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Paeroa College Comment 2 September 2022



Mana Wāhine & Māori Academy Groups away in Rotoura
Taking part in the Tough Guy / Gal Challenge.



Coming Events

5th September * Date Change*
Sports Photos

26th September
Board of Trustees Meeting

30th September
End of Term 3

15th September
Whānau Hui

23rd September
Final day for BoT voting

17th October
Start of Term 4

20th October
Sports Prizegiving

26th October
Swimming Sports

3rd November
Senior Prizegiving

7th November
NZQA Exams Start

25 November
2023 New Enrolments Due

5th – 8th December
Year 10 Camp
(note change of date)

9th December – Last day of Term 4
Junior Prizegiving

Principal's Message

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Many thanks to all of you who took the time last week to attend the Home-School Partnership (HSP) meetings with your children. The evidence is very clear that when schools, parents and whānau, students and the community work together, our young people excel. These conversations are so important and I am grateful to all of you who took the time to prioritise them.

This term has been filled with many action-packed days, learning opportunities and student achievements. You will, undoubtedly be aware that we have had several teams away on Tournament Week and have (so far) had some notable successes, with our Junior Girls Basketball winning the A-grade Prems competition in Rotorua and our Lacrosse team coming away with Bronze medals in the Waikato Competition. There is no doubt that our students are exceptional. It is that time of year when we are heading toward the culmination of learning and our senior students are working towards final projects and assessments. Despite the disruptions presented by Covid-19 and sickness, we have every expectation that our students will earn their NCEA qualifications. We have a particularly strong focus on our Year 13 cohort who will be leaving us at the end of the year towards work, further training or tertiary study. As always, our approach to achievement goes hand in hand with a clear focus on wellbeing.

The final weeks of Term 3 will be action-packed. In week 8 we will be celebrating Te Wiki o te Reo Māori, Māori Language Week. This year is extra special as 14 September marks the 50th anniversary of the Māori Language Petition, te Petihana Reo Māori, an event that led to many of the kaupapa we have today, including Te Wiki o te Reo Māori. We are looking forward to our traditional Haka wars and waiata competition. Te reo Māori is the foundational language of New Zealand, the ancestral language of the tangata whenua and one of the taonga guaranteed protection under the Treaty of Waitangi. 'Kia Kaha' means to 'be strong'. So, when we say 'Kia Kaha te reo Māori' we're saying - 'Let's make the Māori language strong'. We will spend the week encouraging each other to learn and use as much te reo Māori as possible.

Paeroa College continues to work towards an embedded restorative culture where students are 'in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing', because we have high expectations for them and because they desire to work every day to meet these expectations. You can support us by ensuring your child comes to school every day, arrives at school on time, in the right uniform and ready to learn.

As always, please be assured that my phone line is open. My door is open. Together we can continue to build and maintain a strong and vibrant school that serves our students and our community.

Ngā mihi nui,

Amy Hacker
Tumuaki/Principal

Level One Life Skills Communication

In the Life Skills class students have been learning about different forms of communication as well as how to work best with others. This has included understanding the phonetic alphabet and its uses around the world, Morse Code and how it can help nations win wars, how machines can crack vital codes and learning about the language of Braille. On Wednesday 24th August all the students visited the Goldfields class that is situated at the College.

There, students learnt about how they communicate with each other and tackle learning in different ways. The students enjoyed interacting with the Goldfields crew and played interactive games which incorporated te reo Māori and physical activity. All students learnt new information about one another and built confidence when conversing. This was a valuable experience for all the students and it was a great way for everyone to be challenged in their thinking.

Next week, the Goldfields students will visit the Life Skills class and learn from them.



Board of Trustees Election

As returning officer for the Paeroa College 2022 Board of Trustees Parent Election, I wish to advise you Jahana Ramai Gurnick is no longer standing for election to the Board of Trustees.

Please cast your votes for your choice of the remaining nominees.

Please remember voting closes on Friday 23rd September @ 3.00pm.

Attendance

The Ministry of Education (MOE) has released more details about their programme to increase attendance at school and you may have seen some publicity material in the media.

The MOE data shows that there is a very strong correlation between attendance and academic attainment, particularly in the senior school years. The data also shows that after just 1.5 days of unjustified absence there is a measurable drop in attainment. In other words, there is no 'safe' level of non-attendance.

We are working hard to have every Paeroa College attending school regularly (>90%). Please do your part to support this.

If you would like to see the data, please visit [Educationcounts.govt.nz/statistics/attendance](https://educationcounts.govt.nz/statistics/attendance)

Sport

Lacrosse

Paeroa College has had a Women's Lacrosse team for two years now. In season one we won the B division resulting in us moving up to the A division this year.

