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# Paeroa College Comment

13 November 2020



Our Y13 Winners for 2020 :  
DUX – Amia Tissingh  
Proxime Accessit - Kasey Bennett  
3<sup>rd</sup> Breanna Doran



## Coming Events

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

26 November  
Y10 Parent Evening NCEA 2021

7-10 December  
Year 10 Camp

15 December  
Junior Prize giving

15 December  
Last day of Term 4

# Principal's Message

Tēnā koutou  
Nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa  
Ki te atua-tēnā koe  
Ki a papatuanuku – tēnā koe  
Ki te kura – tēnā tatou  
He mihi... ki a Karangahake... te maunga  
He mihi... ki a Ohinemuri... te awa  
Ki te hunga mate  
Ki te hunga ora  
Tēnā koutou tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

Welcome to the 2020 Senior Prize-giving. Welcome to all our invited and special guests, including Mayor's Representative-Councillor Ross Harris, Councillor Rino Wilkinson and Member of Parliament, Honorable Scott Simpson. I also welcome our parents and caregivers, our extended whanau, and the Rotary of Paeroa. Thank you so much for your commitment to partnering with us. I am not exaggerating when I say the successes, we are about to celebrate would not be possible without full community support.

Welcome also to our Board of Trustee members. We are incredibly fortunate to have wise and dedicated governors who are generous with their time and expertise and who place our students firmly at the heart of every decision they make.

2020 has been both an outstanding year for Paeroa College and a challenging year. The most significant acknowledgement I have this evening is to the adaptability, resilience and exceptionally hard work of our staff. This includes our teachers, teacher aides, administrative staff, and grounds people. Despite the incredible pressures of the year, and at significant personal cost, they have worked tirelessly to ensure this year's extraordinary circumstances have not impacted our students' educational successes. Despite the complications due to threats of Covid-19 community transmission and the necessity to learn remotely, our students will nevertheless earn their NCEA qualifications in record numbers. Our moto "Mahi Tahi Kia Kaha" underpins the philosophy of this college as we work together to ensure positive educational outcomes for all of our students.

It is with considerable humility that I am able to say we have sustained each other through this year's challenges. We are beginning to look towards a fresh page which will be 2021. We will continue to strive for outstanding achievement for all of our students. I know you will join me in thanking our exceptional staff who consistently go above and beyond what might reasonably be expected.

To our community: I am delighted to report that we have upheld the exemplary student outcomes the college is known for. Absolutely all of our year 12 students who finish the year with us have either earned their NCEA level 2 qualification or have a clear pathway towards

it. I am confident that in January, I will be able to report that 100% have been successful. In addition, nearly all of our Year 13 students are leaving us with a clear pathway into work, further training or tertiary education. It is with incredible optimism that we farewell them tonight. I cannot wait to see all that they will achieve in the years to come!

As a school and community, we are dedicated to providing our Maori and Pasifika students with additional opportunities to feel proud and confident in their heritage. 2020 saw the initiation of a seamless rumaki pathway for our students into secondary school. This ensures our students can learn in English or te reo Maori here at Paeroa College. I do not take this for granted, nor should you. This puts us among only a handful of secondary schools with dual language pathways. This year we celebrated matariki with a week of reflection on new beginnings. Matariki fittingly came on the tail of the most significant lock-down period in New Zealand history. This year's pandemic and its associated challenges forced all New Zealanders to focus on those things we hold most dear.

Today we will honour the impressive talents, grit and determination of our young women and men. To our students I say: Today is about you and the learning and success you have achieved over this past year. This is our evening to celebrate. This is the day when all of your teachers get the payback for their hard work. Seeing you achieve is the greatest reward a teacher can have. Hold your heads high when you walk across this stage. You are the most important taunga in the room.

To the year 13's and other students who are now leaving school to follow your dreams, please know you will be missed and take a bit of us with you wherever you go. Dream big, remember your roots and give back whenever you can.

To the students whom we will honour and celebrate tonight, please know how very proud I am of you and your achievements. You are exceptional.

