



Excelling as a creative, innovative, can-do community

Paeroa College

Comment

25 March 2022



Members of the Café Academy Rebecca Harris, Shyla Ganderton and Travis Cox with Mrs Grimmer And their cookies they made last Friday



Coming Events

12th April
ANZAC Mufti Day

12th – 14th April
Y9 Project Week – Social Science

12th – 14th April
Y10 Project Week – Science

14th April
End of Term 1

25th April
ANZAC Day

2nd May
Start of Term 2

16th May
Teacher Only Day
(NCEA Changes)

20th May
Pink Shirt Day

9th -11th November
Year 9 Camp

November
Year 10 Camp

Principal's Message

It has been a challenging start of the year for our College. In addition to getting to know our new students, we have navigated the arrival of COVID into our community. I would like to thank everyone for your support and perseverance. The success of our "bubble school" format is evidenced by the very low numbers of current COVID cases in our school, and a return to near normal attendance. The College remains an open and happy place with active teaching and learning programmes in place. Evidence is very clear that students' wellbeing and learning is enhanced by being at school with their friends and school staff. Therefore, we encourage all students to come to school if they are well, symptom free and not required to isolate as household contacts.

Once again, the College has done exceptionally well at NCEA, with over 90% of our students earning their NCEA qualifications, well exceeding national averages. Please join me in celebrating the outstanding academic success of our senior students. Our commitment is that each and every student will achieve a robust and rigorous qualification that is well-matched to their needs and aspirations. We continue to work relentlessly towards this goal.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate those 2021 Year 11 through 13 students who gained a Merit, Excellence or Vocational endorsement. A full list of those students is included in this newsletter.

On Wednesday, the Prime Minister announced changes to the COVID-19 Protection Framework which will take effect from 11.59pm today. These changes have implications for schools in regards to vaccine mandates and My Vaccine Pass requirements.

These changes reflect the science and public health advice, and where New Zealand has moved to in our Omicron response. Overall, Hauraki is now a highly vaccinated region. While there are still cases of COVID, the timing for change reflects that we are moving into a post-peak phase.

At this point, New Zealand remains at Red. At Red, there is no change to masks in education settings: Medical-grade masks remain a requirement for staff working indoors with children and young people in Years 4-13. Setting Red will be reviewed by the government on Monday 4 April.

We will continue to focus on keeping our young people engaged in learning and as safe as possible. We are the sum of our individual choices and actions. Mahi tahi kia kaha. Be kind.

Stay home if you are feeling sick.

Noho ora mai/ stay well,

Amy

Mrs Hacker commuting to work on her bike.



NCEA Results

A huge congratulations to everyone who achieved Merit, Excellence or a Vocational Pathway for 2021.

Level 1 Merit

Kayla Campbell-Spinks
Ariki Emery-Thompson
Hayley Harris
Ciara Johnston
Hayden Lance
Wairua Parata
Nicholas Rosenberg

Level 1 Excellence

Mikaela Bradey
Grier Buchanan
Jamie-Lee Owen
Billie van Hellemond

Level 1 Merit



Level 1 Excellence



Level 2 Merit

Layla Ching
Caitlin Harris
Destinee Johnston
Jasmine Lucero
Sydney Stuart

Level 2 Excellence

Hamish Buchanan
Ariihia Morehu
Grace Wright

Vocational Pathways

Korbin Chwesik
Caitlin Harris
Ariihia Morehu
Ly Eng Sok
Grace Wright

Level 2 Merit



Level 2 Excellence



Vocational Pathways



Level 3 Merit

Hannah Fielden

Charlotte McKenzie-Jenner

Level 3 Merit



Cyber Safety

As part of our ongoing commitment to excellence and our duty to ensure students' safety and well-being, we're proud to remind you that we have *Linewize* filtering technologies.

Linewize is New Zealand's leading provider of cyber safety technology. *Linewize* helps us to ensure our students are safe and on task during school time.

This filtering technology is on our school network, school accounts and all devices that connect to our school network. This filtering technology blocks access to dangerous and/or age-inappropriate content. This is critical to our efforts to protect your children online during school time and when they are using their school-owned devices, whether your child is connected to the school's network or not (such as through mobile hotspotting). Learn more about Linewize, please visit their website www.linewize.com.

Our Commitment to Privacy

Please be assured that the school and Linewize take your privacy and security seriously. For more information - <https://www.familyzone.com/anz/legal>

Smoking and Vaping

Paeroa College reminds all families and students that schools are Smoke and Vape-free Zones. Vaping and cigarettes are prohibited by law at all times in all schools (including our grounds and buildings).

