



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

# Paeroa College Comment 26 November 2021



Congratulations to Martha Brown (L) our 2021 Proxime Accessit and to Hannah Fielden (R) our DUX for 2021.



## Coming Events

29<sup>th</sup> Nov – 2 December  
Y10 Camp

3 December  
Teacher Only Day

14<sup>th</sup> December  
Junior Awards Assembly

14<sup>th</sup> December  
End of Term 4

### 2022 Dates

2<sup>nd</sup> February  
Y11-Y13 Course Confirmation

3<sup>rd</sup> February  
Leadership Day

4<sup>th</sup> February  
Y13 Camp Day

8<sup>th</sup> February  
Start of the 2022 school year

# Principal's Message

The below was delivered at our Senior Awards Assembly

Tēnā koutou  
Nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa  
Ki te atua-tēnā koe  
Ki a papatuanuku – tēnā koe  
Ki te kura – tēnā tatou  
He mihi... ki a Karangahape... te maunga  
He mihi... ki a Ohinemuri... te awa  
Tēnā koutou tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

Welcome to the 2021 Senior Awards Assembly. This is a time to celebrate, as a community, all those who have aspired to excellence, to celebrate those who have given it their best, to celebrate those who had a go, who persisted, who tried, who stepped outside their comfort zone. So, whether you step onto the stage for an award or not, we celebrate your commitment, resilience, and all that you have brought to our learning community this year.

This awards ceremony is a bit different this year, due to the restrictions on public gatherings brought about by the Covid-19 alert levels. Therefore, we are conducting this awards assembly rather than our traditional Senior Prizegiving. Thank you to those of you who are here in person, and those that are with us remotely, through our private live stream. Thank you for taking the time to be with us in spirit. To all of our supportive community members, parents and caregivers, and our extended whānau, thank you so much for your commitment to partnering with us. I am not exaggerating when I say the successes, we are about to celebrate would not be possible without full community support.

I would especially like to acknowledge and personally thank our committed Board of Trustee members, who have walked alongside me, our staff and students every step of this complex year. We are incredibly fortunate to have wise and dedicated governors who are generous with their time and expertise and who place our students firmly at the heart of every decision they make.

2021 has been both an outstanding year for Paeroa College and a challenging year for both our school and our community. The most significant acknowledgement I have this evening is to the adaptability, resilience and exceptionally hard work of our staff. This includes our teachers, teacher aides, administrative staff, and grounds people. Despite the incredible pressures of the year, and at significant personal cost, they have worked tirelessly to ensure this year's extraordinary circumstances have not impacted our students' educational successes. They have been instrumental in focussing the narrative on our students, their needs, and what is required to ensure their personal and educational success. Despite the challenges of the year, our students will nevertheless earn their NCEA qualifications in record numbers. Our moto "Mahi Tahī Kia Kaha" underpins the philosophy of this college as we work together to ensure positive educational outcomes for all of our students. I know you will join me in thanking our exceptional staff who consistently go above and beyond what might reasonably be expected.

To our community: 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 who finish the year with us have either earned their NCEA level 2 qualification or have a clear pathway towards it. In addition, I am excited that all of our Year 13 students are leaving us with a clear pathway into work, further training or tertiary education. It is with incredible optimism that we farewell them today. You will be missed. Please take a bit of this beautiful school with you wherever your path takes you. Stay in touch, share your stories with us. We look forward to seeing all that you achieve in the years to come!

Finally, I would like to thank our sponsors, in particular the Rotary of Paeroa and Waikato University for underwriting the cash prizes and book vouchers our award winners receive. It is your thoughtfulness and commitment to our students that take, what would be a lovely day, and help make it extraordinary.

Now to the reason we are all here. Today we will honour the impressive talents, grit and determination of our young women and men. To our students I say: Today is about you and the learning and success you have achieved over this past year. This is your time to celebrate. This is the day when all of your teachers get the payback for their hard work. Seeing you achieve is the greatest reward a teacher can have. Hold your heads high when you walk across this stage. You are the most important taonga.

To the year 13's and other students who are now leaving school to follow your dreams, please know you will be missed and take a bit of us with you wherever you go. Dream big, remember your roots and give back whenever you can.

Tena koutou tena koutou tena koutou katoa

# Chromebooks 2022

Paeroa College has a limited number of these Chromebooks for sale \$320.00 plus GST - for our new 2022 students and families wishing to take up this offer.

Payment is required in full when placing your order, goods will arrive in January 2022.

This offer closes Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021.

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.

## **Samsung Chromebook 4 11.6" HD AG Intel Celeron N4020 4GB 32GB eMMC ChromeOS 1yr warranty WiFiAC + BT4, Webcam, USB-C, MicroSD Reader, BYOD, 1.18kg**

- **CPU Famil:** Intel Celeron
- **Memory Size:** 4GB
- **Screen Size:** 11.6 inches
- **Screen Resolution:** 1366x768
- **SSD Capacity:** N/A
- **HDD Capacity:** N/A
- **GPU Model:** Integrated Graphics
- **Operating System:** Chrome OS
- **eMMC Capacity:** 32GB
- **Touch Screen:** No
- **Refresh Rate:** 60hz
- **Clock Speed:** 1.1GHz
- **RAM Slots:** N/A
- **Graphics Card Type:** Integrated
- **Optical Drive:** None
- **/R Read:** No
- **Cellular Connectivity:** N/A
- **Wi-Fi:** Wi-Fi 5 (802.11ac)
- **Bluetooth:** Bluetooth 4.0
- **Colour:** Grey
- **Warranty:** Local - Return to Base
- **Weight:** 1.18 kg



