



Issue 23 – 8

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Paeroa College Comment 11 August 2023



To our Girls Rugby Team who are playing in the finals this Saturday in Whangamata @ 11.45am.



Coming Events

15th -17th August

Year 11 Camp

21st -25th August

Primary School Enrolment Visits

23rd August

Sports and Clubs Photos

27th August – 3rd September

Tournament Week

28th August

Board of Trustees Meeting

7th September

Prospective Parent Evening &
Learning Showcase

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

1st November

Senior Prizegiving

6th November

NZQA Exams Start

5th – 8th December (Changed)

Year 10 Camp

13th December

Junior Prizegiving & Last day of
Term 4

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 at our HSP (Home-School Partnership) meetings over the past 2 weeks. 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 would also like to thank those of you who provided myself and the Board with important feed-forward as we begin the strategic planning process for 2024 and beyond. I would like to congratulate Rangi Fraser, who was the recipient of the \$100.00 grocery voucher. We appreciate your support and insights into how we can make Paeroa College an even more amazing place to grow and learn.

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. 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 ākonga.

Finally, I would like to emphasise the crucial role that ensuring your children come to school in the correct uniform plays in their overall educational experience. Uniforms instil a sense of belonging and pride in being part of our school community and help establish a sense of discipline and respect for rules. These are qualities that extend beyond the classroom and into various aspects of life. I greatly appreciate your support in maintaining the uniform standards and fostering a culture of high expectations for all students.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Ngā mihi nui e te whānau,

Amy
Tumuaki/Principal

NCEA Changes starting 2024

The Numeracy and Literacy requirements for NCEA will be changing in 2024. Until now, students have earned their Numeracy and Literacy credits through their subject standards, but in the new system they will be taking three separate assessments, Numeracy, Reading and Writing. In order to earn an NCEA qualification, they will need to achieve on all three of these assessments.

These assessments are offered nationally at two times each year. Our students will sit the assessments for the first time in Year 10. If necessary, they will have the opportunity to retake them in subsequent years.

- At Paeroa College, we are taking a number of steps to help prepare our students for the new requirements. In our Mathematics and Literacy classes, we are structuring the curriculum to ensure the required basic skills are covered early in Years 9 and 10.
- Staff in all subject areas are encouraged to identify where numeracy and literacy are relevant in their subject areas, and to share this awareness with the students. This is something caregivers can do at home, as well - talk with your teenagers as topics such as budgeting, writing job applications, and planning journeys arise - these are the types of context that will also appear on the assessments.
- We are also incorporating short numeracy and literacy activities once a week in the Year 9 and Year 10 ACA classes - these are focused on practical applications of numeracy and literacy, to help the students understand the real-life relevance and application of the skills they are learning.
- Further, we use the data we gather from our internal assessments to determine which students will need extra support to achieve their qualification, and these students will be given focused help.

Paeroa College will be running a pilot test of the new assessments later this year, and we will be evaluating and improving our programme in response to the results. Working together at school and at home, we aim to help our students achieve success, both on the new NCEA Literacy and Numeracy assessments, and in their lives beyond school.



