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# Paeroa College Comment

15 August 2022



Congratulations to everyone involved in the Paeroa College Showcase for 2022. What an amazing night.



## Coming Events

- 18<sup>th</sup> August  
Blood Donation Drive
- 22<sup>nd</sup> August  
Teacher Only Day
- 22<sup>nd</sup> August  
Board of Trustees Meeting
- 23<sup>rd</sup> August  
HSP Day – Whole School
- 5<sup>th</sup> September \* Date Change\*  
Sports Photos
- 26<sup>th</sup> September  
Board of Trustees Meeting
- 30<sup>th</sup> September  
End of Term 3
- 17<sup>th</sup> October  
Start of Term 4
- 20<sup>th</sup> October  
Sports Prizegiving
- 26<sup>th</sup> October  
Swimming Sports
- 3<sup>rd</sup> November  
Senior Prizegiving
- 7<sup>th</sup> November  
NZQA Exams Start
- 25 November  
2023 New Enrolments Due
- 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> December  
Year 10 Camp  
(note change of date)
- 9<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of Term 4  
Junior Prizegiving

# Principal's Message

Tēnā koutou katoa,

It has been a busy start to the term and learning is in full swing here at Paeroa College! I, for one, am glad to see a pause in the relentlessly wet weather. The sunshine puts a bit of spring in my step.

I want to acknowledge your support yesterday at our whānau hui and Showcase. It was an awesome evening and humbling that so many of you were able to prioritise spending time with us. The vibe made it really clear that we have gotten through this crazy pandemic and are out the other side with plenty to celebrate! Our school strives to be the heart and the soul of our community as our children are our future. Your active involvement in the life of the school lets our taura know how important their education is. I know they appreciate your support and positive contributions to our strategic planning.

Term 3 is always an important time for students to focus on their educational experiences. Our rangitahi are impressive in the dedication with which they approach their studies. I look forward to our HSP (Home-School Partnership) later this month, on the 23rd of August. 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. The evidence is clear that when schools, parents and whānau, students and the community work together, students thrive. Please note that 22nd of August is a Teacher Only Day and school will be closed for instruction to enable our staff to work on the upcoming NCEA changes.

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 with students and whānau to ensure NCEA outcomes are in line with each student's goals and aspirations.

With winter sports inching towards the finish line, I want you to know that I have absolutely loved the opportunity to watch our students participate in a variety of winter sports over the past terms. It is a real joy seeing the students test themselves and work together towards shared outcomes. I would also like to acknowledge the hard work of our staff, managers, coaches, and other volunteers, who donate their time to supporting our school sports programme. We could not offer our students such important opportunities without you! Sport, recreation and fitness play an essential role in the health and wellbeing of our ākongā.

Thank you for the privilege of leading this beautiful school.

Ngā mihi nui e te whānau,

Amy  
Tumuaki/Principal

## Board of Trustees Presiding Member's Comment

Our College, our Community and our Country have faced challenges in the last couple of years. We have all responded to those challenges in various ways, and looking back, many of the outcomes have been better than they could have been.

When challenges are in front of us, and well publicised, it can be easy to lose focus on the many positive things in our lives. Our young people benefit when the adults in their lives help them appreciate the many good things that happen, balancing the disappointments or tough stuff going on. While life is not necessarily easy in New Zealand, we are very fortunate when our opportunities are compared to those living in many other parts of the world.

Another key support we can help our young people with is encouraging regular attendance at school. There is overwhelming evidence that most students who attend school regularly, at the least achieve their qualifications, and often achieve beyond their expectations. There is also research showing that regular attendance at school helps other aspects of life. There is no doubt that good habits are appreciated by future employers as well.

Lower attendance has been one of the significant challenges schools have worked with in recent years. There have been valid reasons for some lower attendance, but as we go forward, ensuring that the young people in our care go to school every day that they are well, is one of the big things that we can do to help their future.

Board of Trustees members welcome comment or ideas to improve our students experience and outcomes while at Paeroa College. Please let us know if you have any suggestions.

To finish; the nomination and election process is underway for the Board of Trustees. We encourage you to participate.

Conall Buchanan  
Presiding Member, Paeroa College Board of Trustees

## Traffic Safety

Over the last few weeks, we have had a number of concerned community members comment on some unsafe practices our students are using while travelling to and from school as pedestrians or on bikes. They have highlighted disrespect for road rules and lack of bike helmets. Our community would be devastated if something were to happen to one of our young people.

Road traffic injuries are the leading cause of death for children and young adults aged 5 - 29 years.

[Trafficquiz.com](https://www.trafficquiz.com) is a **FREE** to use website developed with an aim to spread awareness regarding traffic rules and road safety rules among school students and their parents. Through [trafficquiz.com](https://www.trafficquiz.com) school students can learn and test their knowledge about traffic & road safety rules in an entertaining way i.e. by playing quizzes.

## Science Spinners

Congratulations to Wairua Parata who won a tablet for his Tik Tok performance at this years Science Spinners day in Hamilton (Wairua missing from this photo, however this was the group that attended on the day.)





