



Issue 23 – 4

Excelling as a creative, innovative, can-do community

Paeroa College Comment

28 April 2023



Photo from Year 9 Camp with the Y13 helpers.



Coming Events

28th April
Reports going home

1st May
Board of Trustees Meeting

10th May
Whole School HSP Day

11th May
Secondary School Teachers
Strike Day.

1st June
Board of Trustees Meeting

5th June
King's Birthday – No School

6th June
Teacher Only Day

13th – 15th June
Year 11 Camp

30th June
End of Term 2

17th July
Start of Term 3

2nd August
Whole School HSP Day

23rd August
Sports and Clubs Photos

28th August – 3rd September
Tournament Week

28th August
Board of Trustees Meeting

Principal's Message

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Welcome to Term Two which is filled with many exciting activities, traditional events, curriculum delivery, internal assessment, and the excitement of winter sports practices and games.

I hope you managed to have some high-quality family time over the term break and that your children have arrived rested and ready for the term ahead. No doubt, as a whānau, you will soon find yourselves caught up in the winter routine of supporting your children in their various cultural and sporting activities and reassuring and encouraging them as they work on assignments with deadlines looming. Our teachers are looking forward to meeting with you and your child on our Home-School Partnership Day Wed 10 May. The conversations you have with your child's teachers on this day are key to their success. We know every child will thrive when we work together. Please schedule these meetings promptly so that you do not miss out.

As you may have heard in the news over the term break, the Government is delaying the requirement for schools to be teaching the refreshed NCEA Level 2 and 3 subjects by one year in order to put the immediate focus on numeracy and literacy. As was already planned, from 2024, there will be new numeracy and literacy tests that a student must pass in order to achieve any NCEA qualification. These tests are being piloted for year 10 students this year at Paeroa College. However, the announcement indicated that for 2024, there will be additional pathways available for students to demonstrate their literacy and numeracy proficiency.

The latest communications have informed us that the new NCEA standards are being rolled out to schools in phases, with the current plan seeing all schools teaching the fully refreshed curriculum by 2027. The NCEA Level 1 changes are scheduled to be fully implemented by 2024, NCEA Level 2 by 2026 and NCEA Level 3 by 2027.

I want to assure you that Paeroa College and the Ōhinemuri Kahui Ako (Community of Learning) are prioritising literacy and numeracy in our curriculum design while also ensuring every child has access to rich and exciting learning in all curriculum areas.

As always, I am committed to an ongoing positive reciprocal relationship with you. I love having a chat along the side lines of the sports fields. Please feel welcome to get in touch and share whatever is on top for you!

Ngā mihi nui,
Amy

Year 9 Camp

Last term saw the Year 9s going on their first Paeroa College camp. It had taken a while to organise the camp due to the poor weather at the start of the term and the teachers strike day. However, on Thursday 30th and Friday 31st March the Year 9s set out from school to attend Waharau Regional Park in Whakatiwai.

On this trip students were able to take part in a variety of different challenges that included raft building, frisbee golf, rope work and building a natural sculpture. The activities were designed to get the students working with different people in a team and show manaakitanga and resilience. All students enjoyed coming together in the evening for some awesome kai followed by taking part in a Burma Trail.

Though it was a quick trip away, the students enjoyed coming out of the classroom environment and taking part in some unusual, physical mahi. Being outside of the classroom meant that students were able to develop their relationships with each other, as well as with the staff involved. It is an experience that we will not forget, and we look forward to other camp opportunities in the future.



Year 13 Camp

"The focus of the year 13 camp was giving back to the community. We travelled up to Opoutere and spent two days training and preparing the year 13 students to lead a kayaking training day for the year 5-8 students from Opoutere school.

The highlight of this trip was seeing the senior students take on this responsibility and the kindness and patience they showed towards the younger students. This was a great way to conclude their secondary school camping experience."



Creative Cats Academy

On Monday 3rd April the Creative Cats Academy attended a performance of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. The production was performed by students at Waikato Diocesan School for Girls in Hamilton and was an enjoyable evening for the students. The play was an update of William Shakespeare's text which had a 21st Century makeover.

The performance was a musical based on the style of punk set in the 1980s. All students gained experience watching live theatre and seeing what can be achieved with a play which was written in the late 16th Century. Seeing this production will help our Academy students to build awareness of the theatre and how to act to a large audience. The Creative Cats are looking forward to channelling this knowledge into their own devised work.