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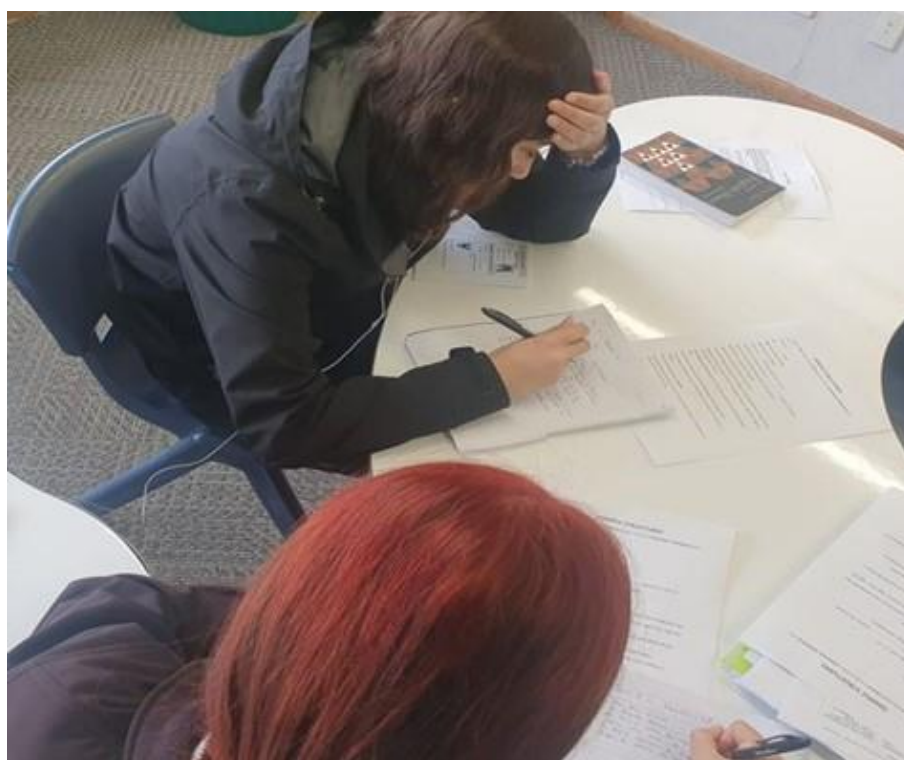
Te Reo Māori me Te Ao Māori He Waka Eke Noa, we are all in this together.

Kia ora koutou we are working hard across all Te Reo Māori Te Ao Māori classes to raise the achievement of our tauira (students).

Matua Anaru is working on Pepeha with his year 9 classes who have been learning their pepeha in preparation for their oral presentations. Ka mau te wēhi. In his year 10 class matua Anaru is teaching students Rere mahi me tū wāhi where students are developing skills in having a basic conversation using active and locative sentence structures, mauri ora matua Anaru.

Whaea Rosalie is working on Te Ao Māori Unit Standards with her students and is making positive progress. Students are taught Kaupapa Māori concepts about the world of Te Ao Māori. They can explore and build on their experiences and knowledge through research and study of these topics.

Whaea TeAhoraurangi (Melba Pakinga) is working with the Senior Te Reo Māori classes at levels 1, level 2 and level 3 to complete their internal Assessments for NCEA Te Reo Māori. Students have completed their Whakarongo (listening) Assessments and are now working on their Waihanga Tuhinga (written) Assessments. Students are developing skills and knowledge using grammatical structures, tense markers and building vocabulary or kupu hou. Nāku Ngā Pouako o Te Reo Māori, mauri ora.



Message from our School Nurse

This is a reminder that Paeroa College has an agreement with Pinnacle Midlands Health Network and Te Whatu Ora Waikato to provide free nursing services on site.

Earlier this year a letter was sent to parents / caregivers outlining the comprehensive wellbeing review for all consenting **Year 9 students**. These assessments are carried out over the year as part of our nursing service, with the aim of improving the health of our students so that they can come to school well and able to learn.

Your student / rangatahi may or may not yet have had their wellbeing review completed by this stage, as they are seen throughout the year.

If you have previously opted off, this will not be applicable to your young person – this will already be on record. If you have questions or you would like to choose to opt off, please contact your school nurse via email: susan.els@pinnacle.health.nz or mobile: 0272481295

