



PAEROA COLLEGE COMMENT

13 June 2025



Principal's Comment

Kia ora koutou katoa,

As we near the end of term 2 there is lots happening in day-to-day school life. I want to take this opportunity to mihi all of our students who performed on Wednesday 11th June in the hall at lunchtime. This was a fantastic showcase of our students' musical talents. We had performances ranging from individuals to bands on stage in the hall. The hall was packed with students and staff supporting our students displaying their skills. A big mihi to whaea Bex who has created the space for our students to step out of comfort zones and share their talents with our school community. We look forward to next Wednesday 18th June for the second instalment of this music showcase.

Our kapa haka rōpū is also continuing their mahi every Wednesday with tutors Ben Whitaker and Riana Te Whata. We are thankful for Ben and Riana coming on board and working with our students and are looking forward to seeing this group develop under the guidance of whaea Melba.

A reminder for our students and whānau that we have catch-up day on the last day of term (Friday 27th June) to create the opportunity for students who have missed work or need a resubmission to catch up. Catch-up days are extremely important to enable our students to achieve success and catch up when and where necessary.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa,

Andrew Cameron
Tumuaki / Principal

CAA Testing

We had a really successful two weeks of CAA testing. The students were very engaged and took the tests very seriously. We would like to thank you for the support you gave your student in sitting these assessments. These assessments will be marked by NZQA and we expect the results to take around 7 weeks to be released. Students can access their results by logging into their NZQA page. If a student does not achieve, there is a second opportunity to retake the test later on this year.

Period Products

This is just a reminder with the school holidays coming up, please make sure you have enough products at home to get you through this time. You just need to come to the student centre during morning tea and or lunch to pick up what you need.



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Catch Up Day

Just a reminder that on the last day of each term this year we will be running catch up days. The first catch-up day was very successful and allowed the staff to spend time with students who needed more time to complete their learning.

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 student is required to attend the catch up day.

Online Support

Paeroa College is a cell phone free environment. We have found that since the law changed (Term 2 2024) there has also been a change in student relationships and a reduction in pastoral issues arising from online interactions. This law and rule change has not changed what happens outside of school hours. If your child is needing support due to online issues, please use the amazing resources available on the Netsafe website. www.netsafe.org.nz

Yearbook / School Magazine- The Ohinemuri

Recently this item would have been charged to your child's school account.

This book / magazine is basically like a diary of the year that has been. They get printed late in November and we try to distribute to as many students as possible before the end of the year. They contain, class photos, trips, house groups, write ups from our sports captains and clubs. It captures camps, trips, art & learning weeks at school.

Something you look back on as a reminder of your days at Paeroa College.





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Dental Care

Tooth Group will be on site at Paeroa College from 16th – 27th June & 14th-18th July. More information will be sent home closer to the time including permission slips.

BYOD & Devices

Paeroa College uses N4L (n4l.co.nz) networking to manage a students' ability to access harmful online material. Here are the key aspects of N4L's monitoring systems:

Fire walls- This acts as a wall between the internet and the school's network, allowing the good stuff through, and keeping the bad stuff out. The firewall prevents a huge number of online threats and malicious activity from reaching school systems and devices. Learn more about this on their website.

Web Filtering- Helps prevent staff and students from accessing inappropriate websites or apps. Filtering rules can be customised for your school to block entire categories (e.g. games), specific websites (e.g. YouTube), particular apps and known VPNs (Virtual Private Networks). Find out what you need to know about online safety & web filtering on their website.

DDoS Protection- A Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attack is when a network gets deliberately bombarded causing it to slow down or crash, preventing users from accessing resources on the network or the network itself. DDoS protection identifies and mitigates malicious DDoS activity before it impacts the school.

As a school we also use a platform called Hāpara. This is similar to google classroom with some added extras. Student online learning will be placed on a workspace in Hāpara. Teachers are able to view a student's activity during school hours. This platform allows teachers to see what tabs a student has open, open tabs for them to access, comment on what they are doing and lock them into the tabs that they need them to be on. This is not able to be used outside of school hours when a student is logged on with their personal log on.

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.

Parent / Caregiver Information

Number to Text for students being absent 021 024 04645

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



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School Bank Account

Just a reminder when making payments into the school bank account the correct name for our account is:

Paeroa College BOT- 03-1572-0004693-00

Jacket Repairs

Donna if you have any uniform alterations or zip repair / replacement needs:

Donna Hone

22 Flora St Paeroa

Ph 0276094900

Email donnaray1962@gmail.com

Calendar Term 2 2025	
16 June – 27 June	Tooth Group
19 June	Matariki Celebrations
20 June	Matariki – no school
23 June	Board of Trustees Meeting @ 5.30pm
26 June	House Chant Competition
27 June	Thames Valley Golf
27 June	Catch Up Day - Last day of Term 2
14 July	Start of Term 3

Calendar Term 3 2025	
14-18 July	Tooth Group
18 July	Term 2 Reports emailed home
18 July	Thames Valley Golf
18 July	South Waikato Schools MX Challenge
24 July	Thames Valley Golf
28 July	Board of Trustees Meeting @ 5.30pm
1 August	Thames Valley Badminton - Seniors
5 August	Thames Valley Badminton - Juniors
7 August	Prospective Parent Evening
11-15 August	National Maths Week
13 August	Thames Valley Football
18 – 22 August	Arts Week
24 – 29 August	Tournament Week
25 August	Board of Trustees Meeting @ 5.30pm
1 - 12 September	Round 2 of CAA Testing
15 September	Sports Photos
17-19 September	Year 12 Camp
19 September	Last day of Term 3