Duke of Edinburgh

Over the school holidays we had students take part in their Silver Qualifying Duke of Edinburgh expedition. One took part in their Bronze practice.

They worked as teams cooking their own meals, camping in tents and hiking through some challenging tracks around Maratoto.

On the first day they walked the 4x4 Wires track up to the Hut. On the second day they hiked the old wires track or the donkey steps. They saw the old holding pens for the animals, the old wires that were the communication between coasts during the war. They camped in a different location. On the final day they walked to see the big slip at Golden Cross and finished by hiking from Hikutaia to Paeroa along the rail trail.

For their gold expedition, these students need proper hiking boots. If you are clearing any old footwear out, and have some spare ones, we would be grateful.

If your student is interested in Duke of Edinburgh, please get them to see Mrs Cox anytime in D1. The DofE club meets every fortnight on a Tuesday.



Rolling Strike Days

As part of the Secondary Schools Teachers Strike sees a rolling strike take place as well.
The days are as follows:

Thursday 4 May – Year 11 are at home
Tuesday 9 May – Year 12 are at home
Thursday 11 May – Secondary School Teachers are on strike
Tuesday 16 May – Year 9 are at home
Wednesday 17 May – Year 10 are at home
Thursday 25 May – Year 11 are at home
Tuesday 30 May – Year 13 are at home
Thursday 1 June – Year 12 are at home
Thursday 8 June – Year 9 are at home

School Jackets

Paeroa College is lucky enough to be part of the Kidscan Programme. This means we are gifted hooded jackets to be used as school jackets at no cost to our students.

Each student is entitled to receive one of these jackets. Please make sure it is named.
Should a student lose their jacket, we have 2nd hand jackets in the original school design (no hood) available to be used or there is the option to purchase a new original jacket for \$75.00.

These can be ordered through the normal school uniform purchasing system.
The Kidscan jackets are unable to be purchased. We cannot sell these jackets due to Kidscan rules.

The only way a student can receive another Kidscan jacket is if they have outgrown their existing one. Therefore, they would then bring the smaller item back to be swapped for a larger one.

Attendance Matters

A student who misses one day on average a week, misses almost a whole term in a year. There is a clear and measurable link between attendance and both academic and personal success.

Please work hard to ensure your child attends school every day. 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, including illness and other justified reasons.

If your child is absent, please let us know, either via

Text : 021 0885 8220 (Absentee's only) *please state the reason for the absence

Phone: 862 7579

Email: office@paeroacollege.school.nz

If for whatever reason, you are continually having trouble getting your child to school... please do make contact with us, there may be something we can do to help.



Community Information

Please contact Donna if you have any uniform alterations or zip repair / replacement needs:

Donna Hone

22 Flora St Paeroa

Ph 0276094900

Email donnaray1962@gmail.com

Winter Sports

Please find listed below your contact for the sports team's information. These are the people you contact to find out training times, cancellations or to notify them that your son/daughter is unable to play.

1 st XV Rugby	Manager	TA McKain	021 145 9628
Youth Rugby	Manager	Alice Priest	027 306 8761
Girls Rugby	Manager	Pauline Kisling	0274 818 698
Hockey Mixed	Contact	Kim Davy	0274 824 597
Hockey Senior Girls	Contact	Kim Davy	0274 824 597
Lacrosse	Manager	Penny Cox	021 131 1665
Football Boys	Coach	Paul Beisly	022 072 0052
Football Girls	To Follow		
Basketball (All teams)	All Communication	Josey McKain	027 698 0012
Netball Open A	Manager	Pauline Kisling	0274 818 698
Netball 10A	Manager	Amanda Bennett	027 252 6267
Netball 9A		Del Graham	022 010 4506
Netball Social Green	To follow		



Year 10 Project Week

During the last week of Term 1, Year 10 students engaged in Project Week. Students were involved in one of the following: Young Farmers, Sustainable Living, Biodegradable Plastics, or Predator Free. All activities centred around sustainability. Students experienced a range of activities including bird house Building, ear tagging, tree planting, predator trapping and knot tying. Students worked in collaborative groups to complete a range of tasks and solve problems.



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	darcy@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**

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
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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”