Kind regards,

RN **Sue Els** Waikato School Nurse | Pinnacle Midlands Health Network



School Beanie

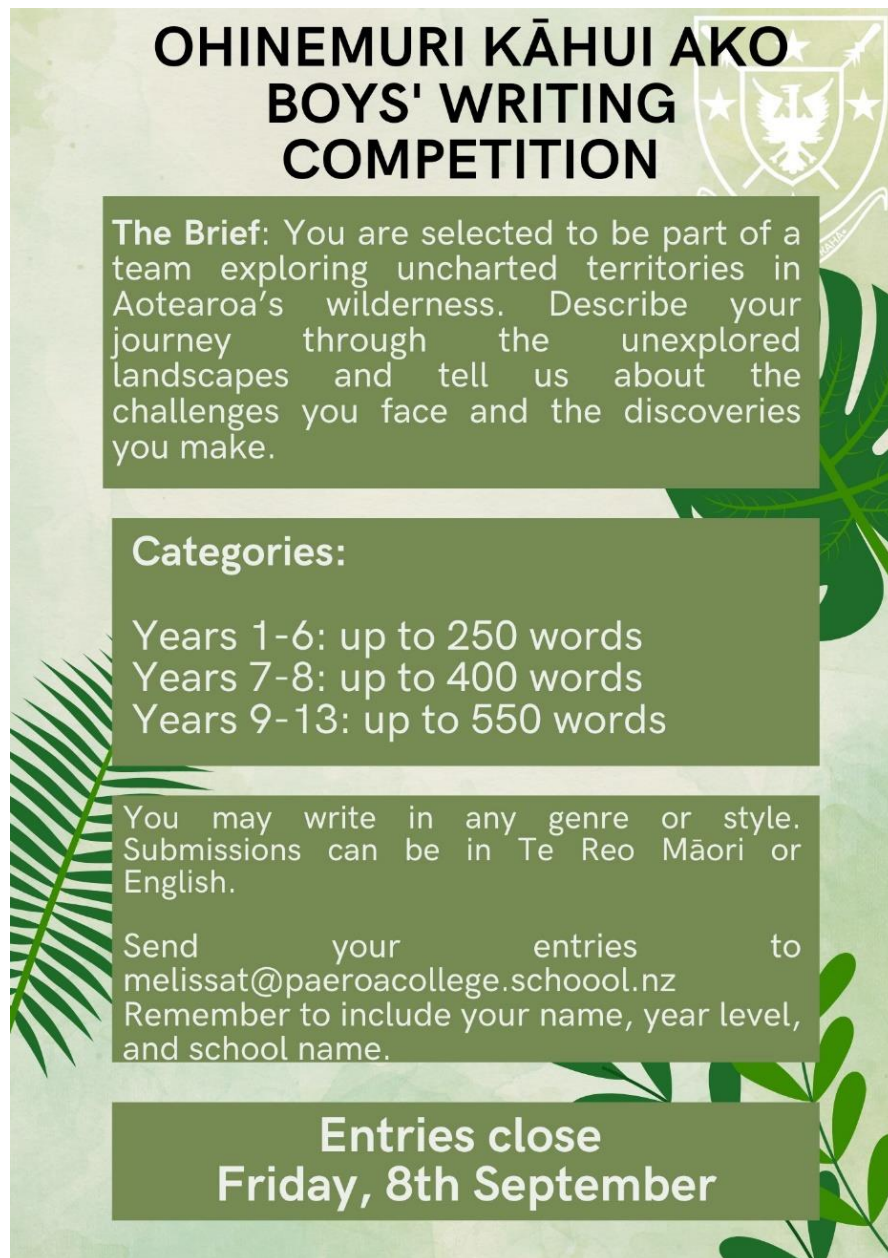
We now have a Paeroa College school beanie. They cost is \$ 20.00. These can be worn during Term 2 and Term 3 only. Normal uniform purchasing processes apply.



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

The poster features a light green background with faint illustrations of ferns and a school crest in the top right corner. The crest is a shield with a central bird, a star above it, and two stars on either side. The text is arranged in several dark green rectangular boxes with white text.

OHINEMURI KĀHUI AKO BOYS' WRITING COMPETITION

The Brief: You are selected to be part of a team exploring uncharted territories in Aotearoa's wilderness. Describe your journey through the unexplored landscapes and tell us about the challenges you face and the discoveries you make.

Categories:

- Years 1-6: up to 250 words
- Years 7-8: up to 400 words
- Years 9-13: up to 550 words

You may write in any genre or style. Submissions can be in Te Reo Māori or English.

Send your entries to melissat@paeroacollege.schoool.nz
Remember to include your name, year level, and school name.

**Entries close
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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

In the event of planned absences, you must request leave from the Principal with at least 7 days notice.

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

Senior Leadership Team

Principal – Amy Hacker	amyh@paeroacollege.school.nz
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Deans

Year 9 & 10 – Achievement – Emma Black	emmab@paeroacollege.school.nz
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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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We respect people, their belongings & our environment

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We appreciate our people and place

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We show pride in all we do

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We are inclusive

We are kind



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