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Paeroa College Comment

11 February 2022



Coming Events

Swimming Sports
(Postponed)

18th February
Top Team

21st February
Board of Trustees Meeting

23rd – 25th February
Year 9 Camp

Community Service Day
(Postponed)

Class Photos
23rd March

14th April
End of Term 1

2nd -6th May
Year 13 Camp

Principal's Message

Tēnā koutou katoa,

What an absolute pleasure it is to welcome all new and returning staff and students to the 2022 school year. Paeroa College has continued to experience considerable roll growth over the past 3 years. It is humbling to acknowledge the trust you and your whānau place in us as you bring your children, your most precious taonga to us for their secondary school education. This school sits firmly at the heart of Paeroa and its aspirations for our young people and their future.

I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to the new staff we are privileged to have among us. This year we welcome 3 new teachers to Paeroa College. I also welcome new whānau from Goldfields school, and new support staff.

I would like to acknowledge the relentless commitment and resilience shown in 2021 by the Board of Trustees, the staff, the community and iwi, the families and whānau and our students. I am sure many of us are experiencing pandemic fatigue, and I am humbled by the commitment that continues to create our positive student-centred educational environment with high expectations for all students.

We have established an expectation of excellence and the spirit of Mahi tahi Kia Kaha. We are determined that every student will discover their own path, their own place to stand, from which they can contribute to their community and wider society.

Our vision has once again resulted in outstanding academic progress and NCEA achievement. However, I am sure you will agree that the success of our school is measured not only in school qualifications, but more importantly in the character of our young people. They are outstanding.

Please be assured that my phone line is open. My door is open, and I promise to find the time to sit with you, with parents, with students, with school board members, and with community leaders to hear your aspirations for our young people and any challenges or concerns you hold in your hearts. I hope you will always feel that I value your time and, more importantly, that I value you.

Amy Hacker
Tumuaki/Principal

Change of Details

Please remember to let us know if you or your emergency contact for your child changes or your details change i.e., home phone number, your cell phone number or new address should you move houses, even your email address.

This way we can make sure our information is going to the correct place when sending reports, letters, newsletters or should we need to ring you regarding your child.

Student and Whānau Vaccination

We are happy to confirm that Paeroa College and all school transport services do not require proof of Covid-19 vaccination as a condition of using or accessing education. Therefore, we do not require evidence of your child's vaccination status. We also do not require evidence of parent or caregiver vaccination for you to come onsite to support student learning. (However, at the current traffic light RED setting, only essential persons can come on site.)

Nevertheless, it is helpful for us to have a record of student vaccination, should a Covid outbreak occur in our community. If you choose to share your child's vaccination status with the school, all reasonable steps will be taken to protect the privacy of this information. It will not be shared with outside parties without consent.

Interschool sport is regulated by outside bodies and is not considered an essential curriculum activity. Therefore, we are required to ensure all students participating in sport have been fully vaccinated.

We will continue to update you with the latest public health communication and other information as it becomes available.

Lunches in Schools, Period Products & Breakfast Club

We are very excited to let you know that our school will be continuing our free and healthy school lunch programme for 2022.

All parents want to provide their children with a healthy lunch every day. But, as you will know, there are many reasons parents can struggle, often through no fault of their own. We know that some of you will have been particularly affected by the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Offering lunch for all our children as well as local employment opportunities is the fair and right thing to do. This is why we participate in this programme. Catering for every child means we do not need to identify those who need it more than others. However, lunches are not compulsory, and you can continue to provide your child's lunch if you wish.

Lunches cater for the diet, health and cultural needs of all students, whilst making sure they are healthy and nutritious. All food meets New Zealand food safety standards. The lunches are available free of charge for all Paeroa College students.

Three amazing local women run and prepare our school lunches: Sally Dustow (Head Chef) and her team. Weekly menus are posted on the College social media pages Facebook and Instagram.

You can find out more about the programme at: www.education.govt.nz/free-and-healthy-school-lunches

If you have any further questions, please contact Rana Lloyd ranal@paeroacollege.school.nz, or the Ministry at school.lunches@education.govt.nz

We are kindly supported by the Kickstart Breakfast Programme sponsored by Sanitarium and Anchor. Breakfast club is every school morning from 8.00am - 8.35am. It is run by the senior students and a member of staff. Every student and staff member are welcome.

We are also supported by Kidscan. Kidscan provide our students with morning tea consisting of osm bars, fruit pottles and packets of nuts and seeds. This year we will also have fruit.

We also have free period products for all of our students.

When you need items, these can be obtained from the student centre. These are totally free for your entire time at Paeroa College.

So, if you are starting as a Y9 and you go through to Y13, that means you would have had 5 years of free products - that's right your caregivers no longer need to buy these items at the supermarket. Yes, we cover both pads and tampons, regular and super.

New Teaching Staff for 2022

We would like to introduce our new teaching staff for 2022.



