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Excelling as a creative, innovative, can-do community

Paeroa College Comment 1 September 2023



Mrs Gurnick with her son Kaleb at the top of the Mt In Tauranga at Y11 camp 2 weeks ago.



Coming Events

7th September
Prospective Parent Evening &
Learning Showcase, Community
Hui

12th September
Haka Wars / Waiata Challenge @
2.10pm

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

Kia ora e te whānau,

I hope this letter finds you well. This term has been filled with many action-packed days, learning opportunities and student achievements. You will, undoubtedly, be aware that winter sports are coming to an end and that we have several teams away on Tournament Week. We have (so far) had some notable successes, with our Lacrosse team coming away with the Waikato Silver medals, and several of our teams doing well in Thames Valley competitions. I am writing from sunny Hamilton where I am lucky to be spending the day supporting our Open A netball girls in the Upper North Island competition. Our basketball teams are also currently away on tournament and we wish them well.

Many thanks to all of you who took the time earlier this term to attend the Home-School Partnership (HSP) meetings with your children. These conversations are so important and I am grateful to all of you for prioritising them. I would also like to acknowledge the many written contributions that were made to the Board of Trustees through our *Community Input Surveys*. Your thoughts are essential to the strategic direction of our school and will inform the Board's conversations as we put together our strategic planning documents for the years to come.

In our *Community Input Surveys*, it was incredibly heartening how many of you expressed your appreciation regarding the communication you receive from school. That has been a key focus for us this year and it is really exciting to learn that you appreciate it. In addition, several of you highlighted the new HSP format as a real positive. We initiated this new format in response to research in neurobiology that demonstrates the importance to adolescents of having key adults in their life. It is our intention that your child's House Group teacher will be one of those key people for the duration of the time they spend in college. Please also continue to reach out to your child's subject teachers especially when and if you have any concerns.

A couple of you mentioned the school lunches, overwhelmingly as a positive. How cool is it that our children are provided with a free and healthy lunch every day! A few of you did mention wanting an opportunity for students to provide feedback on the lunches they receive. I would like to assure you that we do collect student feedback in the form of regular surveys (through their school email addresses). In addition, our incredible lunch ladies are eager to hear from students in terms of their likes and dislikes. Students are welcome to pop up to the window after lunch is served and discuss options and ideas with our warm and welcoming staff.

We are currently involved in planning for a refurbishment of the Pavilion (an original school building). This will provide students with an additional warm and dry space in which to relax and eat during lunch time in the winter months.

As a final note, in week 9 of this term we will be celebrating Te Wiki o te Reo Māori, Māori Language Week. Our eagerly anticipated annual Haka (and waiata) Wars will take place on **Tuesday 12 September at 2:10pm** in the Hall. All students and staff will be involved in this exciting event and you are warmly welcome to come watch and support your favourite house in this House Competition. I look forward to seeing you there.

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
Tumuaki/Principal

Senior Art

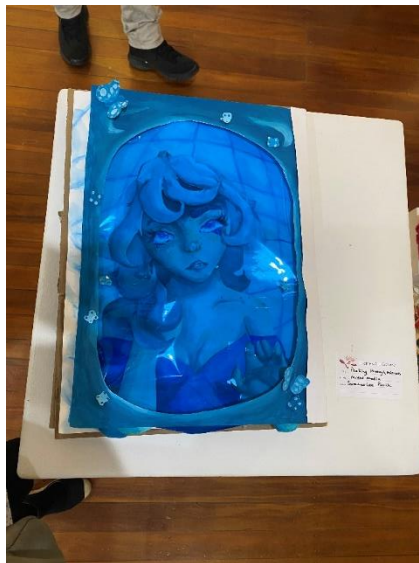
This year the Thames Art Society opened up an Arts competition to all the senior schools within the Hauraki plains district.

The aim of the exhibition was to foster interest in and promote the appreciation and execution of works within the various fields of the fine and applied arts. This was the first year that the Thames Art Society has opened up this competition to all the senior schools within the Hauraki plains district.

