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# Paeroa College Comment

12 March 2021



## Coming Events

15<sup>th</sup> March

Y12 & Y13 Only at School

15<sup>th</sup> March EME Awards Dinner

17<sup>th</sup> March

Thames Valley Athletics

18<sup>th</sup> March

Mufti Day – Supporting Breast  
Cancer – Wear Pink

18<sup>th</sup> March

School Social

23<sup>rd</sup> March

Board of Trustees Meeting

24<sup>th</sup> March

Class Photos

25<sup>th</sup> March

HSP – Whole School

2<sup>nd</sup> April

Easter Friday

5<sup>th</sup> April

Easter Monday

12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> April

Year 13 Camp

13<sup>th</sup> April

Y10 Science Project Week

16<sup>th</sup> April

End of Term 1

22<sup>nd</sup> May

School Formal

# Principal's Message

Kia ora e te whānau,

I am very pleased to report that the school year has begun smoothly and gained traction rapidly. It is wonderful to hear the campus alive with the laughter and chatter of our young people. Our returning students seem pleased to be back and we have been delighted to welcome those students and families who are joining our school this year. I continue to be amazed at the significant roll increase we are experiencing. Paeroa College is clearly the place to send your rangitahi in the Hauraki area! The students and staff are throwing themselves wholeheartedly into their learning programmes, year 9 camp and our start-of-year house sporting competitions.

It has been a fabulous couple of weeks for our College as we celebrate the outstanding academic success of our senior students. Once again, the College has done exceptionally well at NCEA, with over 90% of our students earning their NCEA qualifications, well exceeding national averages. Despite the challenges of Covid-19 in 2020, our student-centred curriculum ensured our students continued to achieve at the highest levels. Our commitment is that each and every student will achieve a robust and rigorous qualification that is well-matched to their needs and aspirations. We continue to work relentlessly towards this goal.

I would also like to acknowledge those students who have, through perseverance and dedication, hit exceptionally high benchmarks. We have acknowledged these students in our achievement assembly, and will also recognise them on Monday 15 March, at the annual EME (Excellence and Merit Endorsement) awards banquet. This evening is our opportunity to congratulate those 2020 Year 11 through 13 students who gained a Merit, Excellence or Vocational endorsement. A full list of those acknowledged at this event is included in this newsletter.

It is exciting to have a year of such great promise stretching before us and I firmly believe there is no limit to what our students are capable of accomplishing. As always, it is the partnership between home and school that will enable our young people to reach their dreams. Thank you to all those parents and whānau who have so enthusiastically supported the first events of the year. We look forward to meeting all of you on our HSP day. Please know that you are always welcome, and we look forward to your continuing presence here at school.

Nga mihi nui,

Amy Hacker  
Tumuaki/Principal

# EME Award Recipients

## **Level 1 Merit Endorsements**

Treymaine Te Moananui  
Sydney Stuart  
Baylie Pratt  
Ayla Necklan  
Caitlin Harris  
Daniel Davis  
Layla Ching

## **Level 1 Excellence Endorsements**

Grace Wright  
Amber McKain  
Jasmine Lucero  
Ariihia Morehu  
Korbin Chwesik  
Hamish Buchanan

## **Level 1 Subject Endorsements**

Ariihia Morehu - Excellence Level 1 Art, Excellence Level 1 Maori, Merit Level 1 Design and Visual Communication  
Grace Wright - Excellence Level 1 Art, Merit Level 1 Design and Visual Communication  
Lilly Spence - Excellence Level 1 Art  
Destinee Johnston - Excellence Level 1 Art  
Baylie Pratt - Excellence Level 1 Art, Merit Level 1 Design and Visual Communication  
Amber McKain - Excellence Level 1 Art, Merit Level 1 Design and Visual Communication  
Treymaine Te Moananui - Merit Level 1 Art  
Daniel Te Moananui - Merit Level 1 Maori  
Rangituhia Peeke - Merit Level 1 Maori  
Hamish Buchanan - Excellence Level 1 Mathematics

## **Level 2 Merit Endorsements**

Martha Brown  
Charlotte McKenzie-Jenner  
Naomi-Paris Smith

## **Level 2 Subject Endorsements**

Sarah Watson - Excellence Level 2 Art  
Martha Brown - Excellence Level 2 Art  
Laiken Tui-Williams - Merit Level 2 Fitness  
Nelson Thorne - Merit Level 2 Mathematics  
Charlotte McKenzie-Jenner - Excellence Level 2 Art and Merit Level 2 English