Vaping poses a significant health risk for young people. We challenge the perception that it is a harmless alternative to cigarettes. There is currently a lack of research regarding the harmful effects and long-term health issues caused by the use of vape.

As a school we continue to take a strong disciplinary stance on the elimination of vaping products and their use within school hours. We also strongly recommend that you protect your children from vaping outside of school hours.

Jersey, Jacket or Sports Hoodie orders

If you are wishing to purchase any of the above, orders will be open until the 8th April. This will give our manufacturers enough time over the term break to get the items embroidered and sent back to the school for the start of Term 2.

Jerseys are \$80

Jackets are \$75

Sports Hoodies are \$60 (please note the hoodie is not part of the standard day to day school uniform).

To order, please email yolandel@paeroacollege.school.nz.

All orders must be paid in full, or you may use your account if it is in credit.

Second-hand Uniform

We have a number of second-hand uniform items for sale. They are \$15.00 each. These can be charged to your account provided your account is in credit. The other payment option is via internet banking. The account number is Paeroa College BOT 03 – 1572 0004693 – 00 and please use your child's name as a reference.

If you would like any of these items, please email yolandel@paeroacollege.school.nz and they will be set aside for you.

Secondhand Uniform										
Size	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	
Senior Girls Blouse						1			1	
Senior Girls Skirts		1		1	2	1	3			
Senior Girls Long Pants			1	1						
Junior Girls Skirts				1		4				
Junior Girls Blouse	1		5	4		2				
Junior Girls Culotte							1			
Size	4S	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL		
Senior Boys Shirts			6		3	1				
Junior Boys Shirts	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	2		
Jersey			1							
Size	72	76	80	84	88	92	96	100		
Senior Boys Shorts		1	3	1	1	2	4			
Senior Boys Long Pants				1						
Junior Boys Shorts	1	3	1	2			2	1		

** At the time of print, the jersey has been sold

Attendance Matters

A student who misses one day on average a week, misses almost a whole term in a year.

Many thanks to those families who have been working hard to ensure your children attend school regularly. We know this is a challenging time for our community but want to reassure you that we have a decreasing number of COVID cases and systems in place to minimise any chance of COVID spread. There is a clear and measurable link between attendance and both academic and personal success.

The Ministry of Education considers regular attendance to be 90%. In a 10-week term, this equates to no more than 5 days absence, for any reason.

If your child is not in school, learning from home as approved by the school, or on a school activity, they are absent, regardless of the reason. This is true even if the absence is *Justified*. The Ministry recognises *Justified* absences to include absences due to short-term illness, bus breakdown, accident, road closure, national/local representation, bereavement, and exceptional family circumstances. Absences can also be *Explained*, meaning that you have notified the school, but the absence does not fall within the Ministry guidelines for *Justified* absences. *Explained* absences include reasons such as: caring for younger siblings, working on assignments, shopping trips, and unapproved holidays during term time. These types of absence are not recognised as being valid reasons for students to miss school.

Family holidays should be arranged outside of school term time, whenever possible. If this scheduling is unavoidable, please request a **leave of absence** in writing from your child's Dean, at least 7 days in advance. The Principal will respond in writing and help facilitate your child's continued learning during the leave. The leave will be recorded for Ministry purposes as *Justified*.

- Student responsibilities:
 - Arrive at school on time (8:40)
 - Attend classes on time and remain in class the entire lesson
 - Sign in at the Student Centre if you are more than 10 minutes late for the start of the school day.
 - Stay within the school grounds.
- Parent/caregiver responsibilities:
 - Phone or text the school when your child is unable to make it to school.
 - Avoid scheduling appointments during school hours
 - Personally sign students in and out if they need to leave school during the day for any reason.
 - Provide a written note, phone call or email to explain student absences on the day or as soon thereafter as is practical.

