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Paeroa College Comment

9 February 2024



Paeroa College Pōwhiri held on Wednesday 8 February to welcome our new students and staff.



Coming Events

16th February
Athletics Day

19th February
School Photos

20th February
EME Awards

21st – 23rd February
Year 9 Camp

26th February
Board of Trustees Meeting

4th – 15th March
Dental Service on site

6th March
Māori Awards (TBC)

16th March
School Ball

25th March
Board of Trustees Meeting

29 March
Good Friday

1st April
Easter Monday

2nd April
Easter Tuesday

12th April
Last day Term 1

Principal's Message

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Firstly, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new students and staff who have come to join Paeroa College in 2024. May the time that you spend at Paeroa College be a happy time that you always look back on with fond memories. Our hope is that you will take up as many opportunities as possible, make new friends and develop your skills and talents to be the best you can be. Make the most of your time at Paeroa College and learn as much as you can not only in the classroom but also in the other learning opportunities such as sport, cultural activities and school events.

I want to also thank the parents and whānau who have enrolled their children at Paeroa College. Your support and trust in the school is very much appreciated and certainly not taken for granted. We look forward to working with you in partnership over the time of your children's education here.

To all returning students I would like to challenge you to make the most of 2024. Each new year presents us with an opportunity to push ourselves beyond our comfort zone and grow as individuals. Make the most of what opportunities are presented to you in 2024 and run with them. Set high expectations for yourself and your peers. Put the effort in now and this will mean you have great options and possibilities when you finish school. While much of the academic knowledge you gain while at Secondary School may not directly relate to your eventual careers, the skills and character traits you forge here certainly will. I challenge you to give 2024 your absolute best.

As many of you will be aware the Government has introduced changes for schools as far as the use of cell phones during the school day. Currently we are working through how these changes will be implemented at Paeroa College and will communicate this to whānau well ahead of time so you are informed of the changes. We are required to implement these changes by the start of term two.

Finally, I look forward to working with you all this year supporting our students to be the best they can be.

Ngā mihi

Kieran Udy
Acting Principal/Tumuaki

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.

Family holidays, appointments and meetings should be arranged outside of school term time, whenever possible. If this scheduling is unavoidable, and the absence is for a full day (or more) please request a leave of absence in writing from the Principal, at least 7 days in advance. The Principal will respond in writing and help facilitate your child's continued learning during the leave. The leave will be recorded for Ministry of Education purposes as Justified.

If your child is not in school, learning from home as approved by the school, or on a school activity, they are absent, regardless of the reason. This is true even if the absence is *Justified*. The Ministry recognises *Justified* absences to include absences due to short-term illness, bus breakdown, accident, road closure, national/local representation, bereavement, and exceptional family circumstances. Absences can also be *Explained*, meaning that you have notified the school, but the absence does not fall within the Ministry guidelines for *Justified* absences. *Explained* absences include reasons such as: caring for younger siblings, working on assignments, shopping trips, and unapproved holidays during term time. These types of absence are not recognised as being valid reasons for students to miss school.

- Student responsibilities:
 - Arrive at school on time (8:40)
 - Attend classes on time and remain in class the entire lesson
 - Sign in at the Student Centre if you are more than 10 minutes late for the start of the school day.
 - Stay within the school grounds.

- Parent/caregiver responsibilities:
 - Phone or text the school when your child is unable to make it to school.
 - Avoid scheduling appointments during school hours
 - Personally sign students in and out if they need to leave school during the day for any reason.
 - Provide a written note, phone call or email to explain student absences on the day or as soon thereafter as is practical.

Smoke & Vape

Paeroa College reminds all families and students that schools are Smoke and Vape-free Zones. Vaping and cigarettes are prohibited by law at all times in all schools (including our grounds and buildings).

Vaping poses a significant health risk for young people. We challenge the perception that it is a harmless alternative to cigarettes. There is currently a lack of research regarding the harmful effects and long-term health issues caused by the use of vape. As a school we continue to take a strong disciplinary stance on the elimination of vaping products and their use within school hours. We also strongly recommend that you protect your children from vaping outside of school hours.



