



*Excelling as a creative, innovative, can do community.*

# Paeroa College Comment

2 July 2021



Head Student of Sport Jana Smith and Captain of the 1<sup>st</sup> XV Korbin Chwesik welcomed and interviewed Chief's players Tom Florence and Robb Cobb at assembly on Thursday.



## Coming Events

5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> July  
Matariki Week

5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> July  
Y9 Project Week

9<sup>th</sup> July  
Last day of Term 2

26<sup>th</sup> July  
Start of Term 3

27<sup>th</sup> July  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
(4.30pm in Hape)

12<sup>th</sup> August  
Teacher Only Day

24<sup>th</sup> August  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
(4.30pm in Hape)

25<sup>th</sup> August  
Whole school HSP Day

27<sup>th</sup> August  
Daffodil Day

8<sup>th</sup> September  
Sports Photos

28<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> September  
Year 12 Camp - Rotorua

# Principal's Message

Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa,

Warm greetings to you all. In particular, I extend a huge welcome to the many new students who have joined us in the past few weeks. I trust you will love the Paeroa College community and will grow and flourish in your time here. We look forward to getting to know you and to working alongside you.

This week has been our Sports week, which culminated in a visit by a couple of Chiefs players who spoke in assembly. They shared positive messages with our students about the importance of attitude, commitment and humility to success in any endeavour. Congratulations to our student leaders for a successful week. Next week will bring Year 9 project week and our whole-school celebration of Matariki. It is fitting that we celebrate new beginnings and give thanks for the year that has passed.

It has been an exciting and busy term and we are now on the count-down to term break. Our students are currently focussed on their AMPS and NCEA assessments and our Year 11s have just begun their second semester classes. Over the break, please encourage your children to use this time to relax and refresh. The evidence is very clear that, in the complex modern world, family time brings a deep sense of belonging and is incredibly important to our children's well-being. They may not always act like it, but you are still the most important influence in their lives. Take them out for a walk or a bike ride, spend time cooking together, try some board games and device-free family dinners. All of these little things contribute to wellbeing and emotional resilience.

Thanks to all of you who are partnering with us to increase the attendance of every student. The Ministry of Education considers regular attendance to be attending more than 90% of the time. Students who miss more school than this have lower rates of learning and attainment. There is also a direct link between attending school and student well-being and sense of belonging. While there are valid reasons for missing school such as illness or bereavement, these should equate to very few days over the year. It is important to note that any day off school (justified or not) means the student is missing out on important learning.

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

# NCEA

## NCEA CHANGES

*What is NCEA and how is it changing?*

NCEA (National Certificate of Educational Attainment), the qualification Paeroa College Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13 students work towards has been under review by the Ministry of Education. This review has led to some large-scale changes to make the system easier to understand, fairer and more credible. These changes are currently being trialled in schools across New Zealand. Once the trialling has been completed the changes will be rolled out into all schools including Paeroa College.

*Who will these changes affect?*

These changes will be coming out in 2023 which means that they will affect our current Year 9 students and any others after that. Our Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 students will not be affected by the changes.

*How are we preparing for these changes?*

The teacher only days we have had over this year have been preparing staff for these changes. Later this year we will hold a whānau information evening for whānau of Year 9 students to explain what these changes mean for their students learning and future qualifications.

*How can I find more information?*

If you would like to learn more about the changes please visit

<https://ncea.education.govt.nz/what-ncea-change-programme>, here you can view an outline of each change and a timeline for the changes. You can also contact the school on 078627579 if you have specific questions around NCEA.

## What's happening in the classroom?

Year 9 students will be doing their Term 2 Project Week next week. Students will be making sculptures and props for their own Matariki films, which will then be entered into Showquest On Film.

Year 10 Project Week was part of the Creatives in Schools 'Ohinemuri hikoi' and all the students have completed their tile making with Mike O'Donnell and are working on their soundscapes with Kristian Bennett. This project should be completed during Term 3 and then will have an exhibition open to the community – watch this space.

Semester 1 Academies have finished. Semester 2 Academies start this week with Sports, Sculpture, Horticulture, Maori Performing Arts, Fabric, Café as well as Gateway and Trades.

# Enviroschools

The 16<sup>th</sup> of June saw Paeroa College hosting an Enviroschools Zero Waste Professional Development day for our local area. Ruairi Kelly, our Enviroschools facilitator, ran a great day where the students were given a tour of our local landfill and the Smart Environmental recycling plant in Kopu.

It was enlightening and we had never seen so much rubbish in one place before. It increased our awareness of making good choices around what we do with our rubbish. The next step here at the College is thinking about the ways we can better manage our waste.

Thankfully, we have a great group of students who are going to take the lead in some exciting changes that will mean we make some big improvements. In the meantime, what can you do to better reduce, reuse and re-cycle?





# Fabric Academy

The Year 12 students in the Fabric Academy have just completed dresses for the charity “Dress A Girl Around the World”. Working with the New Zealand coordinator, each student has designed and made a unique dress. The dresses are gifted to the charity and shared with several agencies in developing countries around the world.

In many of these countries, young girls and women without clothing are vulnerable to trafficking and slavery. By gifting them a dress, it is a sign they are valued members of the community. A dress really has the power to change lives.

Our wonderful students have worked really hard to design beautiful dresses that are well-made to the specifications provided by the charity.



# 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

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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>

## Day Camp – Term 3 School Holidays



**DAY CAMP** Paeroa & Te Aroha

**Day Camp Training:**  
Friday, 5pm-7pm  
13th Aug & 10th & 24th Sept.  
**FREE Dinner and Skills.**  
WILSS Youth Volunteer Program & Paeroa Community Support Trust Training

**We need you, leader!**

*Help children of your community have a great experience at Day Camp 2021!*

**Day Camp**  
4th-7th October  
8:30am-4:30pm

**Training Required**  
**FREE Trip on Friday 8th October for Leaders ONLY.**

**CONTACT:** Deborah Turlington, 0273093940, [deborah@carehouse.org.nz](mailto:deborah@carehouse.org.nz)



## 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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