### **Level 3 Merit Endorsement**

Montelle Herekiuha  
Trinity Taukiri-Keith  
Mahalia Mott  
Chandana Kumar

### **Level 3 Excellence Endorsement**

Amia Tissingh  
Breanna Doran  
Kasey Bennett

### **Level 3 Subject Endorsements**

Montelle Herekiuha - Merit Level 3 Fitness  
Trinity Taukiri-Keith - Merit Level 3 Physical Education  
Summer de Thierry - Merit Level 3 Fitness  
Sarah McKain - Merit Level 3 Fitness  
Mahalia Mott - Merit Level 3 English  
Amia Tissingh - Excellence Level 3 Physical Education  
Kasey Bennett - Excellence Level 3 Physical Education

### **Vocational Pathway Awards**

Rimu Alexander - Service Industries  
Sarah Harris - Service Industries  
Suzie Roskam - Service Industries  
Laiken Tui-Williams - Service Industries  
Sarah Watson - Service Industries  
Kiwa Wehipeihana - Service Industries

Congratulations to you all.





# Swimming Sports Results



## **Junior Boys**

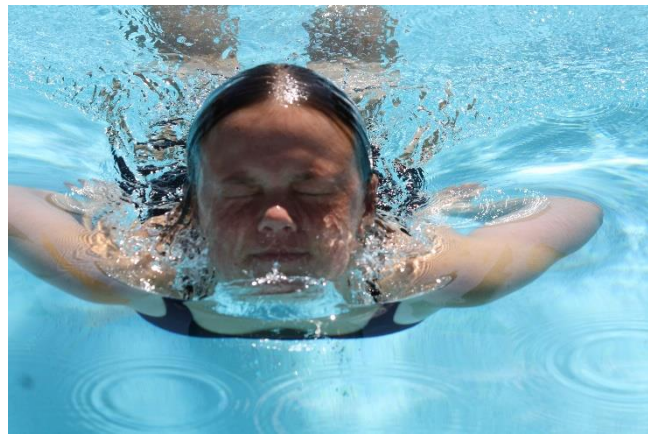
- 1<sup>st</sup> Kaleb Gurnick
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Cooper Morrison
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Kaeden Tortonson

## **Junior Girls**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Maddy Hill
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Shiah Taylor
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Kylie Harris

## **Intermediate Boys**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ryan Silvester
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Stephen Wiperi
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jack Nolan



## **Intermediate Girls**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Teremoana Herekiuha
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Billie van Hellemond
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ariihia Morehu

## **Senior Boys**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Flynn Halden
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Max Paterson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Hamish Buchanan

## **Senior Girls**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jana Smith
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Amber McKain
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sarah Harris

# Athletics Results



## **Junior Boys**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Rhys Baxter
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kaleb Gurnick
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tyler Williams-Te Moananui

## **Junior Girls**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Gracie Owen
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Maddy Hill
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Breeze Wairepo

## **Intermediate Boys**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Carl Lucero
- 2<sup>nd</sup> = Taurian Donald
- 2<sup>nd</sup> = Karapi Hiram-Gage

## **Intermediate Girls**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Grier Buchanan
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Josey Hansen
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ariihia Morehu



## **Senior Boys**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Cole Williams-Te Moananui
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Rimu Alexander
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Hamish Buchanan

## **Senior Girls**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jana Smith
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Amber McKain
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ly Eng Sok

# HSP Day

The first HSP for 2021 will involve the whole school (Year 9-13) and regular classes will not occur. Students are only required to attend for their interview times in full school uniform. However, supervision is available on request.

**HSP Date: Thursday 25th March 2021 8.30am-5.00pm**

As this is an official school day, your child is required to make a 15minute appointment with at least one of their classroom teachers, attendance teacher, Dean or Deputy Principal. You are strongly encouraged to attend with them.

An appointment can be made by:

\*Ringing (078627579) or emailing ([deb@paeroacollege.school.nz](mailto:deb@paeroacollege.school.nz)) the school and asking Deb Berry to book you in for specific times with specific people.

\*Going to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and putting in the code **yp9eh** here you can select the relevant teachers and pick a time slot that suits you.

## Change of Details

Please remember to let us know if you or your emergency contact for your child changes or your details change i.e. home phone number, your cell phone number or new address should you move houses, even your email address.

