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Paeroa College Comment

11 June 2021



Georgia Begbie – winner of the best decorated gumboots for Gumboot day last Friday. Georgia painted her redbands white Then painted to them to look like Converse shoes.



Coming Events

21st June
3 x 3 Basketball in Te Aroha

21st June
Community Hui
5.30pm – 7.30pm

22nd June – 24th June
Year 11 Camp - Papamoa

22nd June
Board of Trustees Meeting
(4.30pm in Hape)

23 June
Boulten Cup

9th July
Last day of Term 2

26th July
Start of Term 3

12th August
Teacher Only Day

24th August
Board of Trustees Meeting
(4.30pm in Hape)

25th August
Whole school HSP Day

27th August
Daffodil Day

8th September
Sports Photos

Principal's Message

Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa, warm greetings to you all,

Paeroa College is well into Term Two. As always, our intentional focus is on our learners and what they need to succeed. This term has been filled with key learning activities, community service and winter sports. Paeroa College is a wonderful place to learn and grow. This is in large part due to the high expectations we have for how our students conduct themselves in their classes and in their extra-curricular activities.

This week I have chosen to offer my comments to something I find incredibly distressing. That is, the arrival of a vape shop in Paeroa and the subsequent choices a minority of the students are making to bring vaping materials to our college. I want to be very clear that this is illegal. From November 2020, the Ministry of Education has declared schools to be vape-free zones. As such, vaping is prohibited at all times in all schools (including our grounds and buildings). This means schools are now both smoke-free and vape-free.

More importantly, vaping poses a significant health risk for young people. I want to challenge the perception that it is a harmless alternative to cigarettes. There is currently a lack of research regarding the harmful effects and long-term health issues caused by the use of vape. As a school we are taking a strong stance within school hours. I also strongly recommend that you protect your children from vaping outside of school hours. Unfortunately, I am aware that we have parents and siblings in our community who are purchasing these items for their children believing that it is a bit of fun. I want to be very clear that this is not the case.

Last week I attended a secondary school Principal's hui (conference) in Blenheim. Amongst the conversation was significant discussion of the issue of vaping. Every Principal with whom I spoke was concerned about this issue, and the impact vaping has on the health of young people. The story below is from another local Waikato school.

This week we had a very serious vaping incident. A student collapsed and was choking, and the medical staff at Waikato hospital have said that it was a direct result of the student reacting to the vaping. The student had stopped breathing by the time staff arrived at the scene. Fortunately, the student has fully recovered.

I have been at Paeroa College since the start of the 2019 school year. During that time, we have had almost no incidences of smoking. There is no reason our students should be vaping. Vaping may, in some circumstances, be helpful to smokers as a path to quitting. Our students are not smokers. Therefore, there is no reason for them to be vapors. Thank you for your support and partnership in addressing this concerning trend.

As always, my door is open. My heart is open. I look forward to seeing all of you in due course.

Nāku noa nā, ngā manaaki,
Amy
Principal/Tumuaki

Sport

This week's sporting draw is:

Wednesday night: PC Gold v PC Green at 6.45pm.

Thursday – We have 7 students taking part in the Waikato Secondary Squash Champs.

Thursday night: No Girls Rugby this week.

Friday night: Open A Netball v Mana Rebels at 6.30pm in Te Aroha.

Saturday: Y9/Y10 Rugby v Thames at home kick off at 10.00am.

1st XV Rugby v Waihi College at home at 11.25am.

9A have a BYE.

Lacross v Cambridge White in Tamahere at 2.00pm.

Good luck to you all.



Congratulations to the 1st XV for winning the Graham Watton Cup – undefeated in the 1st round of the Thames Valley Secondary Schools Competition.

Most Sport Fees have been loaded onto your children's school accounts and require payment by the third playing weekend.

Please login to the Parent Portal to check fees payable if your child is playing a sport and ensure payment is made on time.

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.

Due to the recent closure of the Westpac Branch in Paeroa, we will no longer be able to accept cheques for payment. We can only take payment via cash, eftpos or payment by bank transfer.

