

PAEROA COLLEGE

COLLEGE COMMENT

8 May, 2026

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Tumuaki MESSAGE

On Monday 4th May we had our first home school partnership (HSP) opportunity of the term where deans met with students and whānau to discuss progress. Next Wednesday 13th May we have our second HSP from 3.00pm - 5:30pm for subject specific teacher interviews. These hui are crucial in strengthening the connection between school and home and working collaboratively to ensure each student is supported and making progress. We look forward to seeing as many whānau and students attending these as possible.

We are currently amidst the SMART testing window for mid-year testing in Year 9 and 10. SMART is a new national assessment tool for Years 3 - 10 students introduced by the Ministry of Education. It has been designed to provide clear, reliable information on student progress in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics. Although this testing is new for our students it will become more familiar over time and will provide more consistent reporting nationwide.

Last week as a staff we celebrated Mr Doak and Miss Muller for becoming fully registered teachers. Both Mr Doak and Miss Muller joined the teaching profession through Ako Mātātupu - Teach First which is a programme where teachers gain their qualification whilst working within a school. We are very proud of both for the journey they have been on and for the value they add to Paeroa College. A massive congratulations to you and your whānau for becoming fully registered teachers.

Winter sports are well and truly underway. The energy and engagement in all of our codes is noticeable across the school. It's awesome to see and hear about the strong early season performances so far as our students represent Paeroa College with pride and dedication.

We look forward to continuing to support our students both in the classroom and in their co-curricular pursuits as the term progresses.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa,

Andrew Cameron
Tumuaki / Principal



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ANZAC DAY 2026

Our Head Students attended the Anzac Day Service held at the War Memorial Hall representing Paeroa College.

They spoke so well and represented our community with pride. We are proud of you all.



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VARIABLE SPEED LIMIT

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The variable speed limit will be active when students are travelling to and from school, at the beginning and end of each school day. The school and NZTA may also turn the signs on for activities such as late starts, or early finish times, or school functions, when there is similar risk to tamariki.

A reminder that this speed limit is currently in place. The 30km/h speed limit is in operation at the start and end of the school days, specifically between 8:20am - 9:05am and 2:45pm - 3:30pm.



CAA is COMING!

This term sees the return of CAA exams!



Revision help and tips for literacy and numeracy was sent in Week 9 of T1 to students.

CAA schedules were sent during Week 2 of T2 of what exam students will be sitting and when.

CAA exams will be held during the following times:

- Seniors Week Five (18-22 May)
- Juniors Week Six (25-29 May)

Students will need to bring a charged chrome book, calculator for numeracy, headphones (with cord).

PASTORAL FLOW SPOTLIGHT

Over the coming weeks you will be receiving some 'spotlights' on parts of our pastoral flow.

So far this term you would have received a spotlight on Attendance, and Cellphones.

Keep an eye out in your inbox for these spotlights so you are aware of our pastoral processes at Paeroa College.

If you have any questions regarding our pastoral process, please contact your child's Dean.

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Attendance matters!



Regular attendance is one of the strongest predictors of student success. The Ministry of Education Attendance Management Plan sets a clear expectation that students attend school regularly (90% or more of the time) so they can fully engage in learning, build positive relationships, and achieve their qualifications.

Every day at school counts – missing just one day a fortnight can add up to a month of learning lost over a year!

Please check the codes set by the ministry of what absences affect attendance. If your tamariki requires support with their attendance, please contact their Dean.

Attendance Code Decision Tree



Attendance Code Descriptions

Present for % day calculations	Justified absence	Unjustified absence
P Present Student is present in class. This includes supervised dual tuition with Te Kura. L Late to class Student is late to class. Schools set the threshold for lateness (e.g. 10 minutes) in their school policy. A Alternative provision Student is present in a Ministry-approved alternative provision, such as a teen parent unit, alternative education, secondary-tertiary program, health school or activity centre. V Unsupervised exam study Student is present in an examination or unsupervised study where the student is on-site.	N Present but out of class Student is present but out of class due to an on-site school activity (cultural or sporting event), internal appointment, temporary removal from class, or time in the sickbay. Q Board approved offsite learning Student is present in Board-approved off-site learning, including courses, school-organised activities, and work experience. D Approved external appointment Student is present but has a medical appointment which is unable to be scheduled outside of school hours (e.g. doctor or dentist) and includes travel time) or is participating in court proceedings.	J Explained and approved Student is absent due to explained and approved reasons (e.g. family emergencies, bereavement, representing in national / cultural events, approved exemptions, or accompanying parents on overseas diplomatic / military postings). M Illness / Medical absence Student is absent due to stress or medical reasons, including mental health-related absences (e.g. anxiety). X Exam leave Student is absent studying offsite preparing for exams. NOTE: Time allocated to this code is not included in Ministry attendance calculations. U Stood down or suspended Student is absent due to formal stand down or suspension. This code applies to the period of the stand-down or suspension, excluding the day it was imposed.
		T Truant Student is absent without explanation or permission from a parent / caregiver (e.g. skipping class). E Explained but not approved Student is absent and the reason provided does not meet the school's policy for a justifiable absence (e.g. a parent states their child didn't want to attend sports day). G Holiday during term time Student is absent due to a holiday taken. ? Unknown (Temporary) Temporary code used when the reason for a student's absence is initially unknown. This will be updated once the reason is confirmed.

SPORTS FEES



Sports Fees have been charged to students accounts. Payment needs to be made by the third (3rd) playing day of the season.

You are more than welcome to set up an automatic payment through using the Paeroa College bank account.

If you have any questions or queries please contact Pauline Kisling
 paulinek@paeroacollege.school.nz

SOCIAL MEDIA

Paeroa College has two platforms for social media - Facebook and Instagram.

This is how we communicate with our families and community most of the time along side school bridge and letters home.



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COMING SOON

Calendar Term 2 2026

13 May HSP – Whole School Interviews – school closes at 2.30pm

18-29 May CAA Exams Year 10-13

21 May Board of Trustees Meeting @ 5.30pm

28 May Waikato Swimming - Hamilton

1 June Kings Birthday - No School

3 June Thames Valley Cross Country

10 June Waikato / BOP Cross Country Champs

18 June Thames Valley Teams Badminton

22 June Board of Trustees Meeting @ 5.30pm

25 June Netball Boulten Cup

26 June House Chant Competition

1 July Year 13 Chemisty Trip

2 July Matariki Celebrations

2 July Thames Valley Rippa

3 July Catch Up Day

3 July End of Term 2

Calendar Term 3 2026

20 July Start of Term 3

27 July Board of Trustees Meeting @ 5.30pm

7 August Thames Valley Senior Badminton

10-14 August National Maths Week

10 August Thames Valley Junior Badminton

24 August Board of Trustees Meeting @ 5.30pm

26 August Sports / Clubs Photos

7-18 September CAA Exams Year 10-13

21-25 September Fiesta Week

21 September Board of Trustees Meeting @ 5.30pm

23 September Thames Valley Senior Volleyball

25 September Catch Up Day

25 September End of Term 3

