

PAEROA COLLEGE

COLLEGE COMMENT

21 August 2026

Tumuaki MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou katoa,

We had our annual Open Night last Tuesday 11th August for all incoming Year 9 students for 2027. This is a big-ticket item on our calendar and was an awesome evening where we opened our doors for prospective students and whānau to come and get a feel for our people and place. Thanks to all of our student volunteers and staff who made the evening a success and we look forward to the upcoming primary school visits in the coming weeks to continue our transition programme.

I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge and congratulate some of our sports teams. To our junior boys basketball team, we wish you all the best for your final tonight versus Mercury Bay in Thames. They are looking to top off a strong season tonight by bringing home some silverware. A massive thank you to their coach Jamie Aitkin and manager Ramai Gurnick for their time and dedication to the boys to enable them to be successful.

A big congratulations to our hockey team who had a great season too. Narrowly losing to HPC in the final last Tuesday night in the final of their division. They have represented Paeroa College with pride and determination all year. Thank you to coach Alison Imrie and manager Sheree Dunlop who without your help none of this would have been possible.

Looking ahead to next week we have our inaugural 'Battle of the Arts' evening taking place on Thursday 27th August in the school hall from 5pm. We are excited to showcase the talents of our students and get in behind a fantastic initiative led by Head Student of Arts and Culture - Finn Casey. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Ngā mihi nui kia a koutou katoa,

Andrew Cameron

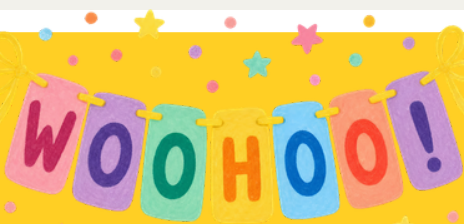
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Congratulations to Y8 student Charlie Shaw for winning the UE Boom from the Y8 Open Evening!

CAA is COMING!

This term sees the return of CAA exams!

CAA schedules will be sent during Week 6 of T3 of what exam students will be sitting and when.

CAA exams will be held during Week 8 and Week 9.

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

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Y8 OPEN EVENING

Last Tuesday the 11th of August we held our Y8 Open Evening, and what a fantastic night it was!

A huge thank you to all the prospective Year 8 students, parents, and whānau who filled our halls for our Open Evening. It was wonderful to see so much energy, curiosity, and excitement as our future students explored the classrooms, tried out hands-on activities, and met our passionate staff and student leaders.

We hope you got a real taste of what makes our school community so special. If you missed out or have follow-up questions about enrolment, please don't hesitate to reach out to our administration team or visit our website.

We can't wait to welcome you back next year as part of the Paeroa College whānau!

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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

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DEPARTMENT *Spotlight* Mathematics

As we fly through the year, the Paeroa College Maths Department has been busy implementing exciting changes, exploring real-world data, and celebrating the joy of mathematics across all year levels.

This term, our junior students dove into the world of Statistics. Because the modern world is driven by data, this unit is incredibly valuable—it directly empowers students to analyse, interpret, and make sense of the world around them.

Year 11 have been working hard, and this week finished a major internal assessment applying multiple disciplines in a real-world context.

In the senior school, our Year 12 and 13 students are currently working on their final assessment: statistical experiments. Working in collaborative groups, the seniors designed and executed live experiments using junior students as participants. They investigated fascinating real-world variables, such as whether listening to music improves concentration levels or if chewing gum helps students' study more effectively.

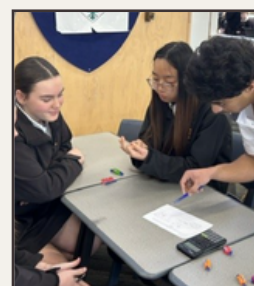
Earlier this year, our senior statistics classes enjoyed a highly educational trip to the Hamilton Zoo. The students heard from Chief Zookeeper Marcus, who delivered a captivating presentation on the critical role data plays in wildlife management. He explained how the zoo tracks visitor numbers, manages operational costs, and calculates the exact dietary and hay requirements for the animals. Seeing mathematics applied directly to wildlife conservation was an incredible experience for our students.