Important Contact Details

Senior Leadership Team

Principal – Amy Hacker	amyh@paeroacollege.school.nz
Deputy Principal – Miah Williams	miahw@paeroacollege.school.nz
Deputy Principal – Tina Youngman	tinay@paeroacollege.school.nz
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Deans

Year 9 – Pastoral – Chris Doak	chrisd@paeroacollege.school.nz
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Year 12 – Achievement – Darren van de Wetering	darrenv@paeroacollege.school.nz
Year 13 – Pastoral – Jeremy Cronin	jeremyc@paeroacollege.school.nz
Year 13 – Achievement - Bianca Till	biancat@paeroacollege.school.nz

Absences – ext 201 or dial 1 at the prompt or TEXT **021 0885 8220**

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Principal's PA – Yolande Lowe	yolandel@paeroacollege.school.nz
Student Services – Deb Berry	deb@paeroacollege.school.nz
Careers – Denise Grimmer	deniseg@paeroacollege.school.nz
Learning support & Student well-being – Andrew Cameron	andrewc@paeroacollege.school.nz

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Community Notices

Grandparents raising grandchildren

There is an organisation called Grandparents raising grandchildren. The website has lots of good information you can use. <https://www.grg.org.nz/>

Work and Income support - there is a benefit called Unsupported Childs Benefit for anyone caring for someone's child/ren long term (more than a year), there has to be a good reason why the parents aren't caring for them or supporting them financially. There is also Orphans benefit for kids whose parents are deceased.

<https://www.workandincome.govt.nz/products/a-z-benefits/unsupported-childs-benefit.html>
<https://www.workandincome.govt.nz/products/a-z-benefits/orphans-benefit.html>

Shout Out to the Paeroa Community

Paeroa College is seeking volunteers within the community with building / landscaping knowledge and experience to work together and help with a few new projects here at the school over the next few weeks.

If you have some spare time and are interested in helping the school out then please contact Debbie Gould – debbieg@paeroacollege.school.nz or ph: 07 862 7579 extn 205 for further information.



The Hits and Genesis have a fantastic opportunity for our school, and we'd love to see a Waikato school take this one out!

Genesis has the chance for our school to win \$2,000 of science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) equipment. Alongside all of that your school would be paid a visit from the Genesis drive team and Stace, Mike & Anika from The Hits Drive Show!

All you have to do is register our school at <https://www.thehits.co.nz/win/nationwide/win-big-for-your-favourite-school-all-thanks-to-genesis/> and get your school population to nominate the school as well. It would be awesome if you could get all your family members to nominate as well. Thank you.

Thames Valley Bowls

The TV Indoor Bowls group use our Gym on a Wednesday night from 7.00pm - 9.30pm. They would welcome new members, come along and have a game or two.

If this is for you or a member of your family please rock up on a Wednesday night from 7.00pm onwards. Sue Sheary is the contact person - email: tvindoorbowls@gmail.com for more info.

Flat soled rubber sandshoes required – bowls and coaching supplied for newcomers.



MIND OVER MANNER

REALIZING THE POTENTIAL OF DIFFERENTLY WIRED BRAINS

Mind Over Manner comes to Paeroa in June to deliver two activated learning experiences. We encourage all educators, whanau, professionals and all members of the community to engage in these eye-opening workshops.

Mind Over Manner uses theatre techniques to provide fast-track education about teenagers who think, learn and behave differently. An experienced team of actors will bring a number of charged scenarios to life, then work with you, our participants, to unpack, bring our collective learnings and re-evaluate our responses to these often difficult situations.

Date: Friday 25 June 2021

Venue: Paeroa College School Hall

Time: 9am- 11am

Workshop 1
The Over Responder

Time: 12pm-2pm

Workshop 2
The Sensory Seeker. Morning tea will be provided in between the two workshop sessions.

Cost: \$90 per person for schools/organisations. Morning Tea provided. BYO lunch.

To request a flyer/registration form please email chrisp@haurakirtlb.org.nz

FREE OF CHARGE

We now have 30 FREE spaces for this workshop for Parents/Caregivers of Paeroa College. If you would like to attend simply email: chrisp@haurakirtlb.org.nz by Friday 18 June.

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3PM



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The Carehouse Building
21 Willoughby Street Ph 07 862 9129



Paeroa Community Support Trust

TE TIRITI O TE KURA TUARUA O PAEROA

MAHI TAHI KIA KAHA

Ka whakaute tātou i ngā tāngata, ā tātou tāonga me tō
tātou taiao hoki

Ka ākina e tātou te manawanui, te haumarutanga, ā, he
taiao e whakatinana ana i te pōwhiri

Ka maioha tātou i te tangata me te wāhi noho ai tātou

Ka tū tātou me te mōhio nā tātou ā tātou ake mahi

E nahanaha ana, e rite ana tātou

Ka ngākau titikaha tātou ki te ako

Ka whakahīhi tātou i ā tātou mahi katoa

Ka tautoko tātou i a tātou

He tauira tātou katoa

He whānau kotahi tātou

Ka ngākaunui tētehi ki tētehi



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“Excellence in Everything”