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Principal's Comment

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Firstly, a huge congratulations to our Paeroa College Moto-X team. At the most recent event at Patetonga on Friday 28th March they placed 1st out of 33 schools across the region. This is a massive achievement for our team and individual riders! It is another example of our students punching well above their weight, finishing ahead of Tauranga Boys High and Hamilton Boys High. Thank you to our teacher in charge, Mrs Cox for her organisation and support as well as all of the parents and whānau who without your support we would not have a Moto-X team or these opportunities for our students.

Last Tuesday night we celebrated our Māori awards evening in the school hall. This was an awesome evening filled with pride and appreciation. Congratulations to all award winners and their whānau for their accomplishments over the 2024 school year.

A reminder for all students as we near the end of term 1, finish strong with consistency to ensure you meet deadlines and complete mahi to the best possible standard. Stay safe and have a good break over the holidays ready for term 2.

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.



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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 or Ms Kisling.

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

Sport Fees

Sport Fees have now been loaded onto students' accounts.

A reminder to all parents / whānau / & caregivers that ALL sports fees are required to be paid by the 3rd playing game. No pay- No play!

School Magazine 2025 (Year Book)

This charge is for the magazine at the end of this year. If you do not wish to receive one please let us know by emailing yolandel@paeroacollege.school.nz and the charge can be removed from your account. We need to know by Friday 11 April.

Reports

Reports will be sent home on the first Friday of Term 2.

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.



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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.

If your child is sitting the Literacy and Numeracy CAA tests early in Term 2 you would have received an email about this. These tests are now part of the NCEA qualification and students need to achieve these to pass NCEA Level 1, 2 or 3. If students have chosen Mathematics, Numeracy, English or Literacy in Year 11, 12 or 13 they will be working through some practice for these assessments. You have also been sent a second email with some attached resources that your child can work through at home. There is a large range in the documents including reference to old CAA tests. If you have concerns around the CAA testing, please contact:

Suzy Dunser - Numeracy Coordinator suzyd@paeroacollege.school.nz

Melissa Tonkin - Literacy Coordinator melissat@paeroacollege.school.nz



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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

Calendar Term 1 2025	
11 April	End of Term 1
12 April	School Formal
25 April	ANZAC Day
28 April	Start of Term 2
1 May	Board of Trustees Meeting @ 5.30pm
2 May	Reports due home
5 May	HSP Day – Deans appointments (8.20am – 4.20pm)
9 May	Thames Valley Golf
15 May	HSP Day 2 – Subject Teacher Interviews (2.30pm – 5.30pm)
19 May	CAA Testing Starts – Year 10
26 May	Board of Trustees Meeting @ 5.30pm
28 May	Thames Valley Cross Country
2 June	Kings Birthday – no school
6 June	Thames Valley Teams Badminton
12 June	Boulton Cup - Netball
20 June	Matariki – no school
23 June	Board of Trustees Meeting @ 5.30pm
27 June	Thames Valley Golf
27 June	Last day of Term 2



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Paeroa College Formal , Saturday 12 April 2025. The Ball Committee are looking for parent helpers. They need 2 mums to help in the kitchen and 2 parents for security please (can be mum or dad). If you are available, please contact Kathryn Burtenshaw: kathrynb@paeroacollege.school.nz



Are you travelling overseas during the school holidays?



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Travelling overseas soon?

You must do a **New Zealand
Traveller Declaration**
when you come back

[TravellerDeclaration.govt.nz](https://travellerdeclaration.govt.nz)

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