



PAEROA COLLEGE COMMENT

21 March 2025



Principal's Comment

Tēnā koutou katoa,

As we approach the business end of term one, I would like to acknowledge the positive start to the year we have had because of our students and staff. We have an awesome kura and it is because of the people who fill it on a daily basis.

We are now at a crucial stage of term where key learning and assessment take priority across all classes. For our students this means prioritising your mahi at school and breaking your tasks down into smaller more manageable chunks. For our whānau this looks like continued encouragement and involvement in your students learning. This year we are re-introducing catch-up days on the last day of each term to create the opportunity for students who have missed work or need a resubmission to catch up. These days are extremely important to enable our students to achieve success and catch up when and where necessary.

Lastly, we are really looking forward to our Māori awards on Tuesday night and celebrating all of the successes of our students. This will be a special evening for our students, staff and whānau.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

Andrew Cameron
Tumuaki / Principal

Student Absenteeism

Can you please when texting the school advising of your student being absent or leaving a phone message, please leave the first and last name of the student (for example we have 4 students called Miley) and your name as well. This would be greatly appreciated.

Phones at School

We would like to remind parents and students of the Ministry's ban on mobile phones during school hours. We understand the importance of keeping in touch with your child. However, if you need to get a message to your child, please contact the student centre and leave a message. We will make sure your child receives this message and students have the opportunity to phone home if required too.

Year 11 Camp

Year 11 Camp is 2-4 April. Camp letters were given to students last week. Please sign and return the form to the student centre asap. The fee of \$100.00 has been charged to all Year 11 student accounts. We would appreciate this being paid as soon as possible prior to camp.



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HSP – Home School Partnership

This year there will be the option for a Home School Partnership meeting with Deans and Subject Interviews with classroom teachers. On Monday 5th May 8.30-4.30 you will be able to make a 15 minute interview with your child's Dean, these interviews will give you an overview of how your child is going across the school. On Thursday 15th May 2.30-5.30 you will be able to book a 10 minute interview with subject teachers. Additional information will be sent out this term.

Catch Up Day

On the last day of each term this year we will be running catch up days. These days are designed to help all students who need to catch up on assessments and learning to have time to do so. On these days the school will remain open but the timetable will not run.

Classroom teachers will identify students who need to catch up on NCEA assessments or AMPS tasks and these students will be required in school on this day.

Students who do not need additional catch up will have two options:

1. Attend school and work in a supervised space.
2. Work from home.

Students in Year 9 and 10 will have online literacy and numeracy tasks to complete, while students in Year 11, 12 and 13 will focus on NCEA assessments.

As we near the end of each term you will receive an emailed letter if your child is required to attend the catch-up day.

CAA Testing

There have been some changes with the NCEA qualification. One of the major changes is the introduction of the co-requisite for literacy and numeracy. All students must now pass a specific literacy and numeracy component before being able to achieve their NCEA qualification. There are currently two ways that this can be achieved:

* CAA (Common Assessment Activity) - three separate online assessments sat like exams. One focused on numeracy, one on reading and one on writing. This year there will be two opportunities: 19 May to 30 May and 1 September to 12 September.

* Additional Standards - there are a selection of standards from a range of subjects that can be used to gain the co-requisite. These are assessments that a student completes in Year 11, 12 and 13.

Additional information and learning activities will be sent by the Literacy and Numeracy Coordinators.



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University & Wintec Open Days

If you are interested in attending any of the below University Open Days, please see Ms Grimmer.

Otago	4-5 May
Engineering in Action – Wintec	21 May
Waikato	24 May
Waikato (Tauranga)	21 June
Massey (Palmerston North)	6 August
Massey (Auckland)	15 August
Massey (Wellington)	22 August
Victoria	22 August
Hamilton WINTEC	29 August
Auckland	30 August
Canterbury	5 September
Massey (Aviation)	13 September

Parent / Caregiver Information

Number to Text for students being absent **021 024 04645**

Student Centre is open 8.30am – 3.30pm Monday to Friday.

School Bank Account

Please Note: The exact bank account name (as below) needs to be loaded when doing internet banking. Without the correct name payments will not come through.

Paeroa College BOT- 03-1572-0004693-00

Athletics Results

Junior Girls	Junior Boys
1 st Indie Robinson	1 st Kristiaan Edlin
2 nd Mila Howard	2 nd Rhylyn Nuth
3 rd Kiana Parata-Bidois	3 rd Noah Ngaronga -Luckman
Intermediate Girls	Intermediate Boys
1 st Shiah Taylor	1 st Dante Taylor
2 nd Eliza Stepanicic	2 nd Alex Bettany
3 rd Tayla Foster	3 rd Tamehana Gurnick
Senior Girls	Senior Boys
1 st Skye de Thierry	1 st Kaleb Gurnick
2 nd Madelline Eastham	2 nd Kaeden Torstonson
3 rd Maddy Hill	3 rd Harry Campbell-Spinks



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Calendar Term 1 2025	
24 March	Year 9 Hearing and Vision Testing
25 March	Māori Achievement Awards
2-4 April	Year 11 Camp - Papamoa
11 April	End of Term 1
12 April	School Formal
25 April	ANZAC Day
28 April	Start of Term 2

Paeroa College Formal , Saturday 12 April 2025. The Ball Committee are looking for parent helpers. They need 6 mums to help in the kitchen and 4 dads for security please. If you are available, please contact Kathryn Burtenshaw: kathrynb@paeroacollege.school.nz