We had a good handful of students from Paeroa college enter their work to be displayed publicly in an Exhibition Hall. Mediums and practices from all and any contexts were welcomed, Shyla Ganderton Year 12, submitted a crochet sculpture titled Strawberry Shortcake and Cathrine Cryer produced a medieval garment. The rest of the students submitted work using mediums ranging from pen to oil paint! Paeroa students' work created a wonderful variation of style, practice and genre in the viewing, which added a flair to the exhibition.

The students who entered their work are Georgia Begbie, Year 11, Summer Partridge, Shyla Ganderton, Cathrine Cryer, Kael Briscoe, Chloe Porter, Summer Pavlik-Thwaites Year 12 and Taylor-Rose Newton Smith, Year 13. Congratulations to all students whose work was displayed.

All entrants received a complimentary Junior Membership of Thames Society of Arts



Year 11 Camp

We had an amazing time at our Year 11 school camp. We walked up Mount Maunganui, went to Bay Wave, the movies, Adrenaline Forest, and stayed right next to the Beach at Papamoa Christian camp.

Most of our activities were done in teams, which really encouraged us to build and strengthen our relationships with our peers, whilst creating fun and enjoyable memories. Year 11 camp was an incredible opportunity to explore, learn, and have a blast with our classmates.



Internet Access

The Ministry of education has secured funding to extend internet connectivity for up to 18,000 learner households currently without internet connectivity until 30th June 2024.

Eligibility:

- Eligibility is for households with primary and secondary students, that currently do not have an internet connection
- Internet connections are fully funded until 30th June 2024, including install, WiFi modem and monthly costs
- Schools provide student details, address, and household contact information to MoE
- The Equitable Digital Operating Service (EDOS) will work with providers to identify the best connectivity option for the family's location
- EDOS whānau tech helpline provides dedicated support with common technical issues they may need help with for learning online

Please contact us directly if you feel you may qualify for Free Internet Access

Special Assessment Condition Changes for 2024

We would like to inform you about the important change regarding Special Assessment Conditions (SAC) for the coming year. SAC conditions are available to meet a range of physical, emotional, sensory, medical, and learning needs.

For this year(2023) Paeroa College has to apply for SAC conditions through New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA). However from next year, the kura can notify NZQA that ākonga from year 11 are using SAC conditions. No supporting evidence will be needed to be submitted to them.

SAC conditions remove barriers for ākonga to complete school work. This change aligns with the Universal Design for Learning, which promotes accessibility in education.

To access more information, related to SAC, please find the attached links to the documents in [Te Reo Māori](#) and [English](#).

Mahi Tahi Kia Kaha

You are more than welcome to speak with our SAC specialist at Paeroa College, Whaea Geri Allen geria@paeroacollege.school.nz

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

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
Friday, 8th September**



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Applications close 30th September
You must be 14 years old at 1 February
For more info and application forms: www.YSAR.nz

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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Year 9 & 10 – Achievement – Emma Black	emmab@paeroacollege.school.nz
Year 9 – Pastoral – Felise Tai'i	feliset@paeroacollege.school.nz
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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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TE TIRITI O TE KURA TUARUA O PAEROA

MAHI TAHI KIA KAHA

Ka whakaute tātou i ngā tāngata, ā tātou tāonga me tō
tātou taiao hoki

Ka ākina e tātou te manawanui, te haumarutanga, ā, he
taiao e whakatinana ana i te pōwhiri

Ka maioha tātou i te tangata me te wāhi noho ai tātou

Ka tū tātou me te mōhio nā tātou ā tātou ake mahi

E nahanaha ana, e rite ana tātou

Ka ngākau titikaha tātou ki te ako

Ka whakahīhī tātou i ā tātou mahi katoa

Ka tautoko tātou i a tātou

He tauira tātou katoa

He whānau kotahi tātou

Ka ngākaunui tētehi ki tētehi



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