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Excelling as a creative, innovative, can-do community

Paeroa College

Comment

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The Year 9 & 10 students who attended the Science Spinners Experience.



Coming Events

- 14th June
Boulton Cup
- 18th – 24th June
National Volunteer Week
- 26th June
Board of Trustees Meeting
- 28th June
Paid Union Meeting –
½ day for Students
- 30th June
End of Term 2
- 17th July
Start of Term 3
- 24th July
Board of Trustees Meeting
- 2nd August
Whole School HSP Day
- 23rd August
Sports and Clubs Photos
- 28th August – 3rd September
Tournament Week
- 28th August
Board of Trustees Meeting
- 18th September
Board of Trustees Meeting
- 22nd September
End of Term 3
- 9th October
Start of Term 4
- 18th October
Sports Prizegiving
- 23rd October
Labour Day – No School

Principal's Message

Kia ora e te whānau,

I hope this newsletter finds you all in good health and high spirits. Today, I want to highlight the significance of Mātauranga Māori (Māori knowledge) and its importance in the educational journey of our students in our beautifully bicultural school.

Mātauranga Māori encompasses a profound understanding of the natural world, history, language, arts, and much more. By acknowledging and incorporating Mātauranga Māori into our curriculum and school environment, we establish an inclusive and holistic education.

Mātauranga Māori holds great importance for a number of reasons:

Cultural Identity and Well-being: Embracing Mātauranga Māori allows our students to connect with their cultural heritage, fostering a sense of belonging and pride in their identity. This connection promotes their overall well-being and supports positive mental health.

Te Reo Māori Development: The inclusion of Mātauranga Māori provides opportunities for students to engage with Te Reo Māori, the first language of Aotearoa New Zealand. This is essential to preserve and revitalise this taonga/treasure, enabling all students to communicate in te reo Māori.

Treaty of Waitangi: The Treaty of Waitangi is the foundation of our nation, and by incorporating Mātauranga Māori, we honour the principles of partnership, participation, and protection outlined in the Treaty. Our students develop a deeper understanding of the treaty's significance and how it shapes our shared future.

Holistic Education: Mātauranga Māori offers a holistic approach to education, recognizing the interconnectedness of all aspects of life. It encourages students to engage with the environment, promotes sustainability, and nurtures a respect for nature and its resources.

Global Citizenship: In an increasingly interconnected world, embracing Mātauranga Māori equips our students with a unique perspective, fostering cultural competence and empathy.

At Paeroa College, we are committed to weaving the principles of Mātauranga Māori throughout our teaching and learning practices. We continue to work alongside our local iwi and Māori community to ensure cultural authenticity and accuracy in our approach.

I encourage you all to engage with the opportunities provided by the school and participate in initiatives that promote bicultural understanding. In so doing, we actively contribute to a school environment that embraces diversity, fosters cultural understanding, and empowers our students to become their own best selves.

Nāku iti noa, nā

Amy Hacker

Science Spinners

On Tuesday 30th May, a group of Year 9 & 10 students attended Science Spinners at Claudelands Event Centre in Hamilton. The selected students had demonstrated skill, knowledge and an aptitude for Maths and Science in their classes. At the event a variety of schools from the Waikato Region experienced different areas of STEM (Science Technology Engineering Maths) based projects.

The students were able to learn about topics such as bacteria, architecture, robotics, algorithms, honey, city planning and rocketry. Paeroa College students won Prizes for constructing the best structured tower which could hold a basketball for 20 seconds. Jo Tuivavalagi won two prizes for his enthusiasm, focus and his definition of what an algorithm is. It was certainly a long day- full of learning questions being asked. Mrs Black was incredibly proud of all the students representing Paeroa College at this event. The sky is not the limit for so many of our learners.



Goldfields Satellite Unit

Paeroa College is hugely proud of our Goldfields students who engage in their learning on site with Paeroa College students. It has been a fabulous start of the school year with many new friendships formed. The partnership that exists between our two schools powerfully serves the needs of diverse young adults in our community. It is a pleasure to see our Goldfields students engaging with us during interval and lunch, and in our house sport days. We look forward to watching this relationship grow as the year progresses.



Attendance Codes

We have had a few questions around what the attendance codes are and what they mean. These questions were raised at the HSP Day.

Please find below a list of codes that get entered when your student is away based on each situation. If you feel your student has been coded incorrectly, please contact their House Group Teacher.

Select Attendance Code for HOUSEMEET1 A			
*	Present in Class	M	Short Term Illness / Medical
L	Late to Class	G	Holiday during Term Time
?	Not in Class	U	Temporarily Withdrawn / Stood Down
		O	Overseas Posting
P	Alternate Tuition / Present in Class	N	School Based Activity (on-site)
V	Study Period	Q	School Trip / Camp (off-site)
X	Exam Leave	W	Work Experience
S	Sick Bay		
D	Doctor / Dentist Appointment	Z	Attending Secondary Tertiary Programme
I	Internal School Appointment	K	Attending Teen Parent Unit
R	Removed from class (Temporarily)	A	Attending Alternative Education
		Y	Attending Activity Centre
T	Truant / No Explanation	H	Attending Health Camp / School
E	Explained Absence (Unjustified)	C	Attending Justice Court Proceedings
J	Explained Absence (Justified)	F	Attending Off-Site Course / Class
		Cancel Set	

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. The Kidscan jackets are unable to be purchased. We cannot sell these jackets due to Kidscan rules.

These can be ordered through the normal school uniform purchasing system.

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.

Gateway 2023

Students have had structured workplace experiences and gain valuable knowledge and credits associated within their chosen field.

We would like to thank the following businesses for having students at their place of work under the Gateway programme:

Hauraki Vets, Waikato University, Te Aroha Mineral Spas, PB Tech Hamilton, Thames Birthing Centre, Tamariki Station, Netherton School, Hauraki District Council, Scott Simpson (MP), Richards Toyota, Goldfields School, WSP, Hair By Day, Modern Bay Builder's, Te Korowai, Paeroa Medical Centre, Paeroa Pharmacy, Bradley Thompson Builder and BCE Electrical.



Chief of Wars

We had the opportunity to attend workshops at Waihi Community Marae on the 25th of May under the guidance of the casting crew of the short film produced and managed by Cliff Curtis and Jason Mamo'a. The film is currently being filmed in Mataora Bay and other surrounding areas. The name of the film is Chief of Wars. Seven of our students had the privilege to attend the workshop.

The students were very shy at first but that quickly dissipated with our students making connections with other students. They had to create a 10-minute commercial using a prop given from the casting crew. The groups had 15 minutes to come up with a commercial to sell their prop that was given to them. Our students chose a croc shoe to sell. They did really well, as this was the first time, they had ever participated in anything such as this activity.

The students were excited about bringing the games and knowledge back and sharing it with the rest of their peers in their year groups.



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 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 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

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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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