We were looking forward to moving up, however it was certainly intimidating, with the bigger fields and new, tough, competition. Despite our nerves, we leapt into the season with excitement and determination.

We played many different schools around the Waikato region, some games we lost and others we won. Although the results were not always what we were hoping for, this never took away the joy we had on the field playing with each other. Our hard mahi and our coach, Ms Johnson, and manager, Mrs Cox, led us to playing off for third and fourth against Rototuna High School. At full time the score was 11 all and we went into overtime which meant whoever got the first goal won.

It was certainly close, Rototuna came close to scoring but with our strong defence and an amazing save from Jasmine Lucero, we kept them out. With a clear up the field and some speedy hustle, we got the ball into attack. Sydney Stuart stayed cool, calm, and collected and recognised a clear shot at goal. The ball hit the back of the net to bring home that bronze medal. Everyone worked incredibly hard and put everything on the line. It was an awesome way to end the season.



CONGRATULATIONS FOR OUR WAIKATO A-GRADE BRONZE MEDALISTS

Junior Girls Prems Basketball

Paeroa College the Junior Girls Basketball A grade champions of 2022. What a title.

Going into the tournament in Rotorua all the girls were so nervous. It was most of the team's first ever tournament so they didn't know what to expect. Playing stop clock and shot clock was a first for our team too.

The teamwork and support the Junior girls' team showed throughout this tournament was great. They put everything we taught them at trainings into play and were able to finish the tournament undefeated and came away with their gold medals.

Well done girls. We are very proud of you. Paeroa College would like to thank Stacey Taylor, Tash de Thierry and the rest of the management team.

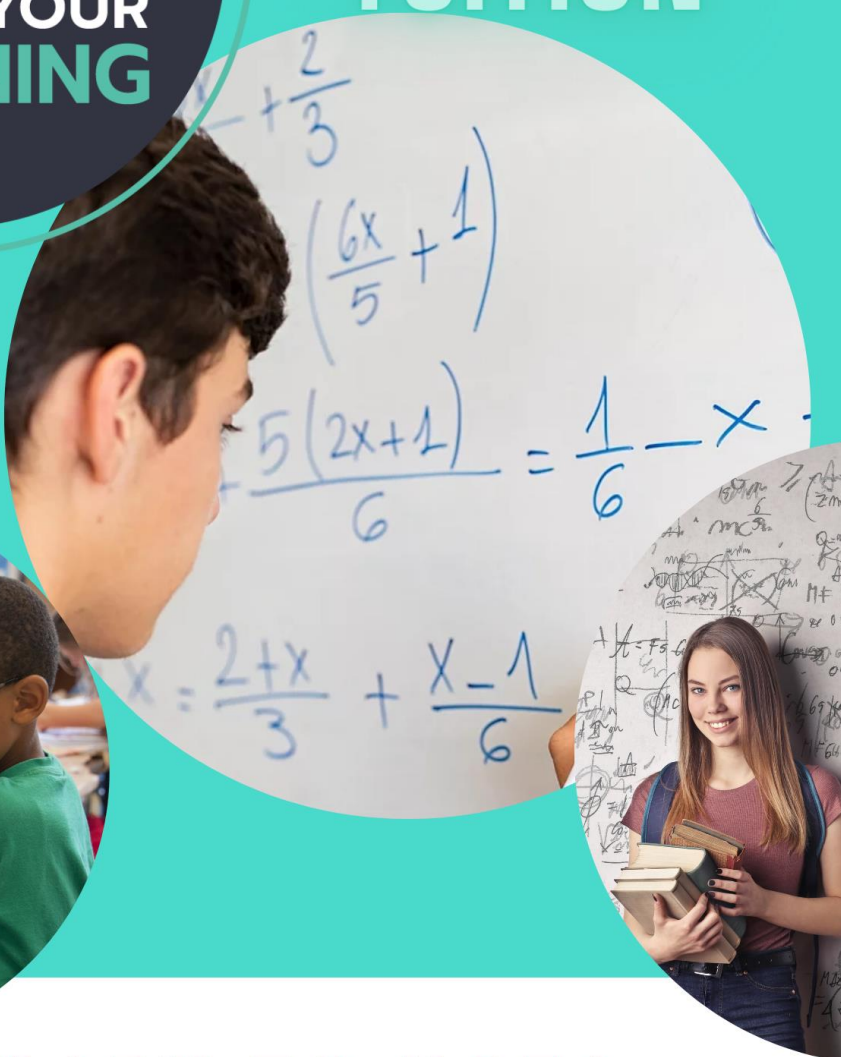


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We are role models

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