



PAPAMOA  
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# SPORTS TALK

## AIMS

What a fantastic time Papamoa College had at the AIMS tournament in 2011!

You often heard throughout the tournament, people mentioning that Papamoa College was new to AIMS, and at the same time were really impressed with the students' commitment to play hard but also fair.



We certainly made a positive impact in the competitions and our overall placing was 52nd out of 120 schools!

A special mention needs to be made of Arnet Tolofua who gained a bronze medal in the 50m freestyle final. Well done – this is an outstanding achievement!

Thank you to all of you who assisted with coaching, managing, refereeing, logistics, pep talks, transporting students, etc.

Mr Lindsey  
Principal



## Waterpolo

The students, supporters, coach and the manager all had a fantastic week during AIMS. After months of water polo and swim training the students did themselves and the school proud. They played well as a team and improved with every game. Other waterpolo teams competing were made up of 12 and 13 year olds. The majority of our players had only just turned 11 and when it comes to water polo, size and experience does make a difference.

Every one of our players deserves a special mention – Ollie who scored a 5-meter penalty shot. Hugo and Sophie who juggled their waterpolo commitments with hockey and football. Torben and Briarn who, despite being terribly sick, still turned up and gave it their all. Mitch, Paul and Jack for their awesome attacking skills. Keegan, Sam and Jed for their great defensive play. Ollie, Paul, Jack and Jed who shared goalie responsibilities. And to all of them who never let the opposition's size get the better of them.

For most of our students this was their first major water polo tournament. They came a very respectable 13<sup>th</sup> place in a competition made up of 16 teams. If they all make a commitment to swim train 3-4 times a week and attend water polo trainings there is no reason why they can't be in the top 5 at next year's AIMS tournament.

I'd like to thank the parents for their support – I'm sure we had the yummiest and healthiest poolside snacks at Baywave! I'd also like to thank our wonderful coach Simone Couvee. Simone is a Year 12 Mt Maunganui College student and part of the NZ Youth Waterpolo Squad. She already has huge demands on her, but has chosen to give back to the sport by helping to develop our Papamoa College water polo players.

Mrs Hayden  
Manager



## Rugby 7's

12 fantastic boys, brilliant parental support and a coach, Hannah, who supported and trained them for over 8 weeks! This was a powerful combination that saw the Rugby Sevens Boys team represent Papamoa College at the National Aims Games Competition at Greeton Marist Club.

The boys stepped up and competed well in the three-day tournament, averaging 4 games a day. By the third day the long days, heat and lack of downtime certainly took its toll on the boys. They placed 20<sup>th</sup> out of 32 teams from around New Zealand, which we were extremely proud of considering we have been together such a short time, in comparison to the other schools entered. Our goal was 25<sup>th</sup>, so we exceeded that!

It is certainly an amazing start to Rugby at Papamoa College.

Mrs Kim Remus  
TIC Rugby



## Squash

Taylor O'Connor & Ryan Lloyd, made up our very inexperienced team and found the standard at the AIMS competition challenging. They rose to the occasion and played well gaining a lot of valuable experience. Thanks to the parents for their help with transport.

Ms Knyvett  
TIC Squash



## Hockey

AIMS was a great experience for our hockey teams. For many players it was the first time at the AIMS competition. Both teams played with courage, persistence, and sportsmanship.

The girls team improved over the tournament with consistent anchoring performances from Bethany Millar, Maia Greet and Sharna Moffat. The team played hard defensive games and limited some very good teams to respectable scores. The girls drew their final play-off against Pongakawa 1-1.

The boys got schooled in the realities of refereeing, when they had a couple of controversial calls against them that cost them the game in both cases. They tried hard to keep their heads up and play strongly each game.

Stand out tournament players in the boys teams were: Jaryd Dudson, Jarrod Morris, Jackson Tuck, and Bailey Pharo. In the final play off the boys drew 1-1 and went to strokes, with Papamoa conceding 3-2 to Auckland Normal Intermediate. Final Results: Boys 16<sup>th</sup>, Girls 23<sup>rd</sup> equal.

A BIG thank-you to both coaches (Phil Garner and Tony Wilson) and managers (Alison Morris and Melanie Moffat) for your time, effort and commitment to our teams.

Miss Miller  
TIC Hockey

## Netball



Netball AIMS was a successful week for our predominantly Year 7 team who went up against strong Year 8 teams from around New Zealand. We knew we had a difficult pool to begin with and this was truly acknowledged when the top two in our pool both ended up playing in the grand final!!

Our team won 5 games, had 4 losses and one draw. Our girls can be very proud of the way in which they played competitively and with spirit throughout the whole tournament.

A special thank you to Kathy Tane, Kahu Rauwhero and Sherry Bennett who stood by our students all week.

Mrs Mackay  
TIC Netball

**AIMS – Football** will be featured in the Connect



## Swimming

We walked through the doors squinting from the light and breathing heavily from the mugginess and chlorine. I looked around scanning the seats and wondering who were the fastest swimmers.

Storm and I chatted nervously about how sick we both felt. Ariana arrived, embarrassing us by yelling across the pool. She was closely followed by a worried looking Megan. We almost had all the swimmers apart from Mitch who was tired from a day of water polo. We were told to eat, eat, and eat but even the look of food made my tummy turn.

Over the loud speaker I heard the first event being called up. "GO MEGAN" everyone from Papamoa College shouted. We knew it was getting close to time so we all began to put on our caps and goggles. Storm kept asking me how tight my skins felt - to her that was so important, but I was so nervous now because after this next race was mine.

Megan, Ariana and Storm all came back with big smiles on their faces. I guessed they had got a PB (Personal Best) or had come 1st, 2nd or 3rd. Now it was time, shuffling to marshalling I sat down but failing, I fell off my seat. Ariana giggled but I tried to hide my fall. Off I went leaping into the air then splashing into the pool.

I wondered how good the others felt when they knew they had made finals. It was such a long night swimming and most of us didn't get to bed until about 1.00am. But in the end I was so proud of myself because I had come back home with a bronze medal and I think everyone else would be very proud of themselves too.

Arnet Tolofua  
7MOT

**Well Done Arnet!**