This way we can make sure our information is going to the correct place when sending reports, letters, newsletters or should we need to ring you regarding your child.

## Social Media

Paeroa College has both a Facebook page and an Instagram page.

Both pages are called Paeroa College. If you are on social media, I would highly encourage you like / join our pages to keep up to date with not only communication from the school but also seeing the amazing things our beautiful students are doing here at Paeroa College. This is where the majority of our information to parents / whānau is sent out.

Every 3 weeks we also email the Paeroa College Comment, however for the few without email this is posted home to you.

# Student Attendance Procedures

Many thanks to those families who have been working hard to ensure your children attend school regularly. There is a clear and measurable link between attendance and both academic and personal success. You can do your bit by contacting the school via the usual number if your child is ever absent. Please do this to support us as we try to make sure that every student is at school every day. Remember the student who misses one day on average a week, in total, misses almost a whole term in a year.

The Ministry of Education considers regular attendance to be 90%. In a 10-week term, this equates to no more than 5 days absence, for any reason.

If your child is not in school or on a school activity, they are absent, regardless of the reason. This is true even if the absence is *Justified*. The Ministry recognises *Justified* absences to include absences due to short-term illness, bus breakdown, accident, road closure, national/local representation, bereavement, and exceptional family circumstances. Absences can also be *Explained*, meaning that you have notified the school, but the absence does not fall within the Ministry guidelines for *Justified* absences. *Explained* absences include reasons such as: caring for younger siblings, working on assignments, shopping trips, and unapproved holidays during term time. These types of absence are not recognised by the Ministry as being valid reasons for students to miss school.

Family holidays should be arranged outside of school term time, whenever possible. If this scheduling is unavoidable, please request a **leave of absence** in writing from your child's Dean, at least 7 days in advance. The Principal will respond in writing and help facilitate your child's continued learning during the leave. The leave will be recorded for Ministry purposes as *Justified*.

- Student responsibilities:
  - Arrive at school on time (8:40)
  - Attend classes on time and remain in class the entire lesson
  - Sign in at the student centre if you are more than 10 minutes late for the start of the school day.
  - Stay within the school grounds. The only students who are to leave during the day are Year 13 students who have signed out at the student centre for lunch.
- Parent/caregiver responsibilities:
  - Phone or text the school when your child is unable to make it to school.
  - Whenever possible, avoid scheduling appointments during school hours
  - Personally sign students in and out if they need to leave school during the day for any reason.
  - Provide a written note, phone call or email to explain student absences on the day or as soon thereafter as is practical.

