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Paeroa College Comment

10 December 2021



Year 9 students out at the Buchanan farm for project week.



Coming Events

14th December
Junior Awards Assembly

14th December
End of Term 4

Have a fabulous summer!

2022 Dates

2nd February
Y11-Y13 Course Confirmation

2nd – 4th February
Uniform Shop Open
8.30am – 3.30pm
Chrome Book Distribution
8.30am – 3.30pm

3rd February
Leadership Day

4th February
Y13 Day Camp

8th February 8.40am
Start of the 2022 school year
Pōwhiri 10.00am

11th February
Swimming Sports

18th February
Athletics Sports

23rd – 25th February
Y9 Camp

25th February
Community Service Day

Principal's Message

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Wow! What a year it has been! This final College Comment gives me the opportunity to offer you, our Paeroa College families, my deepest thanks and appreciation. We could not do it without you. Your children are our treasure and we do not take lightly the privilege of helping them to grow and develop their own personal gifts and abilities. With an ever-growing roll, it is an honour to be entrusted with their so-important education.

I would also like to offer a debt of gratitude to the incredible staff of Paeroa College. It has been both an outstanding year and a challenging one. Despite intense pressures, and at significant personal cost, our staff have worked tirelessly to ensure this year's extraordinary circumstances have not impacted our students' educational successes. This year's challenges included complications due to threats of Covid-19 community transmission and the necessity to learn remotely; our students will nevertheless earn their NCEA qualifications and endorsements in record numbers. Our moto "Mahi Tahi Kia Kaha" underpins our philosophy as we work together to ensure positive educational outcomes for all students.

I would also like to thank the Board, parents, caregivers, and extended whānau who have partnered with us to make 2021 very special indeed. It takes a huge team effort to guide our students through the school year. It is with considerable humility that I am able to say we have sustained each other through this year's challenges. We are beginning to look towards a fresh page which will be 2022.

Finally, I would like to thank all of you who have supported the college over the course of the school year. We owe you a debt of gratitude. All the very best for your summer break and the joys of the Christmas season. I wish you a happy, safe and refreshing holiday and look forward to seeing you and your children in 2022.

Nāku noa nā, ngā manaaki,
Amy
Principal/Tumuaki

Message from the Board of Trustees

After many valuable years as a member of the Paeroa College Board of Trustees, a number as Chair, Mr Bill Tissingh has resigned.

The Board thanks Bill for his considered, practical and empathetic input to the life of the college and wish him all the best for the future.

Bill Tissingh's dedication to the college, and the wider education community in our town has had significant positive impact.

When we read the proverb below, we think of Bill.

He aha te mea nui o te ao? - He tangata, he tangata, he tangata.

What is the most important thing in the world? - It is the people, it is the people, it is the people.

2 Jabs for School Sport

The board of School Sport NZ and the Executive of the Waikato Secondary Schools Sport Association have confirmed that all sanctioned events in Term 1 2022 (including the term 1 holidays) will be restricted to fully vaccinated participants, aged 12(and 3 months) and over, only. It is expected that this mandate will continue for Terms 2-4. Where practicable, this mandate also extends to spectators attending. In practice, this will mean that when sport takes place in enclosed spaces (such as indoors or clearly fenced areas), spectators will need to produce a vaccination certificate and photo ID.

The Paeroa College Board of Trustees has determined that Paeroa College will comply with this mandate by restricting participation in interschool sport to fully vaccinated students. This notice is given in advance to allow plenty of time for vaccination compliance prior to the start of the 2022 school year.

Quite simply, school sport at Paeroa College will not be able to proceed if Covid Vaccination Certificates are not checked, as the gathering limits at Orange and Red are too restrictive for viable sports events to take place. Additionally, many public venues and facilities where sanctioned events take place are requiring Covid Vaccine Passes for entry. This mandate provides clarity that will allow us to plan with confidence that school sport events will be able to continue. Thank you for your consideration.

Amy Hacker
Principal/Tumuaki

Please contact Miah Williams, Deputy Principal and Director of Sport with any questions.

Dates for the start of 2022

Below are the dates for start of the 2022 school year. All students who do not have their own devices will need to come to school between the 2nd and 4th of February to collect their device for 2022. Please remember there is a \$100.00 bond to be paid at this time.

The uniform shop is also open from the 2nd to the 4th of February. This will now be in the hall. We ask that you enter the hall through the student centre. We will only have Eftpos as a payment option, so no credit card or cash. We will also have a second- hand uniform rack. We are able to do quotes for WINZ if you require.

Further information will follow in mid -January on our Facebook page, Instagram page as well as our website www.paeroacollege.school.nz.



