

PAEROA COLLEGE

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3 July, 2026

Tumuaki MESSAGE

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 an action packed 11 week term.

Last Friday we held our annual House Chant competition. This is a big ticket item on our House competition schedule and our houses were challenged to revamp their chants for 2026. It was awesome to witness the passion and commitment demonstrated by each house. The energy was awesome and was another example of Mahi tahi kia kaha. Congratulations to Rapiri for taking home the 2026 bragging rights!

Our Matariki celebration yesterday was another memorable day on our calendar. This special day saw our school community come together to reflect on the past, acknowledge our present, show gratitude 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 kai, games, activities and heaps of laughter.

I would like to take this opportunity to farewell Mrs Black from Paeroa College. Emma is moving into a Learning Support Co-ordinator role based out of Te Aroha. Although we are sad to farewell Emma, we are very grateful for her dedication and commitment to Paeroa College over the past 5 years and wish her all the best in her new role.

I hope everyone enjoys a restful and safe break. We're looking forward to welcoming students back refreshed for Term 3 on Monday, July 20th.

Kia pai te hararei,

Andrew Cameron
Tumuaki / Principal



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Be safe and well. See you all on the
20th July!



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The Board of Trustees would like to acknowledge what a busy and productive first half of the year it's been. Our students, staff, and whānau have all put in a huge effort, and the energy around the kura has been awesome.

The second half of the year is shaping up to be just as busy. Achievement, attendance, and keeping the high standards of Paeroa College front and centre will guide our mahi. As a Board, we'll keep backing everyone by making sure the kura has what it needs to thrive - from strong governance and clear direction to supporting leadership, checking in on progress, and making sure resources are going where they'll make the biggest difference for our taura.

We're proud of what's been achieved so far and excited to keep that momentum going. Kia pai tō koutou hararei - enjoy the break, rest up, and we look forward to seeing everyone back ready for another great term.

Mahi tahi kia kaha,

Jo Tilsley

Presiding Member
Paeroa College Board of Trustees



Board of Trustees

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.	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.	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).	T Truant Student is absent without explanation or permission from a parent / caregiver (e.g. skipping class).
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 at home parent aid, alternative education, secondary tertiary program, health school or activity centre.	M Illness / Medical absence Student is absent due to illness or medical reasons, including mental health-related absences (e.g. anxiety).	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 Unsupervised exam study Student is present in an examination or unsupervised study where the student is on-site.	D Board approved offsite learning Student is present in Board approved off-site learning, including courses, school-organised activities, and work experience.	X Exam leave Student is absent studying offsite preparing for exams. NOTE: Time allocated to this code is not included in Ministry attendance calculations.	G Holiday during term time Student is absent due to a holiday taken.
	J 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.	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.	? 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.

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HOUSE COLOUR MUFTI *Fridays*

House Colour Mufti Friday's are here!

Each Friday in T3 when there is a House Meeting, wear as much colour for your house as you can!

This is to highlight house pride and mana throughout the term.

We will have mini competitions happening on these days, and the house with the most points at the end of the term will win a prize for showing the most house pride.



HOUSE
COLOUR
MUFTI
FRIDAYS

WEAR YOUR HOUSE COLOURS TO SHOW
HOUSE PRIDE AND MANA

31 JUL	14 AUG	28 AUG	11 SEP
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End of term prize for the winner!

The poster features a vibrant, multi-colored background with the text 'HOUSE COLOUR MUFTI FRIDAYS' in large, bold, white letters. Below the text, there are four polaroid-style photos of students in their house colors, labeled 'Rapiri', 'Ngakatu', 'Tara', and 'Maru'. At the bottom, a table lists the dates for the events: 31 JUL, 14 AUG, 28 AUG, and 11 SEP. The text 'WEAR YOUR HOUSE COLOURS TO SHOW HOUSE PRIDE AND MANA' is written above the table, and 'End of term prize for the winner!' is written below it.

*And the
Winner is...*

Well done to Rapiri for
winning the Chant Comp for
2026!





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DEVICES AT PAEROA COLLEGE

All students should have access to a device while they are attending Paeroa College. Students who need a device may lease one from school for a refundable bond of \$100. If this cannot be paid, students will be required to keep the chromebook in the lockers in the student centre; these are not to be taken home.

Please see our attached pastoral process for managing our devices.

SCHOOL DEVICE LOCKER USE



If a student has not paid a bond but is using a school device then it is kept in the lockers in the student centre. In order for this to happen the student needs to collect the device each morning before school and return it at 3.00pm each afternoon. They are not able to take the device home. If they want to use the device at home then the \$100 lease bond will need to be paid. If the student does not return the device then the following outcomes may occur:

- 1st time - Whānau will be sent an email reminding them of the process and possible future consequences.
- 2nd time - Student has the device removed from their use for 5 school days.
- 3rd time - Student has the device removed from their use for 10 school days.
- 4th time - Student has the device removed from their use for the remainder of the term.
- 5th time - Student has the device removed from their use for the remainder of the year. In order to use a device the bond must be paid or they will need to provide their own device

When they student has their device removed teachers will supply paper materials to work on.



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 recieved a spotlight on Attendance, Cellphones, School Bridge and Netsafe.

Keep an eye out in your inbox for these spotilghts 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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THE PAEROA COLLEGE

BATTLE OF THE ARTS

Come and witness this spectacular
event to celebrate Paeroa College
Students work within the
ARTS AND CULTURE SPACE

27th August 2026
Doors Open 5 PM
Paeroa College School Hall

FOOD, RAFFLES & AUCTIONS
FOR SALE, ALL PROCEEDS GO TO
THE NZ **CANCER SOCIETY**

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Calendar Term 3 2026

**COMING
SOON**

Calendar Term 4 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

11 August - Year 8 Open Evening

17 August Applications open for Leadership Positions 2027

24 August Board of Trustees Meeting @ 5.30pm

26 August Sports / Clubs Photos

28 August Applications for Leadership Positions 2027 close

31 August - 4 September Wellbeing Week

1 September Whanau Evening Level 2 & 3 Music

3 September Chess Tournament

3 September Year 10 NCEA Evening

7-18 September CAA Exams Year 10-13

14-18 September - Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori Week

16-17 September Senior Production

18 September Haka Wars

21-25 September Fiesta Week

21 September Board of Trustees Meeting @ 5.30pm

23 September Thames Valley Senior Volleyball

24 September - Top Team

12 October Start of Term 4

13 October Senior Music Performance Evening

26 October Labour Day - No School

27-30 October Senior School Devices are being collected.

29 October Sports Prizegiving

29 October Board of Trustees Meeting

4 November Senior Prizegiving

5 November Thames Valley 3x3 Junior Basketball

10 November - 4 December NZQA Exams

11 November Thames Valley Junior Volleyball

23 November Board of Trustees Meeting

24 November Year 8 Enrolled Students Day

25 November Junior devices being collected

1-4 December Year 10 Camp

9 December Junior Prizegiving

9 December End of 2026 School Year