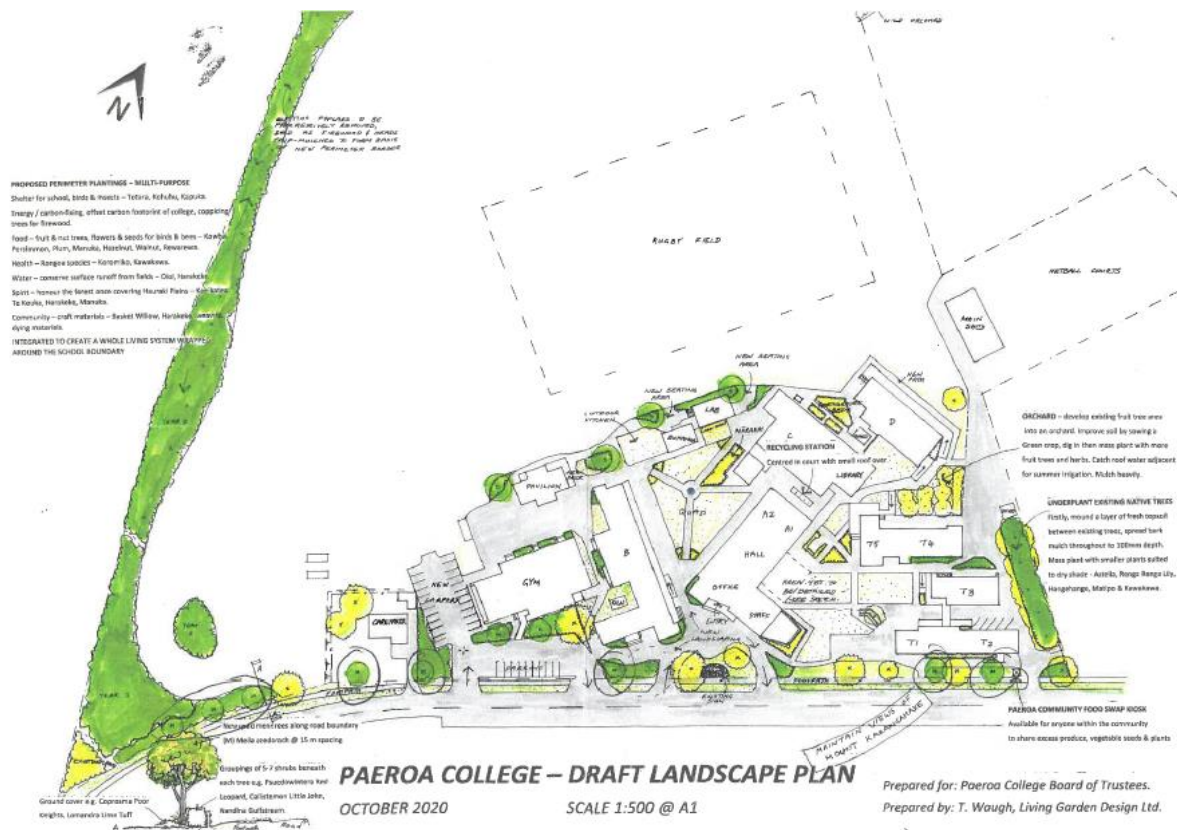


# Carparking

As you drive by the college, you will have seen ongoing works in the form of a new car park. To accommodate the roll growth we are experiencing, as well as our RTLB service, we have been able to cater for approximately 25 additional staff vehicles. This has also alleviated the need to park on Highway 2, a dangerous undertaking. Please be reminded that students cannot park on the college grounds and that no student should be transporting others unless they have a full driving licence. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

## Property Update

Paeroa College Board of Trustees is currently seeking input from the community on our 10-year landscaping plan. We are excited about things to come and are embarking on the first stage of the landscaping works over the April term break. Please have a look at the draft landscape plan below and provide us with feedback to [yolandel@paeroacollege.school.nz](mailto:yolandel@paeroacollege.school.nz). Also, if you are interested in partnering with us to provide in-kind donations, we would definitely like to talk!



## Uniform

We now have jersey samples available to us. If your child is wanting a green v neck school jersey, please contact the student centre so we can get the right size for them. Please note all orders need to be paid in advance.

Bucket hats, jackets and a few sports hoodies are still on back order. When they arrive, they will be given to the students directly.

## Creatives in Schools

Paeroa College is the recipient of targeted funding to support creative arts in schools. The focus of the work this year is as below:

Our local area is rich in history and stories. We want to give those stories a voice in our school space. We aim to improve literacy skills in our students as well as their confidence in themselves as creative rangatahi, being able to apply their communication skills while creating and performing. We are going to explore the history in our quad space as well as the surrounding awa and area. We are going to set up pou/information stands that will tell that portion of the story and history. The students will do all the background work learning about, creating their stories and then recording them. Their stories will be told through movement, voice, song, and clay. The digital recordings of their work will be connected to QR codes on our Pou, for people to listen to/see while in the school space.

The creative works and performances that they get to view will be made in collaboration with our local artists who hold some of the stories and the knowledge to share through their various mediums. We will invite our community in for an unveiling to engage with the students' work.

To learn more about this initiative go to

<https://artsonline.tki.org.nz/Teaching-and-Learning/Creatives-in-Schools/Successful-schools-Round-2/Paeroa-College>

# Goldfields Satellite Class



Logan Sisson



Riley Langford



Culliana Tuuriki-Keith



Daniel Malligan



Tex van Hellemond



Maia Kauika



Harper Sandford



Hamiora Wright



Anna Walters - Teacher



Cathy Overdevest – Teacher Aide



Kelly Ofoske – Teacher Aide



# Community Day

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February Paeroa College students were involved in a range of community service activities around the local Paeroa community.

We value the support our community gives us and this is a small way that we can give back each year. Students helped out with gardening, weeding, painting, rubbish clean up, V8 day setup, cooking, boomerang bag sewing and working with primary school students. If you have small community projects or activities that could do with some student help next year please contact the school early February and leave your details.





# Year 9 Camp

From the 24<sup>th</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> of February, our Year 9 students, alongside fourteen Year 13 leaders, went camping in the scenic Maratoto. It was a fantastic opportunity for our students to get to know each other and to learn through experience in the outdoors.