Welcome to 2022

- Wednesday 2nd February – Y11-Y13 Course Confirmation
Online bookings available, further information will be emailed out.
- Thursday 3rd February – Leadership Day
(Head Students, Prefects, House Leaders) 9.00am - 12.00pm
- Friday 4th February – Y13 Day Camp and POET Training
9.30am - 3.00pm
- Tuesday 8th February – Y9 & all new students Pōwhiri
starting at 9.45am – all new students need to be at school by 9.30am
Y10-Y13 School year starts at 8.40am

Enrolments for new students from Tuesday 1st February 2022

Uniform Shop and Chromebook Distribution:

2nd - 4th February 2022 8.30am - 3.30pm

School is closed 31st January – Auckland Anniversary Day

7th February – Waitangi Day observed



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Year 10 Camp

On Monday 29th, we headed up to the Kauaeranga Valley for our Year 10 camp. None of us knew that much about what we would be doing apart from a 3-4 hour walk up the Pinnacles. On Monday we found out who was in our groups and had a discussion with our leaders and set some goals we wanted to achieve over the camp which we would look back on at the end to see if we achieved. We then drove down to the Pinnacles car park where we patiently waited to begin our hike with our big bags that held our clothes and food inside.

We were all eager to get going as not many of us had done the walk before and were curious as to what the next few hours would bring. After about 4 hours, multiple stops and what felt like endless stairs we made it to the Pinnacles hut. From there a small group went on a 50-minute walk to Pinnacles summit. From there we had a pretty awesome view, we could see out to Whangamata and Mt Te Aroha. We spent the night at the hut and headed back down the next morning, the way down was obviously a lot easier and took us around 2 hours.

Once we arrived at the campsite where we spent the last 2 nights, we set up our tents and started on our rotations of activities which over the 2 days included mountain biking, orienteering/bush craft, rafting/swimming at Hoffman's Pool, a short walk up the Edwards Track and a tour of the DOC centre. All the activities were fun but also challenging in different ways which pushed us all to get out of our comfort zones and try things we may not have done before.

On the 2nd night we had our camping style masterchef with our gas cookers. We all whipped up a meal we were all proud of. Although a few of us forgot to send in our recipes to Mrs Gurnick which meant we had to quickly improvise with the leftover ingredients, it still turned out delicious.

On the last day we cleaned up around the campsite and did a few fun activities. The weather made it tricky for us to pack up as it was raining so we couldn't take the tents down, luckily the POET people were kind enough to do that for us after we left. On the way back we had our last stop at Hoffman's Pool for a quick dip then it was back on the bus to school.

I would like to give a massive thanks on behalf of our year group to Mr Knyvett and Mrs Gurnick for organising an unforgettable camp and always encouraging us to keep going. Although some of us might have complained going up the Pinnacles I think it's safe to say it was worth the view. I'd also like to thank the Year 12 leaders for helping out and always giving us something to laugh about. Lastly thanks to our wonderful chef Mrs Grimmer and the other teachers Mr Cameron, Miss Hodgson, Mr Van, Mr Price and Matua Rewi. Thank you for taking time away from your families to ensure we had an awesome camp.

Danica Halden Y10



Year 9 / Year 10 Project Week

This week has been a busy week for all Junior Students as they have been involved in our final Project Week of the year.

Year 9s have enjoyed working on a 'Zombie Theme' which included everyone having a game of Dungeons and Dragons. All students enjoyed creating characters and deciding how they would deal with a group of zombies invading the college. The Year 9s have also spent plenty of time out and about, taking part in many sports and physical activities. This has all been led by our excellent staff in Literacy and PE.

The Year 10s have spent some time outside of college this week. They have visited Te Pai o Hauraki which involved the students learning about our local stories and building a whare. They then went to the town swimming pool and a farm. This has all been led by our wonderful staff in Technology, Languages and Maths.

Friday saw everyone coming together to celebrate the week we have had. Well done and thank you to all who have been involved in creating Project Week. And well done to the students for all their hard mahi.



Paeroa College Garden Club 2021

The Garden Club got off to a good start in February 2021. There were edible plants and seeds to harvest over a period of several months.



The Runanga class harvested the Riwai as the previous years, Runanga had planted them in the spring of 2020.

A great crop of Kumara were harvested by the garden Club students, and these were used for the Matariki celebration meal later in the year.

During this time, we learnt about the history of the Quad, what a good soil is made up of and how to make compost. We also set up the Worm Farm adjacent to the canteen. This seems to be doing well but will need some monitoring over summer.