To the students who do not walk across this stage tonight, know that there is always tomorrow. Use the opportunities provided here at Paeroa College and in your community to find your place to shine. Success is defined in many ways and your time will come.

Tena koutou tena koutou tena koutou katoa

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Nga mihi nui,

Amy Hacker  
Tumuaki/Principal

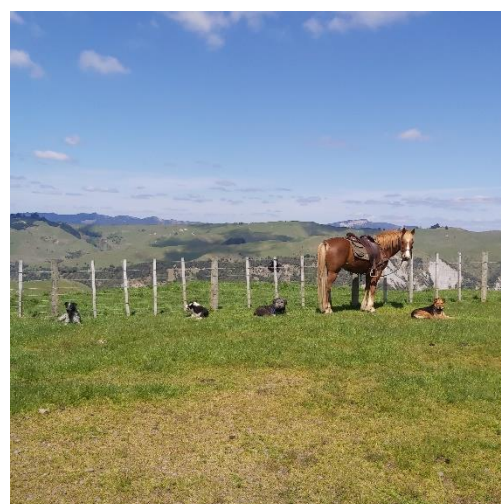
# Panekiri Station Docking - October 2020

The Thames Valley Deerstalkers Association provides students from local colleges with a one or two week work experience to assist with lamb docking.

The work entails helping move mobs of ewes and lambs, drafting, catching, vaccinating, earmarking and tailing (docking) of lambs. There are also opportunities for hunting and exploration of the farm with farm staff and members of the Club. Game on the property include deer, pigs, turkey, hare and rabbit.

There are two docking crews of 10-12 people based at shearers quarters at each end of the property. Each team has a designated cook and lunch is made in the morning for a days work. Days start at 7.30am on-site either in a shed or using Pratley portable yards/gates in the paddocks and finish between 4-6pm. Daily numbers of lambs docked, range from 1500 to 2200 per crew.

This year Nelson Thorne, Jayden Konye, Dania and Jessica Penwarden and Azariah Collier attended this work experience.



# School Owned Devices

This year Paeroa College trialled a one student: one device scheme. This scheme means that all students have access to one of the following, brought to school each day:

- Their own device - could be a tablet, chromebook or laptop.
- A college-provided chromebook (Junior students) or laptop (Senior students) and charger

This scheme has been a great success and will be continued for 2021. School owned devices will be collected from all students for maintenance and refurbishing over the summer.

Students with a school-owned device were charged a \$100 bond. This bond is fully refundable when the device is returned without damage to the college because the student has left Paeroa College or permanently returned the device as they have purchased their own.

For returning students, the college will retain this bond over the summer and re-issue a device at the start of the school year. We are able to refund the bond over the summer break (payable again at the start of 2021), if you so desire.

Please contact Debbie Gould by 20 November if you require a summer-time reimbursement of your \$100 bond.

# 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.

# Student Course Selection

## **Seniors (current Year 11, 12 and 13 students)**

Wednesday 11, Thursday 12 and Friday 13 will be Y11, 12 and 13 interviews for 2021 subjects and leaving school.

## **Juniors (current Year 9 and 10 students)**

Booklets handed out to students and emailed home on the Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

Year 10 parents information evening on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November.

Year 10 subject selection (students in Year 11 2021) will be on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of December (appointment times will be emailed home).

Year 9 will then do their option selection on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November during ACA.

## **STUDY LEAVE**

Students who have passed their current NCEA level will be given a letter explaining that they qualify for study leave. This means that they do not need to attend school from the 13<sup>th</sup> November unless one of the following is relevant:

- They are aiming for a VPA or endorsement
- They haven't yet gained UE

Please note that teachers will still be available for additional study for external examinations as well as if students are looking to complete Endorsements or Vocational Pathways Awards. A normal school timetable will be running from the 13<sup>th</sup> of November until the 20<sup>th</sup> of November. After this time students should then contact their teacher via email to arrange a meeting time. If students choose to attend school they must come in correct uniform.