Term 3 wrapped up with a spectacular celebration of National Maths Week, which we integrated into our school-wide House Competition. The week was packed with high-energy activities, including:

- The Daily Maths Question: Challenging students each morning.
- The Amazing Maths Race: A fast-paced, problem-solving event specifically for our Year 9 students.
- The Pi Precision Challenge: A test of memory as students raced to recite the endless digits of pi.
- Fun & Logic Games: A popular "guess the lollies" jar, a competitive house quiz, and an interactive scavenger hunt.

Penny Cox

Hod Maths



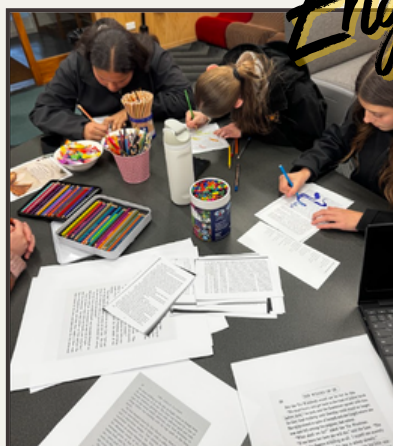
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English

DEPARTMENT
Spotlight



**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 for an extra week.

It has been a busy and rewarding term so far in the English Department, with students across all year levels showcasing their creativity, critical thinking, and determination. A massive shout out and thank you to our incredible Year 9 helpers for helping us out during Open Evening. Georgia H.E, Aria W, Sylvee S, Denvor K, and Leah R did an outstanding job representing our department on the night.

Our junior literacy classes are hard at work preparing for the upcoming Common Assessment Activities (CAAs), focusing on how to express their ideas formally (a crucial skill for the "real world"). Those who have already achieved their CAA credits are busy extending their skill sets through advanced tasks.

In Junior English this term, students have been exploring a wide range of text types, diving into Film Studies, Analytical Writing, Short Stories & Poetry, and Creative Writing.

Our senior classes are in the home stretch of their coursework while preparing for upcoming external exams:

01ENG students are in the midst of their second internal which is due in week 6. They will spend the remainder of the year preparing for the external assessments.

Level 2 students (02ENG & UE Literacy) are completing their final internal assessments, securing valuable University Entrance Literacy credits to set them up for future study.

03ENG students recently turned in exceptional 'Connections Across Texts' reports, demonstrating an impressive development in their writing craft over the year. They are now finalising their Writing Portfolios and sharpening their skills for externals.

Senior Literacy students are continuing to develop their Literacy skills to help them feel more confident for the CAA exams and are also working on their Close Viewing assessment of Jojo Rabbit which is due at the end of the term. Thank you to all our hard-working students for the mahi you have completed so far. We look forward to seeing what the rest of the year has in store for us!

Melissa Tonkin
HoD English

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COMING
SOON

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 (afternoon)

29 October Board of Trustees Meeting

4 November Senior Prizegiving (evening)

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 (morning)

9 December End of 2026 School Year

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Preparing for the Literacy CAAs

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Later this term, students will sit the Literacy (Reading and Writing) CAAs. We are preparing daily in class with exam-style practice, but home revision is key! Whether it's your first attempt or a re-sit, these resources will build your confidence. Scan the QR code to access our complete home revision guide.

Scan for Revision Activities



Scan to access past digital papers



Revising for Literacy

Students have two Literacy CAAs to complete – **Reading** and **Writing**. The best thing students can do to prepare is to log in to their MyNZQA account and access past Literacy CAA exams.

Because these are digital assessments, practicing on the actual NZQA platform is the absolute best way to become familiar with the layout and question types you will face. These are helpful whether you are sitting for the first time or re-sitting to achieve.

While these practice attempts are unmarked, we highly encourage you to have a go! You are more than welcome to share your answers with your teacher or Miss Tonkin. We would be happy to look over them and give you feedback.

Further Questions?

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