Mr Knyvett organised a Young Farmer of the Year contest which included planting Kahikatea trees in the Kahikatea stand. It was a great success and the Year 10 students showed how well they could plant a young tree.



Once the harvest was finished the marakai was sown in Blue Lupin seed as a nitrogen-fixing green crop to help rest and build up the soil again over winter.

We discussed the importance of seed saving and over the winter months the students learnt about saving and storing seeds, such as the Kanga ma (White Corn) that was grown in the marakai.

We also spent a session during winter learning how to make a Skin Balm using native plant extracts and natural ingredients.

Sorting seed over winter.

Local contractors Mel and Richard donated their time and Mulching Mower to clear the long grass from around the Kahikatea and Fruit trees in the Wild Orchard.



The College Enviro Group under Darcy's guidance decided to build a shade house over winter and his group sowed trays of native seeds. The Garden Club spent much of their winter potting up these seedlings.

Three new fruit trees were planted in the Wild Orchard.

During late winter the students planned the next springs planting and sowed seeds for the marakai.

Most sessions were followed by sampling food made from the garden. For example, Corn Muffins, Peaches and Ice Cream, warm cooked Riwai, and in the picture above the students are popping Popcorn that was grown in the marakai the previous year.



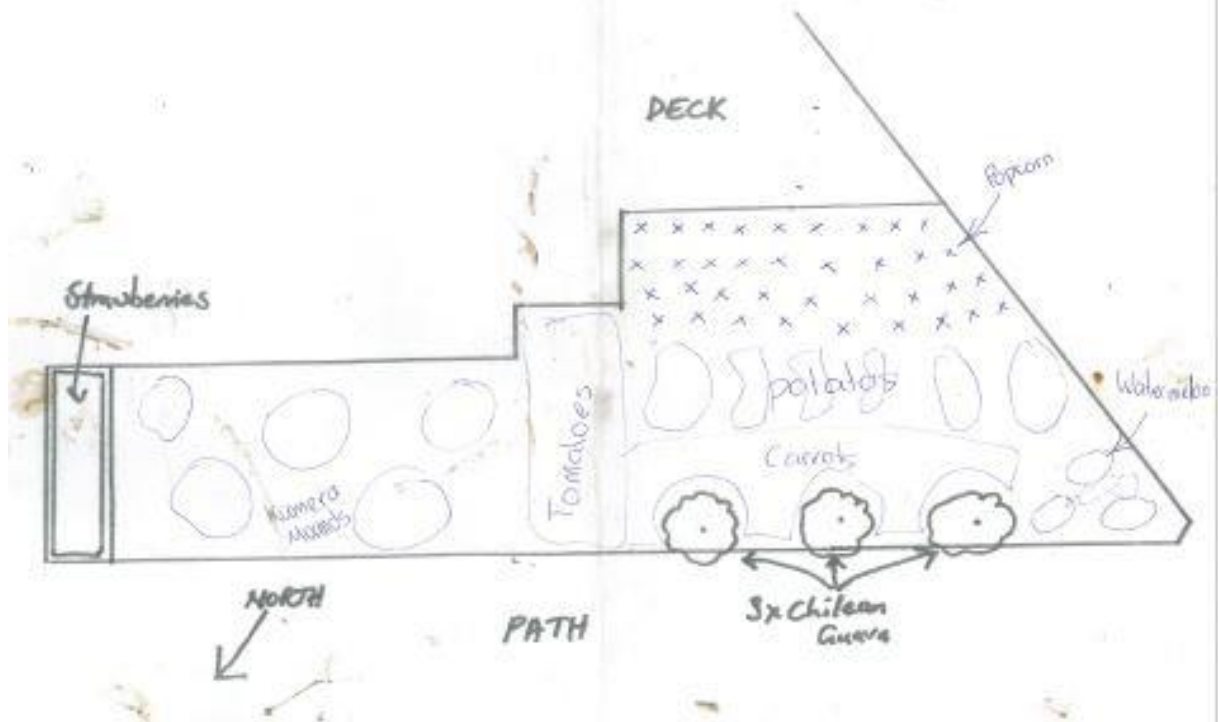
In spring the students visited Tarariki Pottery, to experience all the elements that they have been learning about during the year in a whole, working garden, and orchard.

This year I placed less emphasis on environmental issues and more simply on learning by doing.

I believe everything they are learning in this group is providing skills for future resilience and self-empowerment in our rapidly changing world.

The students have been very engaged especially with planting trees and seeds and potting up native seedlings. It will be rewarding for this class and future classes to see these native seedlings planted out along the edge of the school field and eventually established as a shelter belt for the college.

MĀRAKAI SPRING 2021 PLANTING.



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.

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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

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