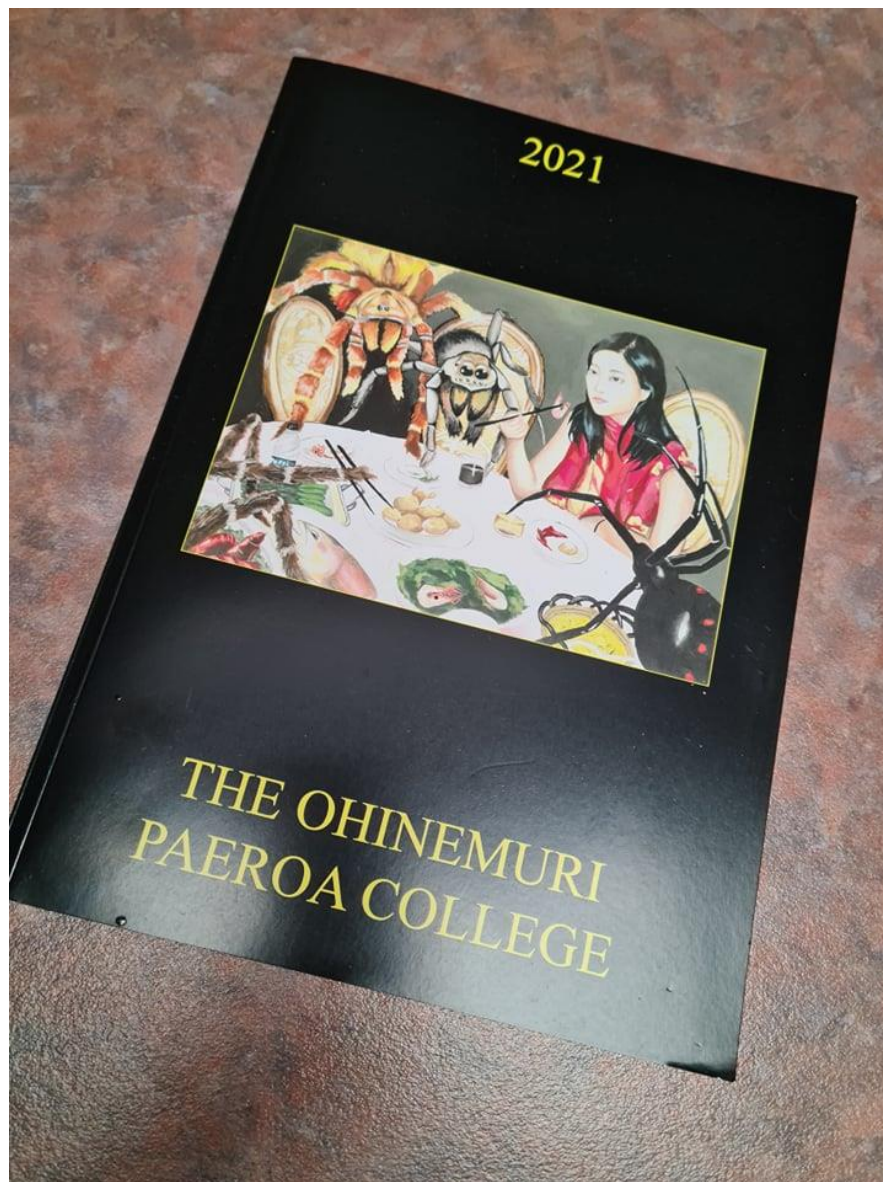
The Ohinemuri – School Magazine

At the end of every school year, we put together what we call The Ohinemuri – which is the Paeroa College school magazine.

This magazine is heavily subsidised by our local businesses, who by advertising support the cost of the printing of the magazine.

Every student is able to get one of these once it has been paid for. This magazine is automatically charged to your student's account. The cost is \$35.00. **However, if you wish not to receive one, could you please email yolandel@paeroacollege.school.nz and it will be removed from your account.**

We need to know this information please by 31st March 2022.



Paeroa College- Calculations for Academic Prize Giving

Although it is some ways from now, please see below for information as to how we calculate our end of year awards:

Senior Prizegiving

First in Subject: This is awarded to the top student in each NCEA subject. It shall be awarded to the student with the highest GPA in the subject.

First in Year 11: Students study a total of 13 semester-long subjects that contribute to the achievement of a Level 1 NCEA award. (This includes Semester 1 ACA). First in Year 11 shall be determined using the average GPA for the student's 10 best subjects. Where Level 2 or 3 Standards are included in a subject, they shall be weighted equally with Level 1 Standards.

First in Year 12: Shall be determined as per Dux calculation below but based upon NCEA Level 2 subjects. Where Level 3 Standards are included in a course, they shall be weighted equally with Level 2 Standards.

Dux: The Paeroa College Dux is the top NCEA academic student within the current Year 13 cohort. The Proxime Accessit is the runner up to this award.

The Dux award shall be determined by the Dux Committee. A maximum of 5 NCEA Level 3 subjects will be considered in the calculation of an overall GPA. This could include subjects completed in previous years. Overall GPA will be based on 4.5 subjects. Te Kura and Volcanics subjects can be considered. A minimum of 3 University Entrance subjects (each with a minimum of 14 credits) must be included.