Keely Muller – Science
Helen MacDuff – Art (Term 1)
Suzy Dunser – Mathematics and Literacy

We would also like to welcome our new Teacher Aide Tracey Baxter



Attending school at Traffic-Light Red

Schools are open and safe for students and staff to return. The only exception will be any students and staff who are unwell or students who have been advised to stay home due to complex medical needs. Students and staff who show symptoms that could be indicative of Covid-19 may be sent home and will need to be tested.

What Health and Safety procedures will be in place?

Our school has safe and sensible practices to maintain the health and safety of everyone on the school site. This includes rigorous cleaning, appropriate ventilation and avoiding large gatherings, especially indoors.

All staff and students are **required to wear masks** when at school.

Physical distancing is a good precaution to prevent the spread of disease. It's important that at school and at home, safe hygiene habits are practised by everyone, as this is essential to minimise the risk of someone becoming infected with Covid-19.

How safe is travel on school buses?

Physical distancing isn't practicable on school buses however, it's a controlled environment where contact tracing can take place if required.

All students using buses to travel to and from school must wear masks.

If a student appears sick, the transport company will contact the school bus controller immediately.

Can parents and caregivers come on site at school at Red?

Only in emergencies - and with some conditions.

- Please remain in your vehicles, if possible, when dropping off or collecting your child.
- The Ministry of Health requires us to maintain accurate contact tracing registers. This means all visitors **MUST** sign in at the Student Centre. There is only one visitor allowed in the Student Centre at a time.
- Parent visits to school should be kept as short as possible. Please also ensure you maintain physical distancing of two metres, and follow the necessary hygiene protocols, and wear a mask.

Will school lunches be available?

Yes, free and healthy school lunches will continue to be served on a daily basis. Students should bring their own water bottle.

Will there be assembly?

Assemblies and Pōwhiri will be postponed until further notice. Staff will carefully manage large student gatherings to minimise close contact, utilise outdoor spaces and avoid congestion.

What can we do to support the school and our children?

Reassure your child that school is a safe and healthy place for them to be. Young people thrive on routines and will look to adults for support and encouragement. However, please keep your child home if they are sick. Encourage physical distancing, good hand hygiene, not touching your face, good cough/sneeze etiquette and regular cleaning of high-touch surfaces to minimise any potential spread of the virus. **Ensure your child comes to school wearing a clean mask in good repair.**

What steps will be taken in the event of a Covid outbreak in Paeroa?

Schools, along with most other services, will remain open onsite at all colour settings, for all students to attend, subject to health and safety settings.

We have a good contact tracing system in place so that if there is a confirmed case who has been at school while infectious, we can quickly identify who was a close contact of that person. We will then quickly advise those contacts of what they need to do.

Only if the Ministry of Health or the Ministry of Education advises to do so, would we consider closing a physical onsite school and moving to distance learning for everyone. At Red we will keep everyone learning onsite for as long as we can.

Please make sure your contact details that are on file with us are up to date, so we can get in touch with you if needed.

What are the COVID-19 symptoms to monitor for and where should I seek help?

The Government guidelines can be found here <https://covid19.govt.nz/covid-19/about-covid-19/covid-19-symptoms/>.



School Leaders for 2022

Head Students:



Arts & Culture – Grace Wright, Manukura – Arihia Morehu, Wellbeing – Sydney Stuart, Learning – Jasmine Lucero, Sport – Amber McKain, Community – Hamish Buchanan

Prefects

Caitlin Harris, Hayden Lance, Hayley Harris, Kartiana Lee, Jamie-Lee Owen, Ella-Grace Tissingh, Riley Orr, Grier Buchanan & Nicholas Rosenberg.



House Leaders



Maru - Wairua Parata, Breanna Hill & Ryan Silvester



Ngakotu – Mikaela Bradey, Korbin Chwesik & Billie van Hellemond



Rapiri – Baylie Pratt & Emily Kerr
Absent – Elise Taukiri



Tara – Eli Lasenby, Jenna Cheum & Cooper Gaelic

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 8.30am – 3.30pm

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 Tuesdays from 12.00 noon – 2.00pm. 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 counsellors available at school. This service is available on Monday and Wednesday, 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.

Buses

Any queries regarding buses, please contact Pauline Kisling via email at paulinek@paeroacollege.school.nz

Important Contact Details

Senior Leadership Team

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Year 13 – Achievement - Darren van de Wetering	darrenv@paeroacollege.school.nz

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

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PAEROA COLLEGE TREATY

MAHI TAHI KIA KAHA

We respect people, their belongings & our environment

We promote a caring, safe & welcoming environment

We appreciate our people and place

We are supportive of each other

We own our actions & decisions

We are organised and prepared

We are committed to learning

We show pride in all we do

We are role models

We are inclusive

We are kind



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“Excellence in Everything”