



PAPAMOA
COLLEGE

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Message from the Principal

Kia Ora

A very warm welcome to everyone. I hope your 2012 has started well for you. A very special welcome to all new students and families, as well as new staff, to the Papamoa College community. We hope that your association with the school will be a very positive and successful one.

With students having now been in classes for nearly a week, it is pleasing to see that everyone has settled into their learning programmes and school life. The Lower Middle School learning commons have Y7&8 students and the Upper Middle School learning commons have Y9&10 students. Throughout the year we will provide you with more information as to how these areas of the school operate.

All students have received a 2012 Student Handbook, which outlines vital information for students and also for parents. I strongly encourage you to read your child's student handbook so you can be informed about what is expected and the various school processes.

Should you have any queries, please feel free to contact Reception on 542 0676.

Learning commons' teachers will be contacting parents and caregivers over the next few weeks to introduce themselves and also start building relationships. We will also have an orientation afternoon on Thursday 16 February for you to come to the school and informally meet your child's teacher and have an opportunity to tour the campus.

There will be a lot of activity on campus over the next few weeks as learning programmes begin and gain momentum, as well as co-curricular activities beginning. I encourage you to contact us at school should you have any questions or if you are unsure about anything.

I look forward to meeting and working with you to make 2012 a successful year for your child.

Regards

Steve Lindsey

What's Happening

Athletics Day

Monday 13 February

All parents are welcome to attend and be part of the school athletics day on Monday 13 February. The exact programme details will be published at a later date.

It would pay to bring a beach umbrella etc, as unfortunately we have limited shade options (as our trees are still very short - but growing).

Any postponement due to weather will be notified on the Papamoa College website.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Orientation Afternoon

Thursday 16 February

Parents/Families are welcome to come to the college between 3.15pm and 5.30pm to explore the campus and informally meet your child's teacher.

2012 Term Dates

Term 1: January 31 - April 5

Term 2: April 23 - June 29

Term 3: July 16 - September 28

Term 4: October 15 - December 11

Bay of Plenty Times

The Bay of Plenty Times Newspaper is offering a *free*, no-obligation, 12-month subscription to all Papamoa College students.

This is part of their "Literacy in the Home Programme" that they are running with selected schools in the region.

A letter with further explanation and an order form will come home with the students this week.



Papamoa College New Staff

Back row (from left to right) Miss Karla Wesselink, Mr Chris Keating, Ms Marica Hintz, Mr Tim Rogers, Miss Pip Smale, Mrs Claire Mulchay, Mr Mike Wright

Front row (from left to right) Mrs Kheya Mair, Mr Geoff Bird, Mrs Heather Williams, Mrs Ngaere Durie (Whaea Ngaere)



Uniform

The list of uniforms items and prices can be obtained from Reception or on our website. The uniform can only be purchased through the school and cash and eftpos are available for payment. Credit cards are not accepted.

Students are expected to arrive at school in the correct uniform each day.

It is important that students always wear the school uniform correctly – both at school and outside school. A neat and tidy uniform will influence how members of the public view the school. Therefore, we must always look our best when wearing our uniform.

Students must wear the correct uniform to and from school. Leaving school in the PE uniform is not acceptable.

School uniform items must be worn in the way that they were intended to be worn.

All uniform items should be clearly named inside. **Do not** use twink to do this as it comes off easily.

Lost Property is located at Reception.



Toolbox
parenting groups

Parenting Tweens and Teens

(Children aged 12-18)

We will show you that, although these years can be challenging, they can actually be some of the best years of your life - and theirs!

Start Date: Wednesday 15 February, 7.00pm to 9.00pm
(6 consecutive week course every Wednesday)

Venue: Papamoa College

Cost: \$67.50 per person or \$90 per couple
(there is subsidy funding available if needed)

The 6-week course covers the following topics: Atmosphere, Boundaries, Communication, Discipline, Self-esteem and Future Focus.

For additional advice, resources or for bookings go to www.theparentingplace.com or phone Jackie on 5761169



Parents Inc.
Family is Everything



Class Placement Process

At Papamoa College we believe that learning should be a personalised process. The start of this process begins with the placement of students into their learning commons with their teachers. Each student is placed on an individual basis, with consideration given to their learning style, personal interests, social groupings and teacher feedback.

Our Year 7 students have been placed using information provided from their contributing school and through interviews between the Year 6 teachers of our local primary schools and our Deputy Principal responsible for class placements.

Our current Year 8, 9 and 10 students have been placed using our current learning records and staff input regarding the learning needs of each child.

A great deal of time and care is placed into our class allocations in order to best suit the needs of all of our students, and it is part of our commitment to personalised learning at Papamoa College.



