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Message from the Principal

Kia Ora

Another busy term has come and nearly gone! Next term is only seven weeks long and I already sense that it will go very fast.

We have been saying all year that we have only just opened the school. In some respects this is correct and we haven't actually been through a full school year yet. However, we have had eight months of learning, since we began on the 1 February.

Planning for next year is well underway. The Y10 Option selections have been made and we are in the middle of the new staff appointment process. I want to take this opportunity to remind you about how the middle school will be structured for 2012.

There will be a total of six learning commons operating (one more than 2011) – three Y7/8 and three Y9/10 learning commons. This division of year levels will enable us to focus the learning to the specific developmental needs of the students.

The learning programmes will still be centred around an integrated approach and learning through a process of inquiry.

All students will also have access to specialist learning in Technology, Visual Arts, Performing Arts and Physical Education. Year 9 & 10 students will have greater access to specialist teachers in the learning commons for: English, Mathematics, Science and Social Sciences. Year 10 students will also have the opportunity to select from a range of options. Please refer to the 2012 course structure sheet that accompanies this newsletter.

We are looking forward to having all levels for the middle school next year. This will mean that we will be able to have the complete middle school programme in place. We are expecting an additional 150 new students to join us next year, which will take our total roll to approximately 600 students.

Enjoy the holiday break for those of you who are going away.

Regards

Mr Steve Lindsey
Principal

What's Happening?

School Social

A team of dedicated students led by Mrs Orr and Miss Lemon are currently organising a school social for the 17 November. The evening will run from 7pm to 9pm and will be limited to 300 tickets only. We are hoping to have a theme for the evening and competitions with prizes. We'll let you know more detail nearer the time.



School Photos

Early next term we will be offering students the opportunity to have their photograph taken.

On 27 October professional photographers will be in school to take candid shots of individuals or groups of siblings. A series of photos will be taken of each child (in colour and / or black & white) and will be provided either by email or contact sheet for you to view at your leisure. The photographer does not charge a sitting fee and there is no obligation to buy. Families view before they purchase.

If you would like to take advantage of this service, please download the application form, from the Papamoa College website.

On 4 November, photographers will again be in school, this time to photograph each class, sports team and cultural group. They will also be taking a photograph of the whole school as a group, to commemorate our foundation year. Order forms for group photos will be given out at the start of the term and should be returned (with money) on the day photos are taken. Once again there is no obligation to buy.

Term Dates

Term 4 begins Tuesday 25 October and ends on Wednesday 7 December 2011. Term 1 will commence Tuesday 31 January 2012.

Arts Festival



The Arts Festival has been a huge success! We have all experienced great art work and great performances on stage. Our students are very talented.

A big thank you to all those who worked hard to put on this event. Special thanks go to Miss Cresswell, Miss Proudlock and Mr Burgess.



AIMS – Boys Football

What a week! I've never known a tournament where there were so many 'oohs' and 'aaahhs' from the parents and whanau on the sidelines. Sometimes it seemed, as the ball was never destined to hit the back of the opponent's net! Led by the courageous Luca Heuberger, the boys battled through every game, backed up by some heroic performances by Jack Thain.

The boys had losses against Balmoral and Whakatane but ended day one with a great win over Bethlehem College. Ross Walley and James Cornelius forming a fearsome defensive wall against much bigger and older opponents and Ethan Broomhead causing lots of problems with his pace.

The boys were disappointed to lose each of their three games on day two but the highlight was a hard fought 2-0 loss against eventual runners up Cobham, and every one of the crowd knows that we should have drawn 1-1. There were "man of the match" performances that day by Dylan White, Murdoch Horan and Beckham Vernon who rescued us with some amazing saves.

In our quarter final game, Ethan was carried off injured which meant Louis Docherty and

Benjamin Koch were given the responsibility to cause the opposition defence some problems and it was Benjamin who scored our goal of the tournament in the final minutes to win the game against Whangarei. This resulted in him being carried shoulder high off the pitch, applauded by a proud Mr Lindsey.

