



Coming Events

13th December
Junior Prizegiving & Last day of
Term 4

7 February 2024
1st day of Term 1 inc Pōwhiri

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Paeroa College Comment

12 December 2023



Year 10's at camp in the Kauaeranga Valley.

Principal's Message

Tēnā koutou katoa,

What a year it has been! This final College Comment gives me the opportunity to offer you, our Paeroa College whānau, my deepest thanks and appreciation for all you have done over the past 5-years of my time as Principal. I am looking forward to 2024, during which time I will be based in Hamilton, and have the opportunity to provide leadership support to other principals in the Waikato. Paeroa College will be in safe hands with the appointment of Mr Kieran Udy as Acting Principal, and the leadership of our very capable Deputy Principals.

This year has been both an outstanding year and a challenging one. Our challenges included complications due to extreme weather events, preparation for the roll-out of a new curriculum and changes to NCEA, as well as industrial actions. Through all of this, we have appreciated your patience, collaboration and support. I hope you will be reassured to know that, despite the challenges, our students have nevertheless earned their NCEA qualifications and endorsements in high numbers. Our moto “Mahi Tahī Kia Kaha” underpins the community of Paeroa College, as we work together to ensure positive educational outcomes for all students.

Today I formally acknowledge the special contribution of those staff members for whom this week marks the end of their time with us. I would like to thank Suzie Simmonds for her support over the course of the second half of the school year, while we awaited the availability of our permanently appointed Music teacher. We acknowledge the contributions to English and Social Sciences of Mr Geoff Livingstone. We will miss the smiles of Mr Stuart Price as he leaves to undertake graduate study; his contributions to technology and outdoor education camps have been appreciated by all. I would also like to acknowledge Mrs Carol Walker for her 14 years of dedicated service to Paeroa College and the young people of Paeroa. Her contributions have been outstanding and have made a huge difference to our community. Finally, we farewell Ms Deb Berry who has been a caring and familiar face in the Student Centre for 19 years. She will be missed by staff, parents and students alike. I wish all staff embarking on new adventures the very best and thank you for your contributions.

To our fine young people, ..our taonga... I love the energy, enthusiasm and commitment you have brought to your learning and to the wider life of the school throughout the year. I want you to know how much I appreciate your willingness to actively participate in your learning and to persevere when you encounter barriers or difficulties. You are outstanding in your willingness to try again when your first attempts don't work out as you might have hoped.

Have an enjoyable summer break and celebrate the joys of the Christmas season. I wish you a happy, safe and refreshing holiday.

Nāku noa nā, ngā manaaki,
Amy
Principal/Tumuaki

Acting Principal for 2024



Kia Ora my name is Kieran Udy and I have the privilege of being the Acting Principal of Paeroa College for 2024. I am very much looking forward to this opportunity and being part of the College community. I am originally from Whanganui and spent my school years there, returning to serve on the leadership teams at both my old primary and secondary school.

I am currently part of the executive team at Kildare Catholic College, Wagga Wagga, NSW. Prior to this I have been in senior leadership roles in both primary and secondary schools in New Zealand. Most recently on an MOE Secondment as Acting Principal of a Primary School and before that Deputy Principal Pastoral and then Curriculum at Cullinane College.

Sport and Extracurricular have always been an important part of my time in schools. This year I coached both our 1st XV Rugby team and also Senior Boys and Girls Prem Basketball teams at Kildare. I have also been involved in other sports, camps, Duke of Edinburgh and Debating. I look forward to having some involvement in sport and extracurricular at Paeroa College during my time with you.

My approach to education could be summed up as “supporting others to be the best versions of themselves.” Wishing you all the best for the remainder of the year and the Christmas break and I look forward to meeting you all at the start of next year.

Start of 2024 Dates



Welcome to 2024

School office open from 25th January

- Tuesday 30th January – Year 11-Year 13
Course Confirmation. Online bookings available, further information will be emailed out.
- Wednesday 31st January pm - Friday 2nd February - Year 13 Camp
- Thursday 1st February & Friday 2nd February - Year 11 and Year 12 Block Course 8.40am - 3.00pm
- Wednesday 7th February - Year 9 & all new students Pōwhiri starting at 9.45am - all new students please assemble in the gym by 9.00am. Returning Year 10 - Year 13 students, school year starts at 8.40am

Late enrolment paperwork due by Friday 26th January
Scheduled enrolment interviews available for new students
from Wednesday 31st January

Uniform Shop and Chromebook Distribution:

Wednesday 31st January 11.00am-6.00pm

Thursday 1st February 8.30am-3.30pm

School is closed Monday 5th February - Teacher Only Day



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Year 9's Last week

Earlier this week, Year 9 students had the opportunity to catch up with Harold and Matua Mike in the Life Education Classroom. Vape education was the learning context, and it was good to see settled kids well-engaged with a topic that is so important for their generation. Good questions and informative answers defined the sessions. Our teens might think they're getting all grown up – but an ear-wave and a corny joke from an iconic giraffe puppet, still holds their attention.



Community Information

Hey Breakers Fans :)

We have the chance to win 4 x Premier Tickets to a BNZ Breakers Basketball game at Spark Arena during the current season.

All we have to do is post the Breakers Calendar on our socials, so here goes :)

Good luck to us. If the school wins, the tickets will either be raffled off or used for fundraising purposes. Watch this space.

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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 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
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**

Accounts / Executive Officer – Debbie Gould debbieg@paeroacollege.school.nz
Principal's PA – Yolande Lowe yolandel@paeroacollege.school.nz
Student Services – Sharlene McNeil office@paeroacollege.school.nz
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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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