



PAEROA COLLEGE COMMENT

2 May 2025



Principal's Comment



Tēnā koutou katoa,

Nau mai haere mai ki te wāhanga tuarua- welcome back to term 2.

With the start of term 2 comes the winter months and the colder wetter weather. We have a range of Paeroa College uniform items that are designed to keep our students warm. Please contact our school office to order any of these items to ensure our students are set for winter.

I want to tautoko all of our winter sports teams and athletes for the upcoming winter sports season. You are representing yourselves, your whānau and our College which has a rich history of sporting success in the Thames Valley. I want to thank all of our volunteers from teachers at the College to our wonderful community members who take the time out of their lives to coach, manage and transport our students to enable them to compete on the sports field. Our sports programme simply would not run without your support. To our players, I will only ever ask you to do your absolute best and representing us on the sports field is no different. I look forward to hearing of your commitment and dedication to our teams and the success that will come from this.

On Saturday 12th of April, we had our school formal onsite in the school hall. The hall was transformed into a royal garden theme and looked amazing. I would like to acknowledge Kathryn Burtenshaw and the formal committee for all of their mahi to pull this night off. There is no doubt this was a huge body of work and without your commitment, dedication and organisation it simply would not have happened. Our school formal is a privilege for students. An event when we open our doors and invite our students and partners in to celebrate a special occasion on school grounds after hours. Unfortunately, this year, for some students this was not the case and behaviours occurred that went against our school values and expectations. As a result, we will be conducting a review of the formal and its future at our kura.

Term 2 is a 9 week term, with short weeks in weeks 6 and 8 for Kings birthday and Matariki holidays respectively. This highlights the importance of being on task and meeting deadlines for our students. Please make the most of the upcoming teacher interviews on May 15th by booking in interviews with teachers. These interviews are the prime opportunity to discuss progress and support learning outside the classroom for the best student outcomes.

Mahi tahi kia kaha,

Andrew Cameron
Tumuaki / Principal



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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.

2025 Y8 Transitions Feedback

As part of our transition programme from primary school to secondary school, parent/caregiver feedback is vital to continually improve this process. It would be much appreciated if you can take 10 minutes to tell us what has worked well and what could be improved for your student starting Paeroa College. Our intention is to ensure that all taura and their whānau feel supported as they make this important transition between kura's.

A google form has been sent to all current Y9 families for you to share your feedback on how the transition process was for you and your child.

HSP – Home School Partnership

Monday 5th May- Dean HSP interviews

8.30am-4.30pm

Year 12 and Year 13 work from home on this day. Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11 have classes as normal.

Bookings made at schoolinterviews.co.nz use the code mdnct

Thursday 15th May- Subject interviews

2.30pm- 5.30pm

School closes at 2.00pm. Buses will run at their normal times. Students at school from 2.00pm – 3.00pm will be supervised.

Bookings made at schoolinterviews.co.nz use the code r4fv3



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CAA Testing CAA- Corequisite Literacy and Numeracy NCEA assessment

We have the first CAA event coming up in week 4 and 5 of this term. If your child is entered in the CAA event you will have received an email explaining when they will be sitting the CAA.

Please help your child prepare for this event by checking they can log on to NZQA website and help them to come prepared with their chromebook charged on the day that they are sitting the assessment.



Kaupapa Māori Updates

Mauri ora whanau here is a brief update of events and activities taking place across The school Te Ao & Te Reo Māori classes.

Term 1 we introduced a new Pao (short chant) teaching it through our classes and to staff aiming to go school wide. The Pao reflects the flight of the Tui song bird Tui Kairangi (Primrose Hill). Other kaupapa include researching important Māori place names Te Pae Pae o Toi Te Huatahi and Hotunui. If you have any old pūrakau about our region you would like us to consider please contact whaea, she will be happy to work into the school program lots of kōrero about our rohe (region), na whaea TeAhaurangi Melba Pakinga (Te Pou Ārahi Māori).



Kapahaka Tutor Support

Kia ora whanau we are looking for a local interested in supporting our kapahaka term 2 / 3 with tutoring skills and knowledge of kapahaka if you are interested, please contact whaea at the school please.

Sport Fees

Sport Fees have now been loaded onto students' accounts.

This is just 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!



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ANZAC Day

Our Head Students did an amazing job on Anzac Day with their reading as well as the laying of the wreath.



Formal 2025

Students had an amazing evening on Saturday 12 April at the Royal Garden themed Paeroa College Formal. Huge shout out to Ms Burtenshaw and her team for all of your work in creating an amazing evening. Student photos will be on social media in the coming days.





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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 2 2025	
2 May	Reports due home
5 May	HSP Day – Deans appointments (8.20am – 4.20pm)
9 May	Thames Valley Golf
13 May – 15 May	Enviroschools Climate Summit Camp
15 May	HSP Day 2 – Subject Teacher Interviews (2.30pm – 5.30pm)
19 May	CAA Testing Starts – Year 11, 12 and 13 Students
26 May	Board of Trustees Meeting @ 5.30pm
27 May	CAA Testing Starts – Year 10 Students
28 May	Thames Valley Cross Country
2 June	Kings Birthday – no school
6 June	Thames Valley Teams Badminton
16 June – 27 June	Tooth Group
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