Change of Details

Please remember to let us know if you or your emergency contact for your child changes or your details change i.e., home phone number, your cell phone number or new address should you move houses, even your email address.

This way we can make sure our information is going to the correct place when sending reports, letters, newsletters or should we need to ring you regarding your child.

Lunches in Schools, Period Products & Breakfast Club

We are very excited to let you know that our school will be continuing our free and healthy school lunch programme for 2024.

All parents want to provide their children with a healthy lunch every day. But, as you will know, there are many reasons parents can struggle, often through no fault of their own. Offering lunch for all our children as well as local employment opportunities is the fair and right thing to do. This is why we participate in this programme. Catering for every child means we do not need to identify those who need it more than others. However, lunches are not compulsory, and you can continue to provide your child's lunch if you wish.

Lunches cater for the diet, health and cultural needs of all students, whilst making sure they are healthy and nutritious. All food meets New Zealand food safety standards. The lunches are available free of charge for all Paeroa College students.

Three amazing local women run and prepare our school lunches: Sally Dustow (Head Chef) Janet Mitchell and Jannine Kelly. Weekly menus are posted on the College social media pages Facebook and Instagram.

You can find out more about the programme at: www.education.govt.nz/free-and-healthy-school-lunches

If you have any further questions, please contact Rana Lloyd ranal@paeroacollege.school.nz or the Ministry at school.lunches@education.govt.nz

We are kindly supported by the Kickstart Breakfast Programme sponsored by Sanitarium and Anchor. Breakfast club is every school morning from 8.00am - 8.35am. It is run by the senior students and a member from Rotary Paeroa. Every student and staff member are welcome.

We are also supported by Kidscan. Kidscan provide our students with morning tea consisting of osm bars, fruit pottles and packets of nuts and seeds.

We also have free period products for all of our students.

When you need items, these can be obtained from the student centre. These are totally free for your entire time at Paeroa College.

So, if you are starting as a Y9 and you go through to Y13, that means you would have had 5 years of free products - that's right your caregivers no longer need to buy these items at the supermarket. Yes, we cover both pads and tampons, regular and super.

New Staff for 2024

We would like to introduce our new teaching staff for 2024.



Laurence Broad
Social Science



Tronel Hellberg
Music



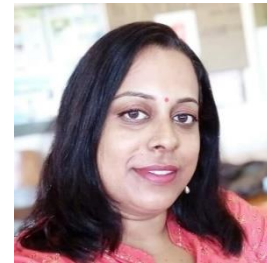
Vanessa Mead
Science



Karen McLean
English



Rikihana Norman
Science



Renuka Sharma
Technology



Katherine Stewart
English



Kieran Udy
Acting Principal



Jamie Wickham
Technology

We would like to introduce our new admin staff for 2024.



Tracey Baxter – Student Centre

School Leaders for 2024

Head Students:



Mikayla McArthur – Community, Megan Dustow – Arts & Culture, Edward Paynter – Wellbeing, Kaleb Gurnick – Sport, Jackleen Ranginui – Manukura and Milah McGahan- Learning.



Head students in their house colours today at swimming sports.

House Leaders



Maru – Rebecca Harris & Shiah Taylor



Ngakotu – Ryan Ball and Isabella Dryland



Rapiri – Eliza Stepanicic & Georgia Begbie



Tara – Cathrine Cryer & Stanley Black

Returning to School with Asthma

As children return to school after a break, it is important to ensure that they are able to manage their asthma effectively.

Asthma can have a significant impact on a child's ability to attend and participate in school. Symptoms such as coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath, and chest tightness can make it difficult for a child to focus and stay active in the classroom. Asthma can also cause fatigue, which can make it difficult for a child to keep up with their schoolwork.

When asthma attacks are severe, a child may be forced to skip school because they need to stay home until their symptoms subside. Parents, teachers, and school administrators should work together to make sure that children with asthma get the help they need to control their symptoms and do well in school.

