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Paeroa College Comment

12 April 2024

Coming Events

12th April
Last day Term 1

25th April
ANZAC Day

29th April
Start of Term 2

2nd May
Board of Trustees Meeting
@ 4.45pm B1

8th May
HSP Day – Letter has gone home

15th May
HSP Evening – more information to
come.

22 May
Paid Union Meeting
School closing @ 1.00pm

31st May
Teacher Only Day

3rd June
Kings Birthday – School Closed

24th June
Board of Trustees Meeting
@ 4.45pm B1

28 June
Matariki – School Closed

1st July – 3rd July
Year 11 Camp

5th July
Last Day of Term 2

22nd July
Start of Term 3

29th July
Board of Trustees Meeting
@ 4.45pm B1

31st July – 2 August
Year 12 Camp

29th August
Sports Photos



One of our Year 10 groups doing their planning for Making and designing their enviro-friendly farm during Project week this week.

Principal's Message

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Term One is always a busy time in schools and this year at Paeroa College has been no exception. We have had a range of school events, camps and sports run this term. Thanks to all those people who made these events possible. Term Two will be similar with winter sports beginning and various other school events. Thanks again to the volunteers and staff who coach, manager or support our sports team. This is much appreciated.

Enclosed in this newsletter is our newly adopted cell phone policy for the school. Thanks to the parents who took the time to engage in the consultation. A reminder that this policy takes effect on the first day of term two. Students should be leaving their cell phones at home and not bringing them to school. Your support of this policy is certainly appreciated.

Our Board of Trustees has recently voted to begin the process of developing an enrolment scheme for Paeroa College. This will give the school the ability to better manage enrolments and ensure that we can provide the best education that we can to the students enrolled in our school. This process is managed by the Ministry of Education and will involve consultation with the community. The enrolment scheme is a requirement for us to get additional buildings which we are in desperate need of with the increase in roll.

This last week of term, we had Dr Mike Paki with us conducting a cultural audit of the College. Thanks to all those students, whānau and staff who contributed to the various surveys. This report will provide the College with areas to work on moving forward. Some of these recommendations will be straightforward and easy to address, while others will take some time. Alongside this process we have reviewed the role that Whaea Melba Pakinga does at the school and she will become more of an advisory and liaison when it comes to all things Te Ao Māori. Her new role is Te Pou Ārahi Māori.

We have also had some staffing changes this term with Rebecca Provan joining us to teach literacy and a range of other subjects. She comes with a wealth of experience and knowledge. Rebecca is already proving to be a great addition to the staff. We also farewell Tronel Hellberg who has been our music teacher this term. We wish her well as she begins a new position at Cullinane College in Whanganui.

Finally, thanks to all those students who have made a positive contribution to the College this term. Attendance at school is one of the most important factors in determining student success when it comes to educational outcomes. Let's keep working on improving our attendance in term two. Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable school holiday.

Ngā mihi

Kieran Udy
Acting Principal/Tumuaki

Cell phone Policy

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 "Cell phone exemption" form which is available from the student centre.

HEEADSSS Assessment

Tēnā koutou parents/guardians/caregivers and students,

Paeroa College has an agreement with Pinnacle and Te Whatu Ora Waikato to provide free nursing services on site. As school nurses, the health and wellbeing of your child at school is really important to us. The main aim of our clinic is to improve the health of our students so they can learn and thrive within the school environment.

As part of this, the school nurse, *Sheree McKain* will complete a thorough wellbeing review for all consenting Year 9 students. This wellbeing review uses the HEEADSSS (home, education, exercise/activities/diet, drugs, sexuality, self-harm, safety) assessment.

HEEADSSS assessment is a holistic tool recognised and used with young people within health settings worldwide. It supports the building of a thorough health plan in collaboration with your child. You can read more about this on the Starship NZ website:
<https://starship.org.nz/guidelines/adolescent-consultation>

This wellbeing review is likely to take 30-60 minutes and a referral to other services will be available where needed. It will take place during the school day and there is no cost for the service. You are welcome to attend the review with your child if you wish to.

Please note, hearing and vision testing, which is carried out by Te Whatu Ora, has already taken place during Term 1.

If you have any questions, **or if you do not consent** to your child having this wellbeing review, please contact the school nurse (details below)

Registered nurse:

Sheree McKain Waikato school nurse - Pinnacle

Mobile: 07 862 7579

Email: sheree.mckain@pinnacle.health.nz

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 or SENCO Loretta Goodhue - Lorettag@paeroacollege.school.nz.

Ngā mihi

Loretta Goodhue
SENCO
Paeroa College

HSP Meetings

A letter was sent recently to all whānau about the upcoming HSP meetings. This year there will be two types of meetings:

1. House Group Meetings - where the House Group Teacher will give you an overview of your student and how they are going.

These are 20-minute interviews on Wednesday 8th May from 8.30-4.30. Please book by using the code **ndngz** on the school interviews website with your students House Group Teacher.

2. Subject Teacher Meetings – where you can meet with teachers of specific subjects as needed.

These are 10-minute interviews in Wednesday 15th May from 3.10-5.30. More information will follow about booking these interviews next term.

Winter Sports 2024

Winter sports are upon us and in some of our codes they have already had a few warmup games.

Fees have been charged to each student's account for those who are a member of a winter sports team.

These fees need to be paid in full before the third playing day. All winter sport codes will start play the first week of Term 2.

Below are the contact details for the coach in each code:

1 st XV Rugby	Aaron McKain	027 242 1289
Youth Rugby	Felise Tai'i	021 163 5842
Girls Rugby	Steven Hill	027 280 6302
Touch Rugby	Chris Doak	021 263 6430
Netball Open A	Holly McGahan	0274 818 690
Netball 10A	David Cranson	021 189 1833
Netball 9A	Lindy Gurnick	021 027 33620
Hockey – Mixed	Alison Imrie	022 088 6409
Lacrosse	Ursula Johnson	021 122 1874
Football – Mixed	Paul Beisly	022 072 0052
Basketball – Junior Boys	Steve McKain	027 556 0778
Basketball – Senior Boys	Steve McKain	027 556 0778
Basketball – Senior Girls	Gavin Johnson	022 455 2363

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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 has started. We would like to welcome Sheree McKain. Sheree will be here Monday, Tuesday, Every 2nd Wednesday & Thursday's 9.00am – 3.00pm.

We have counsellors available at school. This service is available on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 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 – Ramai Gurnick ramaig@paeroacollege.school.nz
Year 12 & 13 Transitions – Denise Grimmer deniseg@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
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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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