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# Paeroa College Comment

13 August 2021



Over 200 hundred secondary school teachers attended the Teacher Only Day held at Paeroa College on Thursday this Week.



## Coming Events

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

25<sup>th</sup> August  
Whole school HSP Day  
12.00noon – 6.50pm

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

6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> September  
Wig Week

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

13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> September  
Te wiki o Te Reo Māori week

20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> September  
Mental Health Week

28<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> September  
Year 12 Camp – Rotorua

1<sup>st</sup> October  
End of Term 3

18<sup>th</sup> October  
Start of Term 4

27<sup>th</sup> October  
Sports Prizegiving  
1.00pm-3.00pm

3<sup>rd</sup> November  
Senior Prizegiving

12 November  
Māori & Pasifika Awards

14 December  
Junior Prizegiving

# Principal's Message

Kia ora e te whānau,

Learning is in full swing here at Paeroa College! Term 3 is always an important time for students to focus on their educational experiences. Our rangitahi are amazing in the support they give to one another and the dedication with which they approach their studies. I look forward to our HSP (Home-School Partnership) later this month, on the 25th. We have adjusted the hours (12:00-7:00 PM) for additional flexibility to support all families to meet with us. For students, it is compulsory to attend at least one learning conference. Please prioritise coming along with your child as it is incredibly powerful when our students know the adults in their life are working together. We know that when schools, parents and whānau, students and the community work together, our young people do better in school.

As we inch closer to the end of year, NCEA continues to be a strong focus for our senior students. We are working in partnership to ensure that NCEA outcomes are in line with each student's goals and aspirations. You may be aware that there will be changes to NCEA in the coming years. Most of these changes will affect students currently in year 9 and younger. We will invite you for a kanohi ki te kanohi (face-to-face) NCEA workshop in Term 4 to support you to understand the changes in NCEA. We will also share resources with you to ensure you are aware of the changes and their implications. On Thursday, it was our privilege to host six local secondary schools for a Thames-Coromandel Teacher Only Day. The topic was the changes to NCEA. I appreciate your patience in allowing us this time to liaise with other secondary schools and ensure solid plans are in place to implement the changes.

The most important message I have for you today is that you do not need to worry. Paeroa College is well ahead in our strategic plan for implementation of the coming NCEA changes. We have got this!

Finally, I want to acknowledge your support last Saturday at our community working bee. It was humbling that so many of you were able to give of your time in support of the college. The grounds are looking outstanding and are a reflection of the aroha of our caretaker, Lester Fox and groundsman, Brain Tokerangi. I know that our students rise to the expectations we have for them, for ourselves and for the environment. When students come to school, this beautiful welcoming place tells them they are valued and important; that they are worth every effort.

Nga mihi nui,

Amy Hacker  
Tumuaki/Principal

## Message from the Board of Trustees

At the last monthly BoT meeting I stood down as the Chair, a position I have held for a number of years. I had shared my intention to do so a couple of months ago to allow for a transition prior to next year's triennial elections.

I would like for the school community be aware that I am continuing to serve out this term and my sub-committee responsibilities and would seriously consider standing for another term at next year's elections.

Many thanks to my fellow board members and to the wider community for your support through my chair's tenure.

Bill Tissingh

It's a privilege to take on the role of Chair of the Paeroa College Board of Trustees. We are fortunate that Bill Tissingh is continuing his many years of service on the Board after stepping down as Chair.

As a past pupil of the College and strong believer in our Paeroa community, it is good to be a part of our positive and growing school. Paeroa College does more than provide strong educational, vocational and sporting opportunities for our students, the culture of the school helps our young people learn how to be valuable citizens of New Zealand.

My career has been based around dairy farming, both here in the greater Waikato and some years spent overseas. I have governance experience in commercial, corporate and not for profit organisations.

Our current Board has a good mix of perspectives and experience and enjoys positive interactions with our Principal and staff. Feel free to contact myself or any BOT member or come to one of the College Community Consultation hui that are held every term. We look forward to continuing to work together.

Conall Buchanan



## Board of Trustees Student Representative

Nomination forms are available from the student centre if you know someone who you think would do a great job representing the student body once a month at the Board of Trustees meeting. Nominations close on the 20<sup>th</sup> August. If required elections are on the 24<sup>th</sup> September.

Please see Jana if you have any questions about the role. Heads up – it is a paid position 😊

## HSP ( Home School Partnership)

The second HSP (Home School Partnership) parent interviews for 2021 is coming up on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August. We are doing things a little bit differently this time.