Here are some key points to consider when helping children with asthma return to school:

- Follow the [asthma action plan](#): Parents should review their child's written asthma action plan with them and make sure they understand what to do in case of an asthma attack. It is also important to ensure their inhaler and spacer are kept at school or in their school bag. Talk with the school to ensure that the child's inhaler and spacer is easily accessible during school time and that they know how to use it properly.
- Preventative measures: Children with asthma may be prescribed preventive medications such as inhaled corticosteroids to help control inflammation in the airways and reduce the frequency of asthma attacks. It is important for parents to ensure that their child takes these medications as prescribed, even when they are feeling well, to help prevent asthma symptoms from occurring at school.
- Keep your school informed: Parents should make sure that their child's teacher and school nurse are aware of their child's condition. This will help ensure that the child's needs are met and that the school is prepared to handle any potential asthma emergencies.
- Communicate with the school: It is important for parents to stay in communication with the child's teacher and school nurse about their child's asthma and any changes in their condition. This will help ensure that the child's needs are met and that the school is prepared to handle any potential asthma emergencies.

Community Notices



Do you like to Dance?

My name is Michael McPhee and I am a qualified and registered dance teacher.

This year I am running Ballet, Tap, and Jazz classes at local halls in Turua, and Karangahake.

Classes are available from age 4 through to Adults.

If you would be interested in trying a dance class please get in touch. I offer one free trial class before requiring enrolment.

Email: memcphee20@gmail.com

Mobile: 021 056 2085

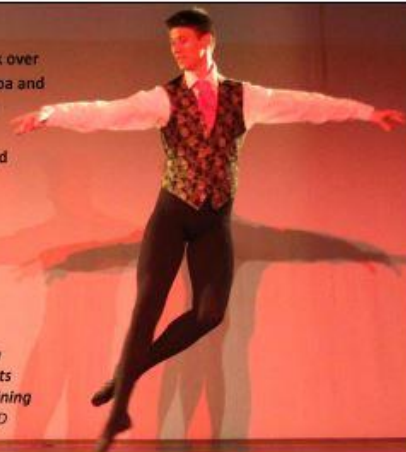


I started Dancing at the age of 5, and now have over 23 years of dance experience and have been teaching for more than 10 years. In 2019 I took over the Lee Jarvis School of Dance (now Attitude NZ School of Dance) in Paeroa and have been working closely with the Thames Hauraki Ballet Theatre (now Thames Hauraki Dance Theatre) since 2020.

I have been very fortunate to learn from and work with many experienced dancers and dance teachers.

I have a Level 4 Diploma in Imperial Classical Ballet, a Gold Award for Level 13 Glenn Wood Tap, an Advanced Two Diploma and Solo Performance Diploma for Jazz. And I am a Registered Teacher of NZAMD.

I endeavor to use safe and effective teaching methods to teach dance in a professional but fun and enjoyable atmosphere. My aim is to help students develop correct technique and a positive attitude towards dance, maintaining high standards of conduct and respect. - Mr Michael McPhee ANZAMD SPD



Come Dance With Us This Year!

ATTITUDE NZ
SCHOOL OF DANCE

Check out our
Facebook and
Instagram Pages



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MĀORI EDUCATION TRUST
2024 SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships and Criteria
<u>Edward Carlton Holmes Memorial Scholarship</u> Open to those who whakapapa to a hapū or marae of the Wairarapa Tāmaki Nui a Rua Rohe and are registered to the Ngāti Kahungunu Ki Wairarapa Tāmaki Nui-A-Rua Settlement Trust.
<u>Māori Education Trust Secondary Boarding Scholarship</u> Available to Māori boarding students with demonstrated financial need, academic ability, and aptitude, enrolled at Māori secondary boarding schools.
<u>Māori Education Trust Years 10 to 13 Scholarship</u> Available to Years 10 to 13 Māori students with demonstrated financial need.
<u>Ōtaki and Porirua Trusts Board Scholarship</u> Open to beneficiaries registered with Ngāti Raukawa, Ngāti Toa or Te Atiawa.
<u>RJ Graham Scholarship</u> Available to Years 12 and Year 13 Māori students with academic merit studying Te Reo Māori. Priority will be given to students also studying mathematics, information technology or science. (Science is defined as physics, chemistry or biology.)
<u>Rose Hellaby Scholarship</u> Available to Year 9 Māori students with demonstrated financial need, academic ability and aptitude.
<u>Sister Annie Henry Scholarship</u> Available to Māori students who are a direct descendant of Reverend John George Laughton or of Tūhoe descent.
<u>Tangiharuru Apa Trust Secondary Scholarship</u> Available to secondary taura who are descendants of Tangiharuru or Apa.
<u>Ti Maru Māori Trust Secondary Boarding Scholarship</u> Available to Year 9 Māori students with demonstrated financial need, academic ability and aptitude, who attend a secondary boarding school.
<u>VW & LM Rosier Scholarship</u> Available to Year 13 Māori students with demonstrated financial need and NCEA Level 2 with Merit or Excellence Endorsement.

