



Excelling as a creative, innovative, can-do community

Paeroa College Comment

3 March 2023



Liam Ramsey broke the Intermediate Boys record in the 100m from 1971 with a new time of 11.68s. Well done Liam.



Coming Events

4th March
School Ball

6th March
Year 9 Vision & Hearing Check

8th March
Top Team

21st March
School Photos

23rd March
Māori Awards Evening

29th – 31st March (New Date)
Year 9 Camp

4th – 6th April
Tooth Group Dental

7th April
Last day Term 1

(Year 13 Camp dates are to be confirmed)

Principal's Message

Kia ora Paeroa College e te whānau,

It is hard to believe we have now finished week 5 of the school year! It has been a busy past few weeks with the ever-changing weather patterns and our need to be agile in the face of them. I appreciate your patience as I have needed to make decisions to cancel or postpone events and even to close the school itself for three days. My heart goes out to those in our community who have suffered losses and inconvenience from Cyclone Gabrielle and other unseasonal weather events. My thoughts are with those of you affected by the unfolding challenges. As always, we are here to help, please reach out if you could use support. If your rangitahi/young person needs pastoral support related to any current challenges, please remember we have a rich pastoral support network including your child's House Group teacher, deans, guidance counsellors and the school nurse.

Despite the weather, Paeroa College is a happy place with active teaching and learning programmes in place. We had a fabulous Swimming Sports Day and as I write this, are looking forward to our whole-school Athletics Day this Friday. In addition, there is excitement in the air as our senior students plan and prepare for our school formal on March 4th. You are welcome to watch the students enter the College from 6:45PM. In past years, it has certainly been an exciting night and a real privilege to see our young people in their beautiful fashions. The theme of this year's format is "Met Gala".

Over the past few weeks, we have celebrated the outstanding academic success of our senior students. Once again the College has done exceptionally well with students earning their NCEA qualifications at rates hugely exceeding national averages. 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 also like to acknowledge those students who have, through perseverance and dedication, hit exceptionally high benchmarks. We have acknowledged these students in our achievement assembly and at the annual EME (Excellence and Merit Endorsement) awards banquet. A full list of those acknowledged at this event is included in this newsletter. It is exciting to have a year of such great promise stretching before us and I firmly believe there is no limit to what our students are capable of accomplishing.

Noho ora mai/ stay well,

Amy

Smoke & Vape

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.



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.

Paeroa College- Calculations for Academic Prize Giving

Students and parents often have questions about our major academic awards. Although it is some ways from now, please see below for information as to how we calculate our end of year prizegiving 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 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 (correspondence) 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 10 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.

EME 2022 Students



Level 1 Merit

Stanley Black, Travis Cox, Cathrine Cryer, Megan Dustow, Shyla Ganderton, Rebecca Harris, Summer Hughes, Mikayla McArthur, Phoenix McKain, Joseph Mulholland and Jagar Wright.

Level 1 Excellence

Teremoana Herekiuha, Milah McGahan, Gracie Owen and Tautoko Waitai-Morehu

Level 2 Merit

Ciara Johnston, Hayden Lance, Jamie-Lee Owen and Billie van Hellemond

Level 2 Excellence

Mikaela Bradey and Grier Buchanan

Level 2 Vocational Pathways Award

Ciara Johnston

Level 3 Merit

Layla Ching and Sydney Stuart



Level 3 Excellence

Hamish Buchanan and Arihia Waitai-Morehu



Industrial Action

Please accept this notification that, from the start of this school year, Post Primary Teachers' Association (PPTA) members are involved in an industrial action. Secondary School teacher union members are refusing to cover their colleagues' classes when day relievers are unavailable. As a result, some local secondary schools have had to roster certain year-levels home when suitable relievers cannot be found to cover teacher absences. We are hopeful this will not be the case for us; however, in the event we need to roster a year level home, we will send notification as soon as possible. However, in the case of multiple unexpected absences, there is a chance that the decision will not be made until the morning of the rostering. As year 9 students cannot be left home alone, this year level will not be rostered home with short notice.

We have been advised by the PPTA that if there is no satisfactory progress with their collective agreement negotiations over the next few weeks, they will hold a national one-day strike on **Thursday 16 March**.

If this occurs, Paeroa College will be closed on that date. Supervision will be provided for our younger students, if required. Please register such students with the Student Centre by the preceding week. We will keep you updated if the situation changes and appreciate your understanding as this closure is outside of our control.

Headz Up Leadership Day

On Monday 20 February, our head students attended the Headz Up in Hamilton.

Headz Up was a great day with lots of time to network and discuss endeavours with other head students. It was super interesting to hear from past head students and inspiring leaders in their fields. Overall, there were plenty of great leadership opportunities and activities which were a fantastic way to develop the leadership skills for all of us.

Grier Buchanan – Head Student of Community



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 school doctor is available most weeks either onsite or through a virtual appointment. These appointment times vary so it is best for students and whānau to inquire through our nurse for an appointment.

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 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

Principal – Amy Hacker amyh@paeroacollege.school.nz
Deputy Principal – Paul Beisly paulb@paeroacollege.school.nz
Deputy Principal – Tina Youngman tinay@paeroacollege.school.nz
Deputy Principal – Andrew Cameron andrewc@paeroacollege.school.nz

Deans

Year 9 & 10 – Achievement – Emma Black emmab@paeroacollege.school.nz
Year 9 – Pastoral – Felise Tai'i feliset@paeroacollege.school.nz
Year 10 – Pastoral – Chris Doak chrisd@paeroacollege.school.nz
Year 11 – Pastoral – Darcy Knyvett darcyk@paeroacollege.school.nz
Year 11, 12 & 13 – Achievement – Ramai Gurnick ramaig@paeroacollege.school.nz
Year 12 & 13 – Pastoral – Keely Muller keelym@paeroacollege.school.nz

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

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Come and join us!

**For more information, contact us on 021 039 6183, or
kerepehibrass@gmail.com**

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”