Over the past week, you should have received contact from your student's ACA teacher about the need for an interview. This contact would have been around booking a time for you to come in and talk through how your student is going overall this year, or to let you know that your student is tracking well and will not need to be seen by their ACA teacher.

ACA (Achievement, Citizenship & Agency) is a class that looks after the broader education of the whole student. It is run by the two year level Deans.

You will receive a second letter explaining how you can book appointments to see classroom teachers, Deans, attendance teachers as you need. It is compulsory for students to attend at least one learning appointment.

If you are having difficulties please contact Deb Berry in the student centre 07 862 7579 and she will be able to help you with this.

# 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.



Informed by a year-long public engagement, the NCEA Change Package paves the way for the most significant reform of senior secondary schooling in almost two decades.

- 1** **Make NCEA more accessible**  
- zero fees, fewer barriers for learners with disabilities and learning support needs, and learners are able to see their culture, identity and language reflected in their learning
- 2** **Mana ōrite mō te mātāuranga Māori (equal status for mātauranga Māori in NCEA)**  
- ensure mātauranga Māori is equitably valued and resourced in NCEA, broadening access to mātauranga Māori pathways and increasing teacher capability
- 3** **Strengthen literacy and numeracy (Te reo matatini me te pāngarau standards and assessments)**  
- ensure students with an NCEA have functional literacy and numeracy skills that will ready them to transition into tertiary education or the workplace
- 4** **Fewer, larger standards**  
- new achievement standards and resources will be developed to replace all existing standards and ensure that the most significant learning in each subject is credentialled
- 5** **Simplify NCEA's structure**  
- credits can no longer be carried over to the next level. Sixty credits are required to pass each NCEA level along with Te Reo Matatini me te Pāngarau (Literacy and Numeracy) co-requisite
- 6** **Clearer pathways to further education or work**  
- develop a Vocational Entrance Award to clearly signal when a student is ready to transition into higher level vocational education and strengthen vocational pathways through NCEA
- 7** **Keep NCEA Level 1 optional**  
- ensure Level 1 provides students with the broad, foundational learning needed to support further study at Levels 2 and 3 where there will be opportunities for greater specialisation



## Exchange Students



I'm Caitlin and I am a fifteen-year-old from Adelaide Australia. Around two years ago my parents approached me with the idea of going on an exchange, although I never imagined I'd be in New Zealand. I had originally planned on going to Spain for a yearlong exchange, but when Covid-19 hit, I gave up hope on going on an exchange at all. Luckily the Trans-Tasman bubble opened and an exchange to New Zealand seemed possible. I was then placed with my host family and was told I would be attending Paeroa College. I researched the college and was instantly excited to attend due to the connection with Māori culture and vast subject choices. I have loved my first few weeks and can't wait for the rest of my time here.

## Community Consultation: Health and Physical Education curriculum

At least every 2 years, the Board must consult with its school community on its health curriculum implementation plan. Schools are all required to:

Inform the school community on the content of the Health and Physical Education (HPE) curriculum and consult the school community on how the HPE curriculum will be implemented.

We are interested in partnering with you to discuss how the school community would like the HPE curriculum to be implemented given your views, beliefs and customs. Broad consultation is part of our focus on whole-school wellness and will assist the board in determining the health education needs of our students. This component of the curriculum is critical to ensuring the school is inclusive and is a physically and emotionally safe place where every student can reach their highest possible standard in educational achievement. We invite you to be part of this consultation process. If you would be willing to answer a brief survey or join a small focus group to discuss this topic, please phone Yolande Lowe, Board Secretary, to register your interest.

# 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 Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday's 9.00am – 3.00pm.

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

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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>



WHO'S MAKING A DIFFERENCE?

**ONYA**

2021 AWARDS

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**IN THE HAURAKI DISTRICT WE CARE**

We care about each other, we care about looking after the environment and we care about keeping our communities vibrant and safe.

Our **ONYA** Awards recognise people that make a positive difference in our communities in so many different ways.

Nominations open until 4pm Tuesday 31 August 2021

For more information or to nominate someone, visit our website <https://weneedtotalk.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/> or call into any of our offices or libraries.

Together today, tomorrow and in the future, we say

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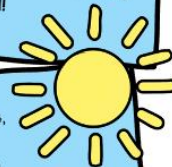
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**26<sup>th</sup> September**

**9<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> October**

Experience in the water is a must. You've got to know your way around some freestyle, the rest you'll learn. Anyone 14 years and older welcome.

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**wblifeguardcamp@gmail.com**

## 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** whakahīhī 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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