REMEMBERING  
JESSICA PENWARDEN

Born on 11th September 2006, flew to the stars on  
25th July 2022. May you rest in peace beautiful.

Touched and mourned by Warren, Cosima,  
Katie, and her partner from birth Dania and all of  
Paeroa College. We will miss you more than  
words can ever express.

If you or someone you know is struggling, there are resources available:

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.nz/get-help/in-crisis/helplines>

# Community Notice Board

## FULLY FUNDED OUTWARD BOUND COURSES

Outward Bound runs Adapted courses for secondary school students with physical and intellectual disabilities. See our upcoming course dates below:

### YOUTH HORIZONS

For school-aged (16-21 yrs) youth with an intellectual disability.  
Fri 7 - Wed 11 January 2023

### LEAPS & BOUNDS ACTIVATE

A course for physically disabled youth (13-16yrs) to attend with a parent or caregiver.  
Mon 10 - Mon 17 Oct 2022 (limited places remain)  
Fri 7 - Fri 14 April 2023

### YOUTH ACTIVATE

An 8 day course for physically disabled youth aged 16-17 years.  
Thur 20 - Thur 27 April 2023

Contact Leonie King for more information

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[www.outwardbound.co.nz/adapted](http://www.outwardbound.co.nz/adapted)



Outward Bound Adapted Courses



1922 - 2022  
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THAMES VALLEY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION  
26th/27th AUGUST 2022

### Programme and contact details.

- Friday night "informal get together function" @Waihou Rugby Club.
- Saturday afternoon – Games including Heartland game and Decade Photographs.
- Saturday evening - Formal Centenary dinner at Te Aroha Events centre, Boyd Park Te Aroha.

### Contact Details:

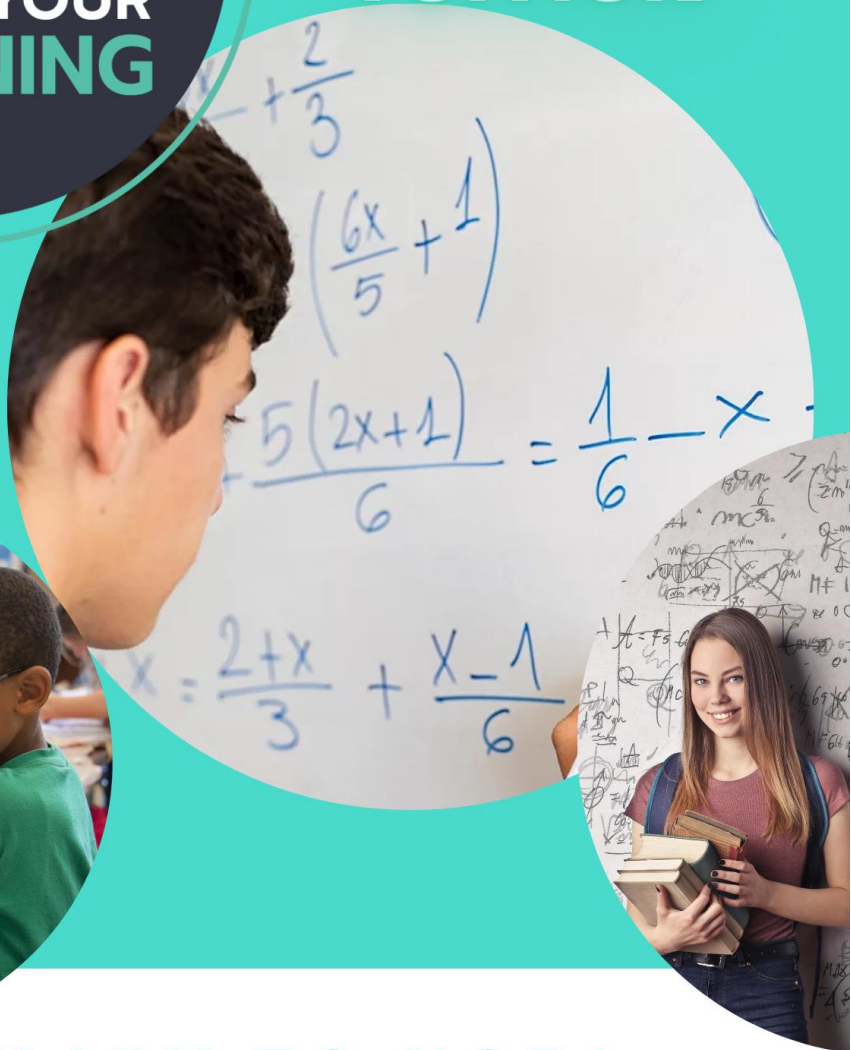
- Phone 078626352.
- Email [Swampfoxes@xtra.co.nz](mailto:Swampfoxes@xtra.co.nz)
- Address PO Box 245 Paeroa 3600
- Visit TVRFU Office 140A. Normandy Road, Paeroa.

- Registrations to be in by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August for catering purposes.



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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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