Mobile Phones

It is important that you leave valuable equipment, phones, ipods, etc, at home, unless you are using them for learning purposes.

The school does not accept any responsibility for damage or theft of personal equipment. It is the student's responsibility to ensure items are kept safe.

If you do bring your mobile phone to school they must not be used in class unless the teacher has given you permission.

Mobile phones must be switched off as a courtesy to other learners. Any students found to be abusing this, will have their device removed and it will need to be collected from reception by a parent or guardian.

Our Vision & Values

Vision what we want to be in the future

To create successful people, who value relationships and community, and are committed to learning for life.

Our vision is an aspirational statement that states what we want Papamoa College to be like in the future.

Being successful means achieving at the best possible level in any pursuit. This includes academic success, sporting success, arts and cultural success etc.

Relationships with people matter and being connected to others is important. Participating and contributing in a community of other people is important for the Papamoa community and therefore is reflected in what we do at Papamoa College.

Life is a continuous process of growth and development. Learning at school is therefore a continuation of learning at home and in the community. Effective learning is relevant to a student's life and does not stop once a student leaves school. The people at Papamoa College will become learners for life.

Values those views that influence our actions

Striving for **Excellence**.

Strong **Identity**. Understanding self. Culturally connected.

People first. Positive relationships. Serving others.

Actively involved. Committed to being active. Contributing to society.

Caring and Respect for self, others and the environment.

Accepting Challenges. Being a risk taker. Curiosity to learn. Learning in partnership. Taking responsibility for learning.



Board of Trustees

Welcome back to school everybody. I hope you have all had a fantastic summer holiday and are ready for another exciting year at Papamoa College.

My name is Angela Hayden and I feel very privileged to be your elected Board of Trustees Chairperson.

The board met during the holidays and ratified the 2012 Charter and Strategic Plan.

We are looking forward to supporting the school's leadership team and staff during the year ahead and building positive relationships with the community through the Parents & Friends or Whanau groups.

I encourage parents to join either of the support groups, as they are a wonderful way to be actively involved with your child's education as well as getting to know other parents and members of the school community.

I wish the students well with their academic studies this year and will look forward to hearing of their achievements at our board meetings.

I also look forward to watching them from the sidelines as they participate in the many cultural, arts and sporting activities available to them during the year.

Regards
Angela Hayden

Calling all Students!

Are you interested in learning Mandarin? This might be for you!

When: Monday 13 February
(after school hours)

Where: Tauranga Girls' College,
930 Cameron Rd, Tauranga

Levels: Beginners Level 1+2
Intermediate Level 3+4 with
opportunity to sit relevant NCEA
internal & external assessments

Cost: Only \$30 per term!

If you are interested, see Mrs Mair
in AWA for a more detailed letter.



Attendance & Absences

Students are expected to attend school every weekday throughout the term, from 8.50am to 3.10pm.

Student attendance will be recorded throughout the school day. Any absence or lateness to class will be recorded.

If your child is going to be absent or late to school, the parent/guardian needs to phone Reception as soon as possible on 542 0676 and press 1 to explain the reason. If the absence is not phoned through then the parent/guardian will receive a text or phone call from Reception to check the absence. The student must bring a note from you when they next return to school.

Known future absences from school for any medical or family reason must be advised by parents/guardians in advance wherever possible.

Appointments during the school day

If students have an appointment during the day which means they have to leave school, students must get your written note authorised by Reception.

Before school begins, students should go to Reception with a signed note from the parents/guardians. The office administrator will sign your note and then give it back to the student.



Papamoa College Icon



The Papamoa College icon reflects the region that we live and learn in, making use of elements that show the warming sun, the ocean waves and the hills that look down upon the school.

The local Maori legend of the three whales that formed the Papamoa Hills is also represented through a visible whale tail.

As a stone skims across the water into the future, creating new pathways, so too is the learning at Papamoa College. The learning environment and school culture is where students are nurtured, challenged, and acquire the necessary skills and knowledge for the future.

Students will grow and develop to become life long learners, ready for exciting futures beyond Papamoa College.



Buses for 2012

For students who live more than 4.8 kms from Papamoa College, a Ministry of Education funded bus service is available. All eligible students who have enrolled with us this year have already been placed on a bus and have been using the service this week.

All Papamoa College bus stops are the same as the Bay Hopper stops.

Please have your child ready at the appropriate bus stop in time or they will miss the opportunity to use the bus as the second bus of the morning is reserved only for the students of Papamoa Primary.

No Papamoa College students will be allowed to board a later bus for any reason.

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