The link to the online application is available at the Māori Education Trust (MET) website. Alternatively, email the office and an application form will be sent to you.

Applications close:
4.00 pm, Sunday, 31 Poutū-te-rangi (March) 2024.

Feel free to contact the office for further information.

Postal Address: PO Box 413, Wellington Box Lobby, Wellington 6140

Phone: (04) 586 7971

Email: info@maorieducation.org.nz / Website: www.maorieducation.org.nz

ONE YEAR YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

Does the thought of a one-year exchange living in a different country, learning a new language and culture and attending a foreign school appeal? Are you interested in living in a different country, attending school and learning a new language?

Departure is in January returning in January the following year. The program is open to students aged 16 – 18 in January of the year they depart New Zealand. Countries we have exchanged with include Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, France, Germany and Switzerland.

Applications for exchange during 2025 close on 15 March 2024.

For more information and applications please refer to [Youth - RYE | Rotary District 9950 \(rotary9950.org\)](https://rotary9950.org)

INFORMATION SEMINAR

There will be a 1 hour information seminar in March, to be held virtually.

This will be a great chance for you and your parents to learn more.

To register your interest please contact: RYEChair@rotary9950.org or Chris.Waikato.SR@gmail.com

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Kaitiaki o Ara/SADD Waikato Regional Workshop



Wednesday 13th March 2024, 9.30am - 2.30pm
Sir Don Rowland Centre
601 Maungatutari Road
Leamington, Karapiro 3494

Workshop Objective

"To establish and build relationships with Secondary School communities"

Come along to our Term 1 regional workshop!

The aim of this workshop is to give young people the opportunity to learn all the essentials for getting started with Kaitiaki o Ara/SADD, build relationships with their local Council, Police, FENZ, meet other like minded students around their region, get stuck into practical activities, planning and leaving students empowered to make a difference in the road safety space for the future.

What can you expect?

- PLANNING
- SADD INTRODUCTION
- LEADERSHIP SKILLS
- RESOURCES
- MAKE CONNECTIONS
- FUN
- CATERING PROVIDED



If you are keen to send some of your school leaders or SADD group students, we can allocate up to 5 students from your school.

RSVP to Renee by Friday the 21st of February
Email: renee@sadd.org.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

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.

We have a new school nurse starting with us soon. She 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

Acting Principal – Kieran Udy	kieranu@paeroacollege.school.nz
Deputy Principal – Miah Williams	miahw@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 – Paul Beisly	paulb@paeroacollege.school.nz
Year 10 – Pastoral – Melissa Tonkin	melissat@paeroacollege.school.nz
Year 11 – Achievement – Grant van de Wetering	grantv@paeroacollege.school.nz
Year 11 – Pastoral – Chris Doak	chrisd@paeroacollege.school.nz
Year 12 & 13 – Achievement – Denise Grimmer	deniseg@paeroacollege.school.nz
Year 12 & 13 – Pastoral – Ramaig Gurnick	ramaig@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 –	traceyb@paeroacollege.school.nz
Careers – Denise Grimmer	deniseg@paeroacollege.school.nz
Learning support & Student well-being –	andrewc@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”