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# Paeroa College Comment

22 March 2024



Our beautiful staff at the Formal 2024



## Coming Events

25<sup>th</sup> March  
Board of Trustees Meeting

26<sup>th</sup> March  
Māori Awards Evening

29<sup>th</sup> March  
Good Friday

1<sup>st</sup> April  
Easter Monday

2<sup>nd</sup> April  
Easter Tuesday

4<sup>th</sup> April – Mufti Day  
Kids Can Ball Fundraising

10<sup>th</sup> April  
Teacher Only Day –  
Closing at Midday

12<sup>th</sup> April  
Last day Term 1

8<sup>th</sup> May  
HSP Day – more information to  
come.

15<sup>th</sup> May  
HSP Evening – more  
information to come.

22 May  
Paid Union Meeting

31<sup>st</sup> May  
Teacher Only Day

25<sup>th</sup> October  
Teacher Only Day

11<sup>th</sup> November  
Teacher Only Day

# Principal's Message

Tēnā koutou katoa,

It has been an eventful few weeks here at the College and I would like to thank all the staff and volunteers who have given up their time to make these events possible. Congratulations to our various sports teams who have experienced success in recent competitions whether that be the touch team, motocross or equestrian to name a few. Well done to these students and the coaches on your success. It is a well-established fact that extracurricular involvement whether that be in sport or cultural pursuits are extremely beneficial to students' future success. The skills learnt in the pursuit of these activities help to form the young person into a much more rounded and capable adult.

The school formal was another great occasion and a special thanks to Sally Dustow and the student committee who put in hours making this the event that it was. The volunteers who also helped with hair, makeup and outfits are to be commended. The support provided by these people meant that the night could be as successful as it was. This was the largest school formal we have had for some time and the night went off well. Once again thank you.

We have a Paid Union Meeting on the 22nd of May which will mean an early finish for students. These meetings are covered until the Secondary Teachers Collective Agreement and can be called by the union to discuss a range of matters that impact on their members. School for the day will finish at 1:00pm to ensure that teachers can attend this meeting. Students who need to be supervised will be able to remain at school and will be supervised by other staff in the Waihou block.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees I would like to thank those parents who sent in feedback around the proposed school cell phone policy. The policy once confirmed by the BOT will be communicated to the school community in the next College Comment as well as via email to parents. Students will also be informed via school daily notices and assemblies. The policy has to be enacted by the first day of term two. As you will be well aware this is a government directed change and as a state school we are required to comply with the change.

Finally, a reminder that attendance is one of the key factors in determining student success at school. When students are absent for significant periods of time this impacts considerably on their ability to connect different concepts and creates gaps in their knowledge and skills. We would like to congratulate those students who are regularly attending school and especially those students who have made an improvement in their attendance this year. Keep up the good work, it will certainly pay off when it comes to assessments.

Ngā mihi

Kieran Udy  
Acting Principal/Tumuaki

# Year 9 Camp

Earlier in the Term the Year 9 students went on a three-day camp up the Maratoto Valley. There was an excellent turn out from students who were pushed out of their comfort zones and into the bush. These camps help build team spirit and school culture as they bond around the campfire, compete in challenging activities and get to know one another.

The weather worked against us for a wet night and a soggy morning. The students and staff adapted heroically to the challenges of camp life in the rain. Students dug deep into their resilience resources and made the most of activities that staff were changing on the fly.

When the sun eventually came out, everyone was able to enjoy the river and bush again. Highlights included an epic trek through the bush to a secret waterfall, visiting a giant eel and a special time hearing stories around the campfire from Matua Larn Wilkinson. We heard about the origins of Aotearoa, the meaning of Maratoto and traditional life in the Hauraki.

As we go through the year, we hope students will draw on the resilience and relationships developed on camp and make the most of their first year at Paeroa College.

Thanks to all the whānau for getting their rangatahi along and to all the staff that put a huge effort into preparing the camp.

Paul Beisly  
Year 9 Pastoral Dean





# Teacher Only Half Day

Please remember school closes at 12.00noon on Wednesday 10 April as there is a Teacher Only Half Day for all of our local schools.

We understand instead of the buses doing their school runs at 3.00pm it will all now be done at midday.

# Travellers Programme

Paeroa College is delighted to be able to offer the *Travellers* programme to our Year 9 students in Term two of 2024.

*Travellers* is a small-group programme about life's journey and how young people can be supported to face challenges in their life.

This term, all Year 9 students will complete a short *Travellers* online survey. Following this, some students will be invited to take part in the programme.

The group meets during school time, with the minimum disruption to students' academic commitments.

*Travellers* has been running successfully in a number of New Zealand secondary schools since 2001. Our college supports the implementation of the programme as a part of our school's ongoing commitment to supporting the emotional wellbeing of our students.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Head of Learning Support Geri Allen [geria@paeroacollege.school.nz](mailto:geria@paeroacollege.school.nz) or SENCO Loretta Goodhue - [Lorettag@paeroacollege.school.nz](mailto:Lorettag@paeroacollege.school.nz).

Ngā mihi

Loretta Goodhue  
SENCO  
Paeroa College

# Community Notices



## MĀORI EDUCATION TRUST 2024 SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships and Criteria
<b><u>Edward Carlton Holmes Memorial Scholarship</u></b> 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.
<b><u>Māori Education Trust Secondary Boarding Scholarship</u></b> Available to Māori boarding students with demonstrated financial need, academic ability, and aptitude, enrolled at Māori secondary boarding schools.
<b><u>Māori Education Trust Years 10 to 13 Scholarship</u></b> Available to Years 10 to 13 Māori students with demonstrated financial need.
<b><u>Ōtaki and Porirua Trusts Board Scholarship</u></b> Open to beneficiaries registered with Ngāti Raukawa, Ngāti Toa or Te Atiawa.
<b><u>RJ Graham Scholarship</u></b> 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.)
<b><u>Rose Hellaby Scholarship</u></b> Available to Year 9 Māori students with demonstrated financial need, academic ability and aptitude.
<b><u>Sister Annie Henry Scholarship</u></b> Available to Māori students who are a direct descendant of Reverend John George Laughton or of Tūhoe descent.
<b><u>Tangiharuru Apa Trust Secondary Scholarship</u></b> Available to secondary taura who are descendants of Tangiharuru or Apa.
<b><u>Ti Maru Māori Trust Secondary Boarding Scholarship</u></b> Available to Year 9 Māori students with demonstrated financial need, academic ability and aptitude, who attend a secondary boarding school.
<b><u>VW &amp; LM Rosier Scholarship</u></b> 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.

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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](mailto:paulinek@paeroacollege.school.nz)

# Important Contact Details

## Senior Leadership Team

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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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