On the first day, in groups of 10, the students walked from Golden Cross through to the Maratoto camp site. Along the trail, they completed a scavenger hunt (organised by the Perry Outdoor Education Trust) and learnt about the local history of the area.

Once at the camp, the students set up their tents and then participated in a variety of activities that challenged them both mentally and physically. The activities included frisbee golf, raft building, hiking to a waterfall, steam care, and rock building.

On the second evening, we had the privilege of Larn Wilkinson joining us to retell stories of the region. The Year 9 and 13's then told, and acted out, their own fictional stories that they had written during the day. This was followed with a milo, biscuit, and bed.

Overall, the students and staff, had a fantastic time. The students demonstrated excellent cooperation and teamwork. They made new friends and made memories that they will be able to take with them through their journey at Paeroa College.



# Home Internet

## Home internet connections continue to December 2021

All homes currently connected through the Ministry will continue to have free internet access until **December 2021**.

The Ministry have provided over 45,000 student homes with free internet access as part of the COVID-19 support plan. These connections were due to start expiring this month. However, while COVID-19 is still a risk and an alert level change is possible, we want to ensure students can continue to access the internet and learn outside the classroom.

# Thank you

We would like to thank local Paeroa couple Richard Sisson and his partner Mel Drumm who recently mowed the kahikatea stand area and the wild orchard for us at no charge. Richard and Mel are the owners of [www.grazer.co.nz](http://www.grazer.co.nz) that offer a remote-controlled mulching mower that can mow slopes up to 50 degrees. Again, thank you on behalf of Paeroa College.



# 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**

**Please Note – The student centre hours are:**

**Monday – Friday 8.20am – 3.20pm**

## 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 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday's 1 week and Tuesday Wednesday Thursday the following.

We have a counsellor available at school. This service is available on Monday's and Wednesday'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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Deputy Principal – Andrew Cameron	<a href="mailto:andrewc@paeroacollege.school.nz">andrewc@paeroacollege.school.nz</a>

## Deans

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Year 13 – Pastoral – Kirtis McNaughten	<a href="mailto:kirtism@paeroacollege.school.nz">kirtism@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**

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## Community Notices

The Kerepehi/Paeroa club play every Wednesday night from 7.30 to 9.30 in the College Gym. This is a game for all ages and abilities with free coaching for newbies. There is the opportunity to play casually or competitively for everyone as well as special junior events nationally through Secondary & Intermediate (Aims Games) Schools. Everyone is welcome to come along and see what it is all about, just turn up about 7.20pm with a pair of soft soled shoes, everything else is provided. My contact phone number is 0274 184300.

There will be an opening tournament on Sunday 14th March at 10am if anyone wants to come along and watch. If you have any queries please contact Sue Sheary, Secretary Thames Valley Indoor Bowls, [tvindoorbowls@gmail.com](mailto:tvindoorbowls@gmail.com)



PAEROA NETBALL CENTRE  
PRESENTS

# PRE-SEASON NETBALL TOURNAMENT

RUN OVER TWO WEEKS  
**WED 7TH & 14TH APRIL**

**Paeroa Netball Centre 6pm**  
GRADES - Secondary Schools - Senior A, 10a -  
9a and Development teams  
ADULT GRADES - SOCIAL & COMPETITIVE

Registrations close 5th April  
**NO COSTS**

CONTACT JOSEY MCKAIN 027 698 0012  
EMAIL JOSEYMCKAIN9@GMAIL.COM  
'GOOD TWO WEEKS FOR YOU TO RUN YOUR NETBALL TEAMS'

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/PAEROANETBALLCENTRE



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NUMBERS**

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HANGI**

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We connect people and whānau with their local foodbanks, help them find their way through Work and Income processes and entitlements and support people to manage their money.

Anybody can get in touch with our MoneyTalks team if they need help with day-to-day money matters like budgeting and debt management.

People can reach us by phone, txt, chat and email in English, Te Reo Māori or Mandarin. We want to see people, whānau and communities living free of hardship, and your support will help us on this journey. We would appreciate it if you can help your community learn more about MoneyTalks by sharing our advertisement in your newsletter.

You can find out more about us online at the [MoneyTalks](https://www.moneytalks.org.nz/) website. I look forward to hearing from you.

Clare Wilson | Quality Assurance Adviser | MoneyTalks Team Coordinator

# 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



# PAEROA COLLEGE

“Excellence in Everything”