If students have not passed at this time, they will not qualify for study leave and will be expected in school as normal.

# Australian Maths Competition

In August we had 8 students take part in the Australian Maths Competition. Well done to Hamish Buchannan who was awarded a Distinction and scored in the top 17%.

The following students were awarded a Credit - Year 10 Jamie-Lee Owen, Grier Buchanan in Year 9 Karl Smith. Well done to all those who took part.



# Sports

Congratulations to all of our wonderful students who were acknowledged on 4<sup>th</sup> November at our Sport Prizegiving in your speciality fields.

Please find listed below our major award recipients:

The Sportfit Cup for Services to Sport

Jeramiah Coffey

The Miah Williams Trophy for the Administrator of the Year

Jeramiah Coffey

The Williams Cup for the The Paeroa College Most Outstanding Junior Individual Sporting Achievement of the Year

Gracie Owen

The All Round Junior Sportsperson of the Year

Josey Hansen

The All Round Senior Sportsperson of the Year is also the recipient of the Most Outstanding Senior Individual Sporting Achievement of the Year

Trinity Taukiri-Keith

Paeroa College Team of the Year

Senior A Netball



# Principal's Speech from Sports Prizegiving

A big welcome to all of the students, staff and whanau who are with us this afternoon to honour the impressive sporting talents of our young women and men. We take time today to celebrate the effort, commitment and perseverance they have invested to make possible the achievements we will celebrate today. This occasion also provides us with the opportunity to acknowledge and thank our coaches, managers, supporters and parents- all of the people who enable these young ones to do what they love. I am not exaggerating when I say the successes, we are about to celebrate would not be possible without you.

I would also like to pay tribute to the tireless work of the committed college staff who have supported our students on their journey this year. Many have offered their time to manage, coach and cheer from the side-lines. Thank you for always going the extra mile and caring for our students well beyond the requirements of the job. It certainly takes a village to raise a child and you have been steadfast in your role as villagers.

To our sport coordinator, Pauline, thank you for the fabulous job you have done preparing for this prizegiving and thank you also for the encouragement and support you have offered our individual athletes and teams throughout the year.

I have loved those times this year when I was able to be on the side-lines; I have enjoyed the opportunity it has given me to get to know you, the students, This has been a particularly challenging year for our sports people, made all the more so by the constraints required to keep us all safe in the Covid-19 era. I have missed the opportunity to mingle with your families and to share in the joy of competition.

This year has seen a relentless focus on achievement and participation in sport. The year began with a number of records broken in both school swimming sports and school athletics. School triathlon and cross country saw large numbers "having a go" and challenging themselves to compete. To name a few of our triumphs, our girls Touch Team competed in nationals in December 2019 and came 5th overall. Early in 2020, they went on to win the Thames Valley Touch tournament. Our Junior girls' basketball finished the season undefeated and became the Thames Valley Champions. Our Junior Boys' basketball team were the runner up in that same competition missing out by only 1 point. In rugby, our First 15 were runners up in Coulter Cup. In Netball, our Senior A team claimed the Bolton cup for the first time in over a decade. Over the course of the year, many students were selected for regional and national representation.

I love the opportunities sport provides our rangatahi to develop the qualities and dispositions that will serve them well throughout their lives. Our students are outstanding, exceptional and special. Grounded, disciplined, committed and resilient young people are honed in the sports arena and go on to achieve in many other areas of their lives. Today, I offer a huge congratulations to each team and individual who we will recognise today. I also congratulate all of you who participated in sport this year. It was a huge year in many ways and I am very proud of you and all of your efforts.



# Healthy Active Learning

Our school is involved in a government wellbeing initiative called [Healthy Active Learning](#) which is aimed improving wellbeing of our Tamariki and young people through healthy eating, drinking and quality physical activity.

Massey University is undertaking the [evaluation of Healthy Active Learning](#) on behalf of Sport NZ, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education. As part of the evaluation, Massey would like to find out from parents and whānau how their children participate in physical activity and healthy eating and drinking at our school.