Our semi final and final produced some good football but unfortunately, with half of our team injured on the sideline, we were unlucky to lose both. However, the team showed outstanding attitude, in particular Sam Hayden who was tearing around the pitch with one leg strapped and Dillon Arnold and Tyler Willemsen who made endless goal saving tackles. A special mention should also go to James Cowie who stepped in at the last second to replace our injured goalkeepers Morgan and Marc.

A huge thanks you to all of the boys and their parents, particularly to Garry Vernon and David Broomhead. Bring on next year!

Mr Bricklebank
TIC Boys Football



AIMS – Girls Football

With 6 weeks training under their belts and many of the players new to Football, the Papamoa College Girls Football Team embarked on their first tournament.

Grouped in an unforgiving and relentless pool consisting of Peachgrove Intermediate, Auckland Normal Intermediate, Bethlehem College, Whakatane Intermediate and Pukekohe Intermediate, Papamoa fought hard and improved with every game.

After the first day of competition against Peachgrove and Bethlehem, Papamoa had conceded 28 goals and scored 1 by a superb strike from Madison Goodwin. The girls never lost their team spirit and determination as they held Bethlehem to 6 with some magnificent saves from Stacey McVeigh.

The second day proved no less of a challenge with the two Auckland teams to face and again we scored another goal for the day. Unfortunately Pukekohe were a very physical team and we sustained two injuries to captain Hayley Gibbs and stalwart midfielder Keela Grant to some tough but fair challenges. Nevertheless the players recovered overnight and were ready for the next day's competition with renewed vigour and painted faces.



Whakatane Intermediate was the last opposition in our pool and proved to be just as tough, putting 13 into the net. Isobel Halligan did a stirring job disrupting midfield play and Taliyah Boyd Zame, Brooke Frost and Shannon Garratt continually put in tough challenges in an effort to out-muscle the opposition.

We faced Matamata Intermediate in the quarterfinals. With a new college chant and pre game cheer, Papamoa only conceded two goals in the first half and could sense a chance at scoring again. Great play from the wings Aliyah Cole and Brittany Foreman kept a steady feed of ball for Caitlin Bass up front although Matamata were up to the challenge in defence. This slim defeat meant Papamoa automatically won the next game allowing for a playoff for 19th position instead of 21st.

The final game was against Baradene and Papamoa were not short of motivation. Wynona Robinson and Chloe Ryan put in outstanding effort at both ends of the pitch. Again, Papamoa held the opposition to a slim winning margin, gaining 20th position and relished the fact that in one week a team so new can improve in leaps and bounds both on and off the pitch.

Mr Germany
TIC Girls Football

Ski/Snow Camp

On the 27 September, 16 Papamoa College students set off for a four-day experience to Ohakune and Turoa Ski Field.

We had 2 fantastic days on the snow on the Wednesday and Thursday. The students all made the most of the camp and were zooming down the slopes by the end of Thursday.

We had three enthusiastic parents who joined us for the week and we couldn't have done it without them.

Thanks so much to everyone involved.

Miss Watts
TIC Ski/Snow Camp



Muffi Day

The 23 September was Muffi Day. We raised \$389.60 and 356 non-perishable food items for the local Food Bank.

The teachers also participated in Muffi Day by dressing in the letter "M" Theme.



Thank you!

Motu Learning Commons would like to sincerely thank **Oceanblue Health and Fitness Club, Papamoa** for their kind donation of a Cross Trainer to assist with a trial we are conducting.

We all know that exercise has many benefits. One such benefit is its ability to boost brainpower, according to research reported by John Medina (2008). He asserts that this is due to our historic need to walk and move in order to survive.

Exercise improves our thinking, as it increases blood flow to the brain, improving the supply of oxygen and glucose. This is seen by an increase in mental sharpness following exercise. The blood flow also stimulates protein, which promotes the connection of neurons and assists in resistance to damage and stress.

In fact, the research reported suggests that aerobic exercise just twice a week halves your risk of dementia.