# Senior Prizegiving Recipients 2021

Endeavour in Year 11

3<sup>rd</sup> in Year 11

2<sup>nd</sup> in Year 11

1<sup>st</sup> in Year 11

Hayden Lance

Mikaela Bradey

Jamie-Lee Owen

Grier Buchanan

Endeavour in Year 12

3<sup>rd</sup> in Year 12

1<sup>st</sup> = in Year 11

Sydney Stuart

Grace Wright

Ariihia Morehu

Hamish Buchanan

The Roger Hughes Trophy for commitment to learning

Jordyn Metekingi

Endeavour in Year 13

Nelson Thorne

Prime Minister's Vocational Excellence Award

Aimee Iremonger

POET Outdoor Education

Nelson Thorne

2021 House Shield

Maru

2021 House Cup

Maru

The Dawn Elliott Senior Art Scholarship

Hannah Fielden

Principal's Award for Leadership

Jana Smith

Paeroa Public Spirited Pupil

Jana Smith

The Maumahara Award

Ariihia Morehu

Proxime Accessit

Martha Brown

DUX

Hannah Fielden



## Spirit of Adventure

A group of Y10 students along with myself had the most amazing opportunity and experience and were honoured to be a part of. If you didn't know already us ten girls and Mrs Gurnick headed off to Tauranga a few weeks ago not knowing much, other than we were going to spending the next 5 days on the Spirit of Adventure with three other schools all in competition of a trophy.

We learnt how to put up and down the sails with the helping hand of our crew member Suzie. That first day we sailed to Slipper island a very beautiful place. While we were staying there, we managed to see just a glimpse of a whale which we were amazed by. Each night there were rotations of night watch which was a very important job to make sure nothing happens while everyone was sleeping. That first night Gracie and I got the first shift while completing the first quiz for points which we managed to come away with the win.

We woke for our 6:30am swim and most mornings the sky was absolutely beautiful not a cloud in the sight which stayed the same for the rest of the trip. This is where I will say a massive shoutout to our cook JR because all our meals were absolutely delicious. Each day we stretched our comfort zones by jumping off the front of the boat or a rope swing into the sea, rowing the rafts all the way to land some of us even climbed up the masts.

Along the way there were many challenges where we managed to win loads but we found out we weren't so good at the arty sides of things unfortunately. Many laughs when Keileigh would fall on ropes almost every day. On the third day we saw this very playful whale which was so exciting we also saw some dolphins, stingrays and so many jellyfish. Gracie actually claims she got stung on the face but we weren't so sure. Throughout our voyage we grew so close as a team and really worked together to complete each challenge. On the last day when we were all exhausted and a little red, the crew announced the Tauranga girls had won the trophy but we did manage to get runners up.

I would like to say a massive thank you to Mrs Gurnick who gave up her time to come away with us girls and she was definitely the light of our team always smiling and always giving all the challenges her best even climbing the highest on the masts. We were so grateful for you Mrs Gurnick so thank you so much for all you did for us girls. We all will treasure the memories and experiences we had on this trip for the rest of our lives and are so grateful for the opportunity we had. Thank you Milah McGahan.



# 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 eftpos or payment by bank transfer.**

# Important Contact Details

## Senior Leadership Team

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# Community Notices



**STREET SMART**  
Presented by  
**SKODA** and **CARTER'S**  
tyre service

"The Street Smart Programme is something that we believe is hugely important and potentially life-saving."  
Greg Murphy - Programme Ambassador

Street Smart is a world-class, cognitive-based driver programme that aims to positively influence the lives of young kiwis across the country, and help them to become a safer and more aware driver on our roads.

Offering a practical hands-on learning experience, Street Smart is a one-day event providing young drivers and their parents/caregivers the opportunity to undertake supervised driving practice. There is a focus on developing good decision-making strategies for safe driving, including assessing themselves, reading the road environment, resisting peer pressure, managing or eliminating distractions, and planning ahead.

Street Smart takes place in safe, controlled, off-the-road environments, under the watchful eye of qualified coaches plus the parent/caregiver. This provides the parent the opportunity to also assess themselves, in order to be a better coach and mentor to their teen.

Coming to a venue near you, the Street Smart programme could save lives in your community. To register visit: [www.streetsmart.nz](http://www.streetsmart.nz)

**SKODA** **CARTER'S** tyre service **roadsafety** **Road Safety** **MBR** **MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT** **Hampton Downs** **Highlands**

[WWW.STREETSMART.NZ](http://WWW.STREETSMART.NZ)

**DECEMBER 2021  
DATES NOW OPEN**

**STREET SMART**  
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**Hampton Downs**  
Sun 5th and Mon 6th Dec

**Feilding**  
Wed 8th Dec

**Taupo**  
Fri 10th Dec

**Christchurch**  
Mon 13th Dec

**Cromwell**  
Wed 15th Dec

**Timaru**  
Fri 17th Dec

Don't Miss Out - Register Now

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## **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** taurira tātou katoa

**He** whānau kotahi tātou

**Ka** ngākaunui tētehi ki tētehi



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