Second and Third places follow this same process and are awarded if GPAs are above 3.0

Calculations of Subject GPA- NCEA Classes

Achievement Standards and Unit Standards are given 4 points for gaining Excellence, 3 points for Merit and 2 points for Achieved. Where a standard is only available at Achieved, 2 points are given for its successful completion. The credit value is multiplied by the point value of the grade awarded for that Standard to obtain a weighted average (GPA). All compulsory internal and external Standards in the course outline will be included in the calculation. This is 14 credits for a full year course, 5 for a semester course, and 8 for an Academy course. Any optional standards will not be included.

Junior Prizegiving

First in Subject: This is awarded to the top student in each subject. It shall be awarded to the student with the highest GPA in the subject. In year 9, arts and technology are treated as a single year-long subject.

First in Year 9: Students study a total of 4 year long subjects and 8 single term rotation technology and arts options. Each year-long course has 16 AMPS points available and each set of Arts options and Technology options also have 16 AMPS points available. First in Year 9 shall be determined using the average GPA for the student's 6 subjects. Literacy and ACA will not be included.

First in Year 10: Students study a total of 4 year long subjects and 4 semester (2 termly) technology and arts options. Each year-long course has 16 AMPS points available and each set of Arts options and Technology options also have 16 AMPS points available. First in Year 9 shall be determined using the average GPA for the student's 6 subjects. Literacy and ACA will not be included.

Calculating GPA

AMPS assessments are given 4 points for gaining Excellence, 3 points for Merit and 2 points for Achieved. The AMPS points value (4) is multiplied by the point value of the grade awarded for that AMPS assessment. This is then divided by the total AMPS points available to give a GPA.

Breakfast Club

This coming Monday, Breakfast club starts up again. It is held in the Pavilion starting at 8.00am – 8.30am.

This is run by our students and members of Paeroa Rotary. We are also sponsored by The Kickstart Breakfast Programme and Kidscan.



How to keep in touch with what is happening at Paeroa College

We thought it would be a good idea to share with you the platforms we use for communication home to our parents / caregivers of our Paeroa College students.

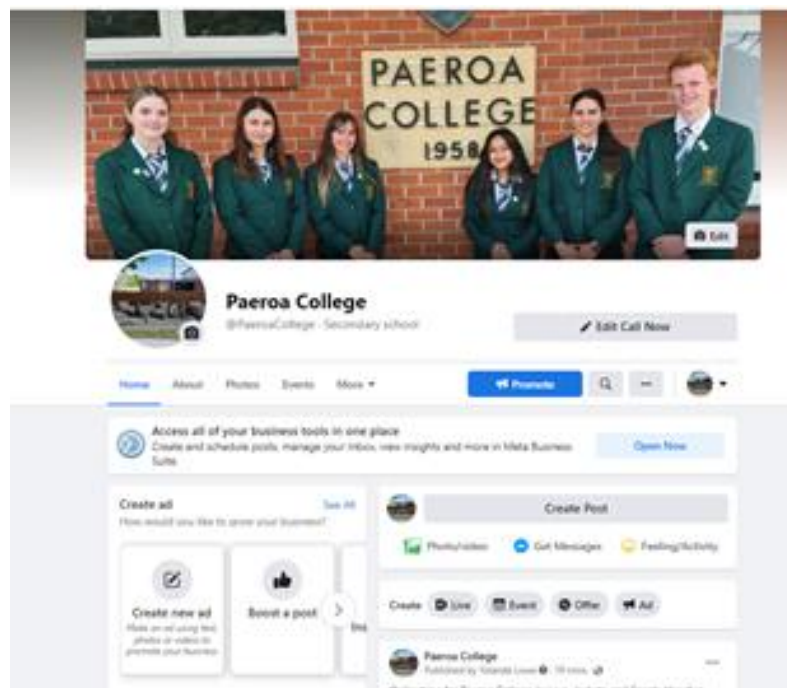
We use our Paeroa College Facebook page 90% of the time to keep you up to date with the comings and goings, celebrations etc at the College. We would encourage as many parents / caregivers as possible to follow Paeroa College page.

The link is <https://www.facebook.com/PaeroaCollege>

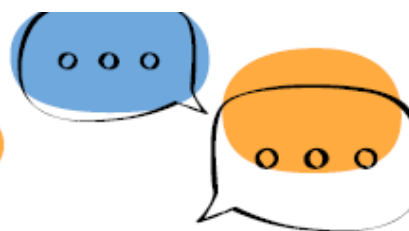
For keeping our students up to date we use the above as well as the Paeroa College Instagram page. Parents / caregivers, you are more than welcome to follow this page as well.