The cross trainer will be available for students to use aerobically during the course of the day, in order to stimulate and promote brain function.

Thank you again to Oceanblue Health and Fitness Club for their support of our learning programmes.



Whanau House Sport

This term the inter whanau sport is volleyball. Recently the year 7's have competed in a very noisy but fun tournament.

The best cheering team were boys from Wawata who kept going throughout the afternoon!

The results from the year 7 competition were 4th Wawata, 3rd Rawe, 2nd Ngatahi and the overall winners were Kaha.

Health Reminder

There is a lot of illness around at the moment, colds, flu's and whooping cough. Please be vigilant and keep yourself healthy, good food, sleep and exercise!

Student Achievements



Maths Mind Team

A team of Year 9 mathematicians went over to Tauranga Girls' College for the annual Bay of Plenty Maths Competition, Mathsmind. The competition attracts teams from all over the bay from Opotiki to Katikati to Rotorua and of course all the local schools. In the Year 9 competitions there were 19 schools represented by 33 teams.

The team from Papamoa College did exceptionally well only passing on one of the 20 questions and finishing with a total of 95 points out of 100.

This placed them third after Otumoetai and Tauranga Girls' College who managed to both score 100.

The students were complemented on their placing with it being the first time of entry into such a well-established competition. They received medals, certificates and scientific calculators. The team was Jarrad Marshall, Ross Callaghan, Renee James and Jacob Hartwell, (as pictured).

Mrs Cath McCready
Maths Coordinator

Speech Finals

Congratulations to the following students for their recent efforts in the first Papamoa College Year 7 & 8 speech competition. Bethany Millar from 7TAT was highly commended for her speech about chocolate. Faraz Mohammed from 7MTU won the Year 7 section entertained the audience with his entertaining speech about 'Little sisters'. Skyla Douglas from 8MOA won the Year 8 section with her thought provoking speech about racism. Faraz and Skyla went on to perform with credit at the highly competitive inter-school speech competition at Omokoroa Number One School.

Mrs Fiona Knyvett
Literacy Coordinator

Meet the Board of Trustees

Hello, my name is Angela Hayden and I am the Chairperson for the Board of Trustees. The Board is made up of Helen Adams, Darryn Bennett, David Broomhead, Leah Mikaere, Catherine Neidhardt, Steve Lindsey and myself. We believe it is important for you to know who we are so each month I will introduce a board member and provide a bit of background regarding them for your information.

As Trustees we have been tasked by the Ministry of Education to govern the school. We do this by setting strategic goals and then working with the Principal to set annual goals. The Principal and his Senior Leadership Team are then responsible for the day-to-day running of the school.

We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month except during the school holidays. If you have a submission that you would like to bring to the board please feel free to contact us via the website. Submissions and supporting documentation must be received 7

days prior to a scheduled meeting.

At our last meeting we formed a working group to formalise the school's PTA and to work on the structure of the Parents & Friends Group & the Whanau Group. We recognise the importance of these groups to the school community and welcome your input. By taking an active role in your child's education we believe that when issues arise, children will be well supported and you will be better informed.

The new Board and the school's Leadership Team want to encourage parent and student voice with regular meetings via the Parents & Friends Group & Whanau Group, and are prepared to be actively involved with them.

Please keep an eye out for future meetings and come along – this will be your opportunity to have a positive impact on your child's education.

So more about me... I was part of the Ministry appointed Establishment Board and am very proud of the part I played in getting the school up and running. I am married to Simon and work with him in our busy property law business based here in Papamoa.

We are property investors and have chosen to keep our portfolio local, as we believe this is the best area to work, live and play. When we are not running to keep up with the kids' cricket, football, waterpolo, swimming, guitar and piano commitments, we enjoy competitive and social sailing.

It was not a hard decision to make when we chose to enrol our 3 children at the college for their secondary school education. I believe they will leave the college as well-rounded and well-educated individuals ready to embark on their next phase of life.

Angela Hayden
Chairperson – Board of Trustees

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