



Excelling as a creative, innovative, can-do community

Paeroa College Comment

1 March 2024



Members of the Ngakotu House who won the Athletics Day



Coming Events

7th – 21st March
Dental Service on site

16th March
School Ball

25th March
Board of Trustees Meeting

26th March
Māori Awards Evening

29th March
Good Friday

1st April
Easter Monday

2nd April
Easter Tuesday

10th April
Teacher Only Day –
Closing at Midday

12th April
Last day Term 1

8th May
HSP Day – more information to
come.

31st May
Teacher Only Day

25th October
Teacher Only Day

11th November
Teacher Only Day

Principal's Message

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Term One is always a busy term in any school and Paeroa College is no exception. Congratulations to all those students who participated in the school athletics and swimming sports. Both events went well and it was great to see students being enthusiastic about the house competition. Well done to those students who have been selected to represent the College in both of these sports.

Our annual EME (Excellence, Merit and Endorsement) awards have also been held. It was a fantastic evening of celebrating the success of those students who worked hard in 2023 towards their goals and gained this award. Congratulations to those students who received these awards and we challenge all students in Year 11 - 13 to aim for an endorsement. Keep up the good work.

When it comes to academic outcomes and future pathways for students one of the largest contributing factors is school attendance. Paeroa College is not isolated in this being a challenge for some of our students, there is a nationwide issue around attendance. Regular attendance leads to improved academic outcomes and engagement. When students are regularly attending school, which is more than 80% of the time (4 days out of 5), they are then able to learn new content and skills and have the opportunity to practice those skills and knowledge. When students are away from school too often the learning becomes patchy and gaps develop that are hard to close.

As many of you will be aware all schools are required to implement a cell phone policy by the beginning of Term Two. The Senior Leadership Team has developed a draft policy which is included in this newsletter and we are now seeking feedback from the College community around the proposed policy. This is a requirement when making changes to school rules etc. If you have any feedback around the proposed changes, please email me directly kieranu@paeroacollege.school.nz by March 13th. This will then allow time to consider the changes and the BOT to meet and finalise the policy.

Ngā mihi

Kieran Udy
Acting Principal/Tumuaki

Cell Phone Policy for Paeroa College (DRAFT)

(Please refer to the Principal's Report)

Students are not allowed to bring their phones to school and will need to leave these at home. Parents wishing to contact their child can do so via the school office or student centre.

If a student is caught with their cell phone out during the school day and does not have an approved exemption then the phone will be placed into a Yondr pouch and locked. If they have a smartwatch this will also be placed into a Yondr pouch and locked. These are to remain locked and in the possession of the student for the duration of the school day. Students can unlock these on their way out of school at the end of the day using the Yondr unlocking stations that are located in the student centre and DP office. If a student is caught with their phone out three times then a parent or guardian will need to collect the phone from the school and this will be collected from the DP's office.

Students who wish to apply for an exemption can do if they meet the following criteria:

- a phone is needed for health reasons (for example, to monitor insulin levels); or
- a phone is needed to help a student with a disability or learning support need (for example, to assist with impaired communication); or
- the principal decides that they are needed for special circumstances (for example, the student is a teenage parent).

Students at Paeroa College will not require phones for educational purposes as they are already issued with a Chromebook. Applications for exemption can be made using the "Cellphone exemption" form which is available from the student centre or the DP's.

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.

School Yearbook 2024

The Yearbook for 2024 has been charged to all student's accounts. If you do not wish to pay and receive one at the end of this year, can you please let us know so we can remove the charge yolandel@paeroacollege.school.nz

We need to know by Friday 22 March 2024. Thank you.

Community Notices

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://www.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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**MĀORI EDUCATION TRUST
2024 SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS**

Scholarships and Criteria
<p><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.</p>
<p><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.</p>
<p><u>Māori Education Trust Years 10 to 13 Scholarship</u> Available to Years 10 to 13 Māori students with demonstrated financial need.</p>
<p><u>Ōtaki and Porirua Trusts Board Scholarship</u> Open to beneficiaries registered with Ngāti Raukawa, Ngāti Toa or Te Atiawa.</p>
<p><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.)</p>
<p><u>Rose Hellaby Scholarship</u> Available to Year 9 Māori students with demonstrated financial need, academic ability and aptitude.</p>
<p><u>Sister Annie Henry Scholarship</u> Available to Māori students who are a direct descendant of Reverend John George Laughton or of Tūhoe descent.</p>
<p><u>Tangiharuru Apa Trust Secondary Scholarship</u> Available to secondary taura who are descendants of Tangiharuru or Apa.</p>
<p><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.</p>
<p><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.</p>

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

INDOOR BOWLS starts Wednesday night 6th March & 7.15pm at Paeroa College Gym hall. All welcome, beginners or experienced, all ages and all abilities. Free coaching available. Play competitive or social, the choice is yours.

If you haven't played before, come and have a go, just bring some soft soled shoes.

Just turn up on the night or Phone Sue 0274 184300

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21km

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SATURDAY 25 MAY 2024

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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

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 &
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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”