

PAEROA COLLEGE

COLLEGE COMMENT

7 August 2026

Tumuaki MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou katoa,

We all know the importance of regular attendance and the direct correlation it has with student achievement. When our ākonga are here every day, engaged, and ready to learn, they give themselves the absolute best chance of success. It is pleasing to report that Term 2 has seen a 15% increase in our schoolwide regular attendance, where regular attendance is defined as students attending school 90% or more of the school term. This is fantastic news and clear evidence that our ongoing rigour around attendance and pastoral processes is having a real, positive impact on student attendance. A huge thank you must go to our whānau for your continued support in prioritising attendance and working alongside us to get our young people through the gates every day. As we push forward through the term, let's keep this positive momentum going; every day in class counts towards building strong learning habits and achieving success.

It is with a mixture of sadness and happiness, Paeroa College wishes to announce the retirement of Ms Denise Grimmer after 37 years of loyal service. Denise started at the college in 1989 and has decided that it is time now to retire in an effort to spend more time with her beloved family and friends. Denise's last day will be 10 September 2026, and we look forward to celebrating her in the coming weeks. Denise, on behalf of the entire college community, we thank you for your loyal and dedicated service to each and every person that walked through the front door, and as much as it is sad to see you go, we wish you a very happy and long retirement.

You will be aware that Paeroa College has an enrolment scheme in place. This is to better manage student numbers and make sure that we have the appropriate spaces to be able to continue to provide a quality education for all of our students. Each year the Board of Trustees is required to set out of zone enrolments numbers for the following school year. The Board of Trustees wishes to advise our community that there will be zero out-of-zone enrolments for the 2027 school year. This decision has been made after careful consideration of our student numbers and available teaching spaces. We understand this may impact some families, and we appreciate your understanding and support. Please refer to our website for more information.

A huge congratulations to our Girls 1st XV Rugby team for a great effort at the Girls 1st XV Rugby final on Saturday vs HPC in Whitianga. Although they went down 40 - 31, they performed valiantly and were fantastic role models for our kura. The future looks bright for these girls as we look forward to the majority of the team being able to play again in the coming years. To the coaches and management, a massive thank you to Bevan Robinson, Mr Hallet, Dallan and Alice Priest for your support, guidance and development of our girls.

Andrew Cameron
Tumuaki / Principal



CONGRATS!

MRS COX!



Mrs Cox has recently celebrated 15 years of been employed at Paeroa College.

Thank you for your service at our kura Mrs Cox!

Y8 Transitions



This term we begin our transition visits to our local primary schools. This enables us to meet with incoming Y8 students 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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ENROLMENT

NOW OPEN

- Enrolment at Paeroa College is completed online.
- **Scan the QR code** to access the Student Enrolment form.



SCAN HERE

WE HAVE GONE

Online



Enrolments at Paeroa College have gone online!

If you require an enrolment form for a new student enrolling at our kura, scan the attached QR code or email:

enrolments@paeroacollege.school.nz

RUGBY

FINAL

Congrats to our Girls First XV who came runners up in the Thames Valley final. A hard fought game filled with pride and mana.



GO TEAM!



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DEPARTMENT *Spotlight*

Physical Education

In term 3, the Y9 teaching theme is 'gymnastics'. During week one, students went through basic gymnastic body movements specifically working in small groups and working on their 'points and patches'. Students learnt the difference between what a point on their body was and a patch. The overall learning and understanding relating to body balance, body stability and center of gravity. For the remainder of the term, students will have an opportunity to develop their confidence on different gymnastics apparatus which include; the beam, big trampoline, long and cross boxes and the mini tramp. The students will end with a group dance routine showcasing headstands, handstands, front and back flips (with support), rollie pollie and cart wheels.

Y10 students will be participating in different physical activities and through these, learn the different phases and stages of the Hellison's model of social responsibility. Each week students will learn a new activity and get put into different working groups. Through these activities, students will learn how to cooperate with other students, manage student behaviors, learn new skills, work independently and work together to achieve common goals.

Sports science:

Exercise physiology is the teaching theme in sports science this term. Students will be learning about how the different body systems, body adaptations and performance enhancement. The practical sessions will incorporate how the body responds, adjusts, and adapts to different types of physical activities and exercise.

Health:

In term 3, our teaching theme is Addiction. Students will be learning about addiction and how this impacts our Hauora. Students will also be learning how addiction impacts the body, specifically the brain.

Ramai Gurnick
HoD Physical Education



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Social Science

DEPARTMENT Spotlight

So, the Social Science department is doing what Social Scientists do best and investigating the how and why of society - both locally and around the world!

Junior Social Studies - The Year 9s are examining the past 200 years of change in our country, through the lens of protest and social change. This includes notable moments such as the Suffragette Movement, the 1975 Land March, and the fight to keep Aotearoa nuclear-free. Meanwhile, the Year 10s are exploring the geography and identify of what makes Paeroa, well... Paeroa!

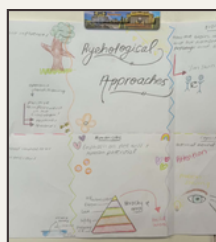
Business & Commerce - students have been exploring the world of business, commercial processes and branding across all three senior year levels. Creating products, businesses and logos has presented a notable challenge - how can we make the most money with limited resources?! To do this well the students have had to learn analysis skills and strategies to manage a business - and the Year 13s are reaching out to find investors for their clothing brand design.

History - This term sees the aspiring historians all entering their final assessment for the year - and for some preparing for an external exam too! The Year 11s have been connecting with our roots by looking at different perspectives about Parihaka and its ongoing legacy as a symbol of agency and holding true to value in the face of colonialism. For the 12s and 13s, both classes are learning how New Zealand began to step out on the world stage post-World War II, seeking new allies and embracing our commitment to the United Nations through our service in the Korean War.

Senior Social Science - In Year 11, the class is preparing for their external exam by learning about various youth issues and rights in Aotearoa. As for the Year 12 and 13 mixed class, they are busy exploring the psychology of political and social ideologies, hoping to identify and analyse the known concepts that motivate people's beliefs.

As you can see, we're keeping quite busy investigating what it means to be human and understanding how humans can connect to each other: through our identity, relationship with the land, our values, beliefs, and how Aotearoa New Zealand participates in a wider global society.

Grant van de Wetering
HoD Social Sciences



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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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.

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!

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.

#2- Choose one learning goal each week, such as:

- Complete homework on time.
- Improve paragraph writing.
- Revise maths facts for 10 minutes each day.

#3- Read Every Day:

- Reading for just 20 minutes a day can improve vocabulary, comprehension, writing skills, and academic success. This can include novels, news articles, magazines, or non-fiction.



SAVE THE DATE

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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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3 July, 2026

Calendar Term 3 2026

**COMING
SOON**

Calendar Term 4 2026

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

25 September Catch Up Day

25 September End of Term 3

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

