

PAEROA COLLEGE

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24 July, 2026

Tumuaki MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou katoa,

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope everyone had a restful break and is ready for the business end of the year. Term Three is always a busy time in the life of any school and Paeroa College is no exception to this. With the colder and wetter days it is also a challenging time of year for our students and whānau. If you have uniform requirements, please contact our school office to enable us to assist you with these needs. We know how important it is for our students to be warm and dry to enable them to learn at their best.

I would like to congratulate all of our winter sports teams who have continued to fly the Paeroa College flag with great sportsmanship on and off the field. We are looking forward to the finals coming up and our students embracing these challenges to bring the best out of themselves and their teammates. The first of which was our girls 1st XV who played last night against Waihi coming away with the WIN! A special thanks to the parents, teachers and volunteers who make these opportunities possible through coaching and managing our teams. Good luck for the upcoming weeks.

Term 3 is very much business time for our senior students. This is often a time when extra pressure comes on with assessments and the end of year fast approaching. I encourage any students and whānau to reach out to specific teachers or deans to receive any additional support required to enable our students to reach their goals.

Andrew Cameron
Tumuaki / Principal



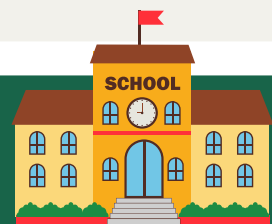
HELLO!



Welcome to Ella Riddiford,
our new Drama and Literacy
teacher!

We hope you have an
amazing time at our kura.

Y8 Transitions



This term we begin our transition
visits to our local primary schools.
This enables us to meet with
incoming Y8 students at their kura to
let them know all about our kura!

Please check in with your Y8 students
primary school for info of when we
will be visiting!

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DEPARTMENT *Spotlight*

Science

There has been a lot going on in Science recently. The team have been busy planning junior topics to align with the new curriculum and continuing to deliver interesting lessons and content for the seniors.

Chemistry - Year 12's are practicing their laboratory skills by carrying out titrations and making up the solutions they need in the right concentrations. Recently, the Year 13 Chemistry class had a trip to Waikato University to view the spectroscopy equipment. This experience will help the students with their spectroscopy internal and with their Organic chemistry understanding for the exam.

Senior Horticulture - students have been busy with investigations and assessment in class. Outside they have been doing winter plantings, taking care of pruning in the orchard and harvesting a bumper crop of kumara from the mara kai.

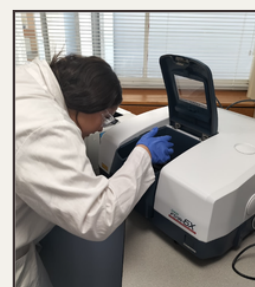
Senior Biologists - have been carrying out fair tests using the Scientific Method. Year 12 have been looking at osmosis and cell processes in their investigations, while Year 13 have investigated the reactions of slaters to different stimuli.

Senior Physics - students have recently finished an investigation and are focussing on the mechanics understanding for their final internal assessment. This is also the focus of the end of year exam.

Both Year 11 Science classes have just completed their second internal assessment and are now beginning to focus on developing their knowledge for the external exams in November.

Junior Science - In Term 2 we had really pleasing numbers of students reaching Merit and Excellence grades in their AMPS - tau ke! The teaching team are really enjoying working with the junior classes. This term the Year 9's are focussing on Earth's spheres and then moving on to an introduction to genetics. Year 10 are growing their understanding of Carbon Chemistry, the carbon cycle and the effects of human activities. They will then start to look at the vastness of space and how distances are measured between space objects.

Sherree Dunlop
HoD Science



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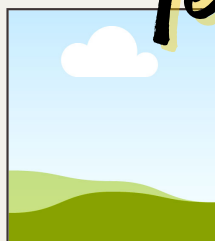
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DEPARTMENT Spotlight

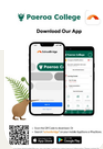
The Technology Department has had an exciting year, with students developing creativity and practical skills across a range of subjects!

DVC students have explored industry-standard 3D design and product development. Digital Technology students have pursued passion projects ranging from robotics to filmmaking being able to fly the drone to capture amazing footage of our kura. Hospitality students have achieved outstanding results with over 90% success and our junior students producing amazing food products.

Wood Technology students have been busy creating outdoor furniture, and Mechanics students have begun exciting passion projects this term, including rocket stoves, motorised drift trikes, and tub racks.



School BRIDGE



We still have a large number of whānau who have not logged into school bridge. School bridge allows you to:

- report an absence, check attendance, see the notices and our school calendar along with seeing your student's timetable.
- permission slips for trips through this app.
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To get started, download the app and then click on the Parent / Caregiver box. You will be asked to enter an email address. This email address MUST be the one we have on file for you. Schoolbridge will then send you a code and then you are in!

TOOTH GROUP!



Tooth Group is back this term! The Ministry of Health and DHB have an obligation to ensure all students under the age of 18 have access to FREE dental care.

The Tooth Group will be on site during Week 3 and Week 4 for this term.

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DEVICES AT PAEROA COLLEGE

All students should have access to a device while they are attending 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.

Learning Tips!

As we hit the 'business term' we will be sharing some tips for students (and parents!) to support good practice in supporting learning.

FIRST TIP IS: BEING ORGANISED!

- Use a planner or digital calendar to track assessment dates.
- Break larger tasks into smaller, manageable steps.
- Check in weekly to discuss upcoming deadlines.

SAVE THE DATE

PAEROA COLLEGE



OPEN EVENING

Welcome to all Prospective Y8 students
and their whānau

MEET KEY PC STAFF

LEARNING IN ACTION

KAI AND DRINK PROVIDED



11 AUG 2026
5-7PM

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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.

Next Friday is our first House Colour Mufti; wear your colours to rep your House!

A vibrant poster for 'House Colour Mufti Fridays' featuring a colorful, explosive background. The title is in large, bold, white letters. Below the title, there are four polaroid-style photos of students in their house colors, labeled 'Rapa', 'Ngakatu', 'Tara', and 'Maru'. At the bottom, it says 'WEAR YOUR HOUSE COLOURS TO SHOW HOUSE PRIDE AND MANA' and lists the dates: 31 JUL, 14 AUG, 28 AUG, and 11 SEP. A note at the bottom says 'End of term prize for the winner!'.

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.

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Calendar Term 3 2026

**COMING
SOON**

Calendar Term 4 2026

31 July Senior Reports Emailed Home

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

21 August Junior Reports Emailed Home

24 August Board of Trustees Meeting @ 5.30pm

26 August Sports / Clubs Photos

28 August Applications for Leadership Positions 2027 close

30 August - 3 September NISS Equestrian Event

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

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