Our College Comment contains information you may need to keep pinned to the fridge to contact Deans or the text number for student absent from school.

If you have any questions or queries about any of our platforms, please contact Yolande Lowe via email yolandel@paeroacollege.school.nz



What is a Tohu?



? WHAT IS TOHU?

An acknowledgement of positive behaviour in line with the tikanga of our treaty.

Like a high five, hand shake or thumbs up!



? WHY DO WE GIVE THEM?

To acknowledge positive behaviours, increase positive interactions and foster positive relationships.

? WHO CAN GIVE THEM?

Anyone can give them to anyone - teachers to students and vice versa, or students/teachers to each other.

? WHEN ARE THEY GIVEN?

They can be given whenever someone is seen doing something positive, particularly in line with the tikanga of our treaty.

? WHERE ARE THEY GIVEN?

They can be given in class by teachers, or outside class by teachers or students.

? HOW ARE THEY GIVEN?

Scan the QR code and fill in the form!

WHAT HAPPENS WITH TOHU?

WEEKLY

All tohu for the week acknowledged in house meetings, and some in assemblies



TERMLY

Houses awarded house points based on whether they had the most tohu that term



ANNUALLY

House points gained from tohu each term contribute to house shield competition

SCAN ME



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 11.30am – 1.00pm. 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, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 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

Principal – Amy Hacker	amyh@paeroacollege.school.nz
Deputy Principal – Miah Williams	miahw@paeroacollege.school.nz
Deputy Principal – Tina Youngman	tinay@paeroacollege.school.nz
Deputy Principal – Andrew Cameron	andrewc@paeroacollege.school.nz

Deans

Year 9 – Pastoral – Chris Doak	chrisd@paeroacollege.school.nz
Year 9 – Achievement – Emma Black	emmab@paeroacollege.school.nz
Year 10 – Pastoral – Miranda Hodgson	mirandah@paeroacollege.school.nz
Year 10 – Achievement – Darcy Knyvett	darcy@paeroacollege.school.nz
Year 11 – Pastoral – Felise Tai'i	feliset@paeroacollege.school.nz
Year 11 – Achievement – Ramai Gurnick	ramaig@paeroacollege.school.nz
Year 12 – Pastoral – Miah Williams	miahw@paeroacollege.school.nz
Year 12 – Achievement – Tina Youngman	tinay@paeroacollege.school.nz
Year 13 – Pastoral – Ursula Johnson	ursulaj@paeroacollege.school.nz
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**

Accounts / Executive Officer – Debbie Gould	debbieg@paeroacollege.school.nz
Principal's PA – Yolande Lowe	yolandel@paeroacollege.school.nz
Student Services – Deb Berry	deb@paeroacollege.school.nz
Careers – Denise Grimmer	deniseg@paeroacollege.school.nz
Learning support & Student well-being –	andrewc@paeroacollege.school.nz

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Community Notice Board

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the Thames/Paeroa Tonga Relief dinner has had a change of plan.

The meals are now takeaway. The menu at \$30.00 per person for a 3-course meal.

Please follow the instructions on the flyer to order, and collection is from the Paeroa College Bus Bay between 5pm and 6pm on Saturday. Thames is on 2nd April.



STARTERS - KAI FAKAIFOIFO

Mussels bakes in creamy curry sauce, Garlic prawns

Masolo kale lolo'i, Prawns

MAINS - KAI EFIAFI

Pork spit roast, Lamb with creamy taro leaves, chicken chosui

Puaka tunu, Lu sipi, Sapasui moa

SIDES

Green Garden Salad, Roast Kumara Salad, Green bananas

Salati la'i 'akau, Salati kumala, Siaine mata

DESSERT - HIKINGA UA

Tongan doughnuts, watermelon and pineapple punch

Keke 'Isite, 'Otai meleni mo e faina

Pick up - Paeroa College 26.3.2022 & Thames High School 2.4.2022 5-6pm

(Local delivery available)

To pre-order, email bookpoula@gmail.com or phone Alby 0223929101

For payments or to make a donation: Thames/Paeroa Tongan Community

A/C 01-0755-0185170-01

**Please advise us of any allergies you have beforehand*

Malo 'aupito, hope to see you there!

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



PAEROA COLLEGE

“Excellence in Everything”