[Click here to complete the whānau survey](#). It takes 5-10 minutes and if you complete the survey you will go in the draw to win a \$100 supermarket voucher.

Click here to view [Facebook page](#) for more details.

## Fiesta Week

Monday was Matching Day  
Tuesday was House Colours  
Wednesday was 80's  
Thursday was Tradies  
Friday was Polyfest



# Senior Prizegiving

Last night we held our Annual Senior Prizegiving in the College Hall.  
Please see below a list of the major award recipients:

Year 11	3 <sup>rd</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> = 1 <sup>st</sup> =	Grace Wright Hamish Buchanan Ariihia Morehu
Year 12	3 <sup>rd</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup>	Martha Brown Charlotte McKenzie-Jenner Naomi Smith
Year 13	3 <sup>rd</sup> Proxime Accessit DUX	Breanna Doran Kasey Bennett Amia Tissingh





# SSEP Farm Trip

The year 10s have been involved with Secondary School Employer Partnerships through SMART Waikato. We have teamed up with a local employer and investigated the Maths that is involved in their job.

We are very grateful to have partnered with Conall Buchannan and Awaiti Farms. Conall came into school and spoke about his life as a farmer to the whole of our year 10. The students filled in a worksheet about some different aspects of Maths. Both Year 10 Maths classes were able to visit Conalls farm and see the calves being fed, the rotary shed, tractor and seed drill. They had a worksheet to fill in at the farm. They then had to work out in class the average litres per cow of milk produced a day. How many chicory seeds were in one hectare and they are completing an AMPS task on rainfall at Awaiti farms. Conall has returned to school to show the Year 10 how innovation(our overarching theme for this term) has helped him on his farm with the use of spreadsheets.

We thank Conall for partnering with us and for presenting the lessons. We appreciate your efforts in putting Maths into context.



# Agriculture Academy

The Agriculture Academy students have completed their fencing work in Waikino by replacing broken posts and battens, running new wires and straining the fence. They have completed this over the Semester.



## Moto X

On Friday 16th October, Jake Jeremic & Rhys Baxter represented Paeroa College in the Interschools MX at Rotorua. It was an early start at 5am to travel down to the event.

However, it was a great day with lots of ruts and even more mud. After most MX events have been cancelled this year it was great to see some of our Year 9s out riding.

A big thank you to Lara & Adrian for supporting our team down in Rotorua, we cannot do this sport without our parents help and we appreciate you taking the time off work to help.



## 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 (e.g. 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](mailto: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](mailto:deb@paeroacollege.school.nz) for additional information.



# 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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## Deans

Year 9 – Pastoral – Ramai Gurnick	<a href="mailto:ramaig@paeroacollege.school.nz">ramaig@paeroacollege.school.nz</a>
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Year 10 – Pastoral – Rewi Norman	<a href="mailto:rewin@paeroacollege.school.nz">rewin@paeroacollege.school.nz</a>
Year 10 – Achievement – Ursula Johnson	<a href="mailto:ursulaj@paeroacollege.school.nz">ursulaj@paeroacollege.school.nz</a>
Year 11 – Pastoral – Felise Tai'i	<a href="mailto:feliset@paeroacollege.school.nz">feliset@paeroacollege.school.nz</a>
Year 11 – Achievement – Darren van de Wetering	<a href="mailto:darrenv@paeroacollege.school.nz">darrenv@paeroacollege.school.nz</a>
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Year 12 – Achievement – Sheree Dunlop	<a href="mailto:shereed@paeroacollege.school.nz">shereed@paeroacollege.school.nz</a>
Year 13 – Pastoral – Denise Grimmer	<a href="mailto:deniseg@paeroacollege.school.nz">deniseg@paeroacollege.school.nz</a>
Year 13 – Achievement - Bianca Till	<a href="mailto:biancat@paeroacollege.school.nz">biancat@paeroacollege.school.nz</a>

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 <a href="tel:078383565">07 8383565</a> 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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