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# Paeroa College Comment 10 December 2020



Some of our Year 9 students at Wintec last Thursday eating their tasty creations.



## Coming Events

11-13 December  
NZSS Touch Nationals Rotorua

15 December  
Junior Prize giving 10.30am

15 December  
Last day of Term 4

Term 1 2021  
2 February – 16 April

Term 2 2021  
3 May – 9 July

Term 3 2021  
26 July – 1 October

Term 4  
18 October – 14 December

# Principal's Message

Tēnā koutou katoa,

In this final edition of the Paeroa College Comment for the 2020 school year, I would like to offer a debt of gratitude to the incredible staff of Paeroa College. 2020 has been both an outstanding year and a challenging year. Despite intense pressures, and at significant personal cost, they have worked tirelessly to ensure this year's extraordinary circumstances have not impacted our students' educational successes. This year's challenges included 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 Tahī Kia Kaha" underpins our philosophy as we work together to ensure positive educational outcomes for all students.

I would also like to thank the Board, parents, caregivers, and extended whānau who have partnered with us to make 2020 very special indeed. It takes a huge team effort to guide our students through the school year. 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.

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 have earned their NCEA level 2 qualifications and we are on-track for a record number of endorsements. In addition, all of our Year 13 students are leaving us with a clear pathway into work, further training or tertiary education. 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 Māori and Pasifika students with additional opportunities to feel proud and confident in their heritage. This year 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 Māori 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.

Finally, I would like to thank all of you who have supported the college over the course of the school year. We owe you a debt of gratitude. All the very best for your summer break and the joys of the Christmas season. I wish you a happy, safe and refreshing holiday and look forward to seeing you and your children in 2021.

Nāku noa nā, ngā manaaki,  
Amy  
Principal/Tumuaki

# 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 this side of the summer break. 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.



## Welcome to 2021

- Tuesday 2nd February - Y13 Day – all must attend 9.00am – 3.00pm.
- Tuesday 2nd February – Y12 Course Confirmation  
Individual interview times to be advised
- Wednesday 3rd February – Y11 – Course Confirmation  
Individual interview times to be advised
- Wednesday 3rd February – Leadership Day  
(Head students, Prefects, House leaders) 9.00am – 12.30pm
- Thursday 4th February – Y13 Course Confirmation  
Individual interview times to be advised
- Friday 5th February – Y9 & new students Pōwhiri starting at 9.45am – new students need to be at school by 9.30am  
Y10-13 School year starts at 8.40am.

**\*\* Please note the change of school hours for 2021 8.40am – 3.00pm daily \*\***

**Enrolments for new students from 27th January 2021**

### Uniform Shop Hours:

27th January - 29th January 2021 8.30am - 3.30pm  
**School is closed 1 February – Auckland Anniversary Day**  
**8 February – Waitangi Day Observed**



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# 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.

## Sports

Congratulations to Gracie Owen for coming 1<sup>st</sup> in the 10km Mt Maunganui run at the end of November in her age group.

We wish our Touch Team all the best as they head to Rotorua to compete in the NZ SS Touch Nationals this weekend.



# Donations for the Paeroa Food Bank

Paeroa College and Hauraki RTLB are collecting donations of food and toys for the Paeroa Food Bank so that they can distribute the items to needy families prior to Xmas. Anything that you may be in the position to donate would be appreciated i.e. canned food, toilet rolls, rice, or a small toy or two.

We have put a Xmas tree up in the foyer at Paeroa College along with some donation boxes that people can drop in food items over the next couple of weeks. The last day for donations is Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December at midday.

We will then take all the food into the Paeroa Food bank on the morning of Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec.



# SSEP Project Year 10

A huge thank you to Frontera. An ex-pupil Kelsey Hare who works at Frontera heard about our SSEP farm project with Conall Buchannan and Awaiti farms and provided all the year 10s with a free calci yum. Thanks Kelsey!





## Year 9 Careers Week

Last Thursday, all the Year 9 students had a Tertiary Day @WINTERC. They experienced time in the hospitality area of WINTERC at Rotokauri then saw the potential of working in the horticulture area at WINTERC at the Hamilton Gardens. All should know the role of an arborist and next year in Year 10 may be involved in more practical activities.

On Friday 4 December we had the Defence Force speaker followed by amazing physical activities to experience first-hand what may be expected from a job in the NZ Defence Force. Next was the past pupils interview panel run by Mr Williams. A big Thanks to Paige Keith, Elliot Piahana, Cam Robertson, Miranda Hodson, Jamie McGahan, Deija and Sam Johansen. Really positive messages were delivered including “take advantage of all that is offered to you this helps to make informed decisions”.

On Monday we explored personality types and career options related to them. We learned more about skills, qualities, values, interest and hobbies and all students made a visionboard.



