during the last week of Term 3, all female students were provided with a 3-month supply of period products.

As part of the government’s assessment of this trial and in preparation for the full roll-out in 2021, they are seeking feedback from whanau and students. We invite you to participate in this feedback by completing an anonymous survey. It is an opportunity for you to have your say in regards to the Government's initiative to provide all schools (from 2021) with the option to receive free period products for all female students.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GPHXPWX>

Lunches in School Programme

We are getting ready to take part in the free and healthy school lunch programme starting in 2021. Lunches will be available for all of our students and cater for their requirements, including diet, health and cultural needs. Right now, we are working with the Ministry of Education on the best way to meet our school’s needs and get started. We will keep you updated on progress. To find out more, email the Ministry of Education school Lunches team at school.lunches@education.govt.nz



Senior Students Course Selection 2021

We are starting to build our 2021 timetable, as part of this students will be selecting subjects and options over the remaining weeks. Please find a timeline for this selection process below.

Term 4

Monday 2nd November: Current Year 11 and Year 12 students receive 2021 course booklets. Emailed home to parents and physical copies to students.
Students who qualify for study leave receive a letter and NCEA results summary.

Thursday 5th November: Current Year 11 and Year 12 parent's information evening.

Wednesday 11th November – Friday 13th November: Current Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13 course selection and exit interviews. You will be sent an appointment time that you are welcome to attend with your child.

Friday 27th November: Current Year 10 students receive 2021 course booklets. Emailed home to parents and physical copies to students.

Wednesday 2nd December: Current Year 10 parents information evening.

Friday 4th December: Presentation of 2021 Year 10 options to current Year 9 students.
Students choose options for 2021.

Wednesday 9th December: Current Year 10 course selection. You will be sent an appointment time which you are welcome to attend with your child.

Enviroschools

You have all been sent an email with a link to our Enviroschools consultation survey. Could you please complete this survey by the 26th October. Your voice is important to us and we would love it to be heard as part of this consultation. If for some reason you didn't get the email, or you would rather complete a paper copy of the survey, get in touch and we'll sort that out for you. Thank you very much for your help.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1HqpmKpHQlB_vtBynbSWyYL1xABq3A9an6mkp_SsObDk/e/dit

Sports

SPORTS AWARDS 2020

Please join us in the College Hall on Wednesday the 4th November from 1pm till 3pm for a celebration of student sport achievement.

On Wednesday the 21st October, 3 College teams; 1st 15, Under 15 and Girls competed in the Thames Valley 7's tournament. This was meant to take place earlier in the year but was postponed due to Covid-19. Our teams competed well but were defeated on the day. An amazing fun time was had by all who attended.



RTLB

From Chris Patton (Hauraki RTL

B Manager)

I feel extremely fortunate that the new Lead School (Employer) for the Hauraki Resource Teachers: Learning and Behaviour service is now Paeroa College as of the start of Term 4, 2020.

Hauraki RTL

B is made up of 14 staff that are based in 6 Base Schools across the cluster. Our organisation services 48 schools in the area. We are funded by the Ministry of Education to work together to support the achievement of students in Year 1-10 with learning and/or behaviour difficulties.

We are really looking forward to immersing ourselves in the Paeroa College culture and it has been a great first two weeks for us at the school. The warmth and friendliness of not only the staff but the students of Paeroa College is very evident and again I feel like our organisation is in a great place with our new Lead School.

I would like to welcome Rana Lloyd as our part-time RTL

B administrator. She is based with me at Paeroa College.

I would like to thank Amy Hacker, her staff and the BoT for ensuring our transition to Paeroa College has been so smooth. It is an exciting time for Hauraki RTL

B as an organisation.

Breakfast Club

Just a reminder about our Breakfast Club we have every Wednesday morning before school from 8.10am – 8.45am.

It is an opportunity for students to get together and talk and share ideas with members of the Student Council.

We also have Weetbix & milk sponsored by Sanitarium and Anchor, as well as smoothies, toast, fruit and a hot or cold milo.

National Winner

Martha Brown, a Yr 12 student at Paeroa College has won 1st place Nationally for her “Mademoiselle Baroque” entry in the senior section of the Wearable Arts 2020 Showquest. Dame Suzie Moncrief and Heather Palmer from World of Wearable Art completed judging on Friday 25 September. The feedback from the judges was “This is a beautifully constructed garment demonstrating wonderful craftsmanship. The headpiece is outstanding. The judges loved the attention to detail and care that has been clearly taken when making this garment. The photos and video added to the strength of the entry and the addition of the ghetto blaster as a prop was a nice touch.”

As National Senior Winner, Martha has won the grand prize package of;

- Prizepack from Bernina, inclusive of a sewing machine
- \$500 digital voucher from The Fabric Store
- Flights and accommodation to Wellington for 2 to visit the World of Wearable Art Up Close exhibition at Te Papa
- Zoom call with WOW Competition Director Heather Palmer and Head of Competition Kat Sprowell to discuss entry and provide feedback, guidance on design and to answer any questions/provide support.

This year there were over 150 entries, with almost over 400 young student designers from around the country involved. This is the first time Paeroa College has entered Showquest Wearable Arts. Martha completed her entry as part of her Wearable Art Academy class which is held on Fridays for the entire day. Martha worked relentlessly on creating her headpiece, which is absolutely stunning with a large number of handmade flowers. The theme this semester was Baroque Paper Wigs, and Martha really went above and beyond the requirements by creating an entire garment specifically designed for entering Showquest.



Pictured Emily Van Hellemond with Martha Brown's creation.

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.

We have counsellors available at school. This service is available on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday's, 9.00am – 3.00pm.

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.

Important Contact Details

Senior Leadership Team

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Year 11 – Achievement – Darren van de Wetering	darrenv@paeroacollege.school.nz
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Year 12 – Achievement – Sheree Dunlop	shereed@paeroacollege.school.nz
Year 13 – Pastoral – Denise Grimmer	deniseg@paeroacollege.school.nz
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Absences – ext 201 or dial 1 at the prompt or TEXT **021 0885 8220 ** NEW NUMBER ****

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Community Notices

Unwanted Bras – Please keep them coming in 😊

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.

Free Ear Clinic Dates for Paeroa

Date	Venue	Drop-in clinic hours
Thursday 15 October	Plunket Rooms, Cnr	12 – 2pm
Monday 16 November	Wharf & Marshall St's	12 – 2pm
Thursday 10 December	(Appointments available 9.30 – 11.30am, please phone 07 8383565 ext 22094)	11am – 12pm



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**Paeroa
Lunchtime
Entertainment
Club**

First Paeroa College concert.

Actors; Students from Paeroa College.

Where; Paeroa Coop. Parish Church.

When; Friday 20th November
lunchtime concert.

Time; 12 noon to 1 pm.

Cost; Free. Koha appreciated.

This concert will only happen if we stay at level 1, if we go up to level 2 it will be cancelled

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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