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Principal's Comment



Kia ora koutou katoa,

As Term 2 wraps up, I want to extend my thanks to our students, staff, and families for their hard work and support throughout what has been a short but busy term.

This term was certainly memorable, not least for our school-wide Matariki celebration last Thursday. This special day saw our school community come together to reflect on the past, acknowledge our present, and look ahead to the future. It was great to see our students and staff collaborate to build our collective knowledge of Matariki, making the celebration unique to Paeroa College. The day concluded with a whole-school shared kai, a fantastic opportunity for us to connect and share a meal.

Adding to the excitement, we rounded off the term with our House Chant competition yesterday. It was fantastic to witness the passion and commitment from each of our houses, congratulations to Maru for their win! The energy was awesome and was another example of *Mahi tahi kia kaha*.

I hope everyone enjoys a restful and safe break. We're looking forward to welcoming students back refreshed for Term 3 on Monday, July 14th.

Ngā mihi ki a koutou katoa,

Andrew Cameron
Tumuaki / Principal

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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Board of Trustees Election

The Board of Trustees election is coming up in September this year, and we are encouraging parents, whānau, and community members to start thinking about if you would like to be a member of our amazing Paeroa College Community.

If you are looking for a way to contribute to our school, this is an opportunity for you. You don't need a background in education, you just need to have a vested interest in our students and our school community.

More information about how to nominate and be nominated will be available soon.

40 Hour Famine

The World Vision 40 Hour Challenge is a fundraising challenge designed to provide kids with food for today, and a future for tomorrow. In the Pacific region, 1 in 6 kids are living in severe food poverty due to the repercussions of climate change and its impact on their farms and homes.

The funds raised this year were targeted towards supporting children in the Solomon islands who face this real life challenge every day of their life.

A group of hardworking Paeroa College students worked together raising funds to help families by funding the farming of climate-smart crops and planting of mangroves so they can feed their children in a changing climate.

This year, the 40-hour challenge was focused around going completely offline for 40 hours. A 40-hour sacrifice that can make a life-long difference for someone else. Students at Paeroa College gave up social media, communication, devices and even biked 40km over the weekend for this cause.

As a school we smashed our fundraising goal of \$2500.00, by reaching \$3898.00 by the end of the challenge. I couldn't have been prouder of everyone involved and the effort we went to, to make a difference in today's world.

Eliza Stepanicic

CAA Results

NZQA have released the Reading Standard results. Students can access them through their MyNZQA learner login.

Writing and Numeracy will be published early next term.

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



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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.

Parent / Caregiver Information

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

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

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.

Jacket Repairs

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

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Calendar Term 3 2025	
14 July	Start of Term 3
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

Calendar Term 4 2025	
6 October	First day of Term 3
15 October	Sports Prizegiving 1.00pm – 3.00pm
27 October	Labour Day
28 October	Board of Trustees Meeting @ 5.30pm
29 October	Senior Prizegiving - evening
4 November	NZQA Exams start
18 November	Enrolled Y8 2026 student day
24 November	Board of Trustees Meeting @ 5.30pm
25–28 November	Year 10 Camp
10 December	Junior Prizegiving 10.30am – 12.30pm
10 December	Last day of Term 4



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Winter Lights start this Saturday 28th June with Night Rides!

Winter Lights transforms the park into a dazzling winter wonderland, with over 40kms of sparkling fairy lights throughout the park including Kidz Kingdom Castle, Gold Rush Town and the Log Flume!



Night Rides are our 6PM-11PM Saturday evening session, suitable for ages 12+. Kidz Kingdom is closed for this session.

Grab unlimited late-night rides under the fairy lights for only **\$54.99 per person!**

Dates: Saturdays 28 June- 2 Aug
Bonus session: Sat 16th August!



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Whānau Day Out 2025

Wednesday 2nd July

10am - 1:30pm

WAIHI MEMORIAL HALL

41 Seddon Street, Waihi

A fun interactive gathering of local health providers, social services and community groups for the local and wider community

**FREE activities | FREE Sausage Sizzle | Spot Prizes
Health Checks + MORE**

Can't make this one?

We've got another Whānau Day Out coming this October in Paeroa – details to come!

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