## Y10 Project Week

Last week the Year 10 students were involved in the technology project week. During this time, they participated in a range of group problem solving activities. Activities ranged from building vehicles which were powered by balloons to bridges built from recycled resources. Students enjoyed the activities and competed in their groups to earn prizes.



## Healthy Active Living

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.

# Important Contact Details

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# Community Notices

## Hikutaia School

Hikutaia School needs its community members HELP for one of their biggest fundraisers. Hikutaia School in conjunction with the Thames 4x4 club are running the 4x4 National Trials on January 23rd in Puriri during the holidays.

They need 40 marshals - these marshals will get training - free entry and a free lunch. If you are a local business and wish to sponsor a hazard for \$300 please contact Richard Cox.

If you are interested and can help at all (you need to be over 16 to Marshall) please text your name and contact to Richard Cox 021 30 70 29

## National Youth Art Award



### National Youth Art Award 2021 Entries close 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Open to all New Zealand visual artists aged 13 to 25

15-19 years  
Main prize \$2000  
Merit prize \$500  
Highly Commended \$500  
People's choice award \$250

20-25 years  
Main prize \$2000  
Merit prize \$500  
Highly Commended \$500  
Print award \$500

Venue: ArtsPost Gallery, Victoria St, Hamilton  
Awards/Opening Event: Thursday 9 Sept, 2021 @ 5.30 – 7.00  
Exhibition dates: 10 September – 11 October, 2021

13-14 years – Emerging artist award \$250

<b>Artist information:</b>	
Name:	Birth date (you must be between 13-25 on 30 July 2021):
Address:	Email:
	Phone:
	Mobile:
<b>Description of entry</b>	
Title:	Medium: <input type="checkbox"/> drawing <input type="checkbox"/> painting
Description:	<input type="checkbox"/> print <input type="checkbox"/> digital <input type="checkbox"/> illustration
	<input type="checkbox"/> mixed media <input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
	<input type="checkbox"/> installation <input type="checkbox"/> photograph
	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____
Measurements (in mm): _____ height x _____ width x _____ depth	Price (including commission of 30% which applies if the work is sold): \$
Special requirements for displaying work (ie power source, plinth):	
Do not send your original art work until you have been notified of as a finalist. Art work is not to exceed the dimensions of 1.2m x 1.2 m. Maximum weight of artwork must not exceed 10 kg. Entries limited to 2 entries per artist. Please attach a high-quality image of the work (note: Images will not be returned). Finalists will be provided instructions for delivery of works – please note all freight/transport costs are to be met by the artist. Please do not include your name or address in the artist statement. Attach an artist's statement (maximum 100 words). All artwork must be for sale. A price must be entered above.	
Entry fee: \$25 for 1 entry \$40 for 2 entries	
Method of payment:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Direct payment to WSA bank account Number: 03 0306 0217827 000 (Westpac) Reference: your initial and surname and phone No	<input type="checkbox"/> Charge my debit/credit card Visa <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> Cardholder name: _____ Card number: _____ Expiry Date: ____/____/____
Enter online at <a href="http://wsa.org.nz">wsa.org.nz</a> in the Awards section, before the 30 <sup>th</sup> July 2020. Please contact <a href="mailto:wsa@wsa.org.nz">wsa@wsa.org.nz</a> or phone 078394481 if you have any issues. Finalists will be notified by email before the 9 <sup>th</sup> August, 2021 and provided with delivery instructions.	
<b>Signature and Indemnity:</b> I consent to WSA collecting the contact details provided above. I understand that my entry fee entitles me to WSA membership if requested and that WSA may retain and use these details for the purposes of communicating with members. This consent is given in accordance with the Privacy Act 1993. I have read the entry conditions attached and agree to abide by them. The submitted entry is my own work and not copied from the work of another artist. I agree to the work being reproduced for the purposes of promotion from time to time. Signed: _____ Date: _____	

## Paeroa Community Support Trust – School Holiday Programme



# BREAKAWAY FREE YOUTH HOLIDAY PROGRAM

18th –22nd January, 2021  
25th-29th January, 2021

9am-3pm

11-17 year olds

Limited spaces, so book ahead!  
[Enrolmy.com/pcst-community-programs](https://enrolmy.com/pcst-community-programs)

Activities listed on seashells:

- Beach Trip
- Local Pool Trips
- Sports Day
- Hike in Gorge
- Taste of the Islands
- Mini golf
- Roller Skating
- Food

**Paeroa Community Support Trust**  
Community Programs  
The Carehouse Building, 22 Wilton Street, Paeroa  
Phone: (07) 862 9129, 087 305 3940

## Thank you from the Hikutaia Hall Committee

Thank you to everyone who supported the swap met and garage sale in October. The Hall is currently being renovated. It has been repiled and has had a new roof fitted. The money raised at these events is going towards the hall being repainted and then the next project is to update the electrics. We raised over \$1000.



# 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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