



PAPAMOA
COLLEGE

CONNECT

Message from the Principal

Kia Ora

Very soon you will receive a progress report to let you know how your child is settling into their school year. It is not a formal written report but an indication of how students have begun the year and will highlight if there are any initial concerns regarding achievement. Following this, there will be an opportunity for you to sit down with teachers and your child to discuss goals for the year and steps forward. Details about these Parent Student Conferences will be coming to you shortly.

What should you do if you have a question / query about the school? We have mechanisms in place to provide you with the necessary information.

If the query is about student learning, the best person to approach is your child's teacher. You can email teachers using the first letter of their christian name, followed by their surname e.g.

jsmith@papamoacollege.school.nz

The Leader of Learning Commons is also available to assist you.

We also have a general enquiries email address:

enquiries@papamoacollege.school.nz

you can also contact Reception directly by phone. Every attempt will be made to direct you to the right person, although they may need to take a message, as specific staff may be unavailable at that time. While we always try to be available if you arrive in person, it is advisable to make an appointment time so as not to be disappointed.

I hope you were able to attend the recent orientation afternoon on Thursday 16 February. It was great to meet many of you as you visited learning areas and explored the campus.

Inspired Learning. Exciting Futures.

During the month of February we have been focusing on one of our school values: Respect and caring – with a special focus on how we address each other and manners. For March we are focusing on the school value of Identity: having a strong **identity**, understanding self, and being culturally connected.

I would also like to welcome additional new staff to the school over the last month:

Mr Craig McFarlane - Y9&10 Mathematics teacher in AWA
Mrs Jan McAdam - Sports Coordinator
Mr Tony Fox - Caretaker/Groundsman
Ms Lisa Cossey - Technology Support

The school now has 41 teaching staff (35 fulltime and 6 part time) and 14 support staff.

We are all responsible for our environment and we need to work together to care for it. Rubbish and recycling bins are available throughout the campus to ensure disposal of waste and paper is managed in a responsible way. A student environmental group operates to promote and develop our sustainable and eco-friendly environment.

The Itinerant Music Programme starts next week (week 6). We have 97 students involved across 8 different instruments. Please register your interest with Mr Shane Burgess on sburgess@papamoacollege.school.nz

We are holding a "Health Expo" on Tuesday 20 March for Y9 & 10. There will be a wide range of community health care providers on campus to give information and answer questions related to making healthy choices. Parents are invited to this expo between 12.00pm-12.30pm. Please contact Reception on 5420676 if you would like to attend.

Kind Regards

Steve Lindsey
Principal

What's Happening

Hockey season is approaching...

Any parents or community members that are keen to be involved with Papamoa College Hockey this year, please contact Miss Miller at miller@papamoacollege.school.nz

Swimming Sports

Will be held on Friday 9 March 2012 at Papamoa School Community Pool. This is open to all competitive swimmers of all year levels that have registered on WAVE for the various events.

Radio Station

Papamoa College Radio will soon be a reality. Keep tuned to Connect to find out more...



Soap Opera

Students will have the chance to create their own soap opera. Design, writing, shooting and of course acting, students will have the opportunity to try it all. The first part of the year will be working on the script and then on to the filming!

Lower Middle School Camp

Beginning Thursday 22 March, the Y7 & 8 students will be offered a range of cooperative and collaborative tasks to assist them in the development of their knowledge of Maori tikanga and culture. In addition students will also have the opportunity to develop skills of fishing, kayaking, snorkelling and other outdoor pursuits.

Lower Middle School Camp - Parent Information Meeting

Thursday 15 March 5.30pm – 6.00pm in your student's learning commons. Come along and find out more about the camp programme. Further information will follow.



Graduate of Papamoa College

The Board of Trustees have been discussing what a graduate of Papamoa College should be like.

By having a good understanding about what we want our graduate students to look like, will help us to better focus our time, resources, learning programmes and school wide activities.

The following graduate characteristics are outlined below:

Having a sense of self – who they are, where they are headed, how they plan to get there.

Being prepared for life – having the necessary skills and tools to live life now and in the unknown future.

Having the highest academic qualifications possible.

Being knowledgeable – having knowledge and the ability to develop knowledge, making use of current technology.

Living the values of the school – excellence, respect and caring, people first, strong identity, actively involved, accepting challenges.

People focused – valuing people and service to others.

Being a valuable citizen – understanding what it means to be a valuable and contributing member of society.

Are there any other graduate characteristics that you think are important to consider?

If you would like to contribute your views, please email enquiries@papamoacollege.school.nz



Starting a new school

It can be a challenging time when students and parents move from one school to another. There will always be similarities between schools and there will always be differences. There is always a range of expectations from new parents for what the new school should be like, that are largely shaped by previous experience.

An effective transition process is helped by providing clear information and developing successful lines of communication. We are committed to ensure that parents are fully informed about how the school operates.

We provide information on the school website and also WAVE, that may assist you to find out more about the school.

This Connect newsletter is published monthly and can also be emailed to you automatically (you will need to register online for this service). Please feel free to contact us should there be anything that you would like further clarification on.

Inspired Learning. Exciting Futures.

You may have noticed that the school is not surrounded by fences or houses, and access to the school can be from any direction.

We have safety and security obligations to keep your child and all other students safe and secure while on campus. Therefore, we ask all visitors to the school during the day, to report to Reception and sign in. It is very important to us to ensure we are able to create a safe and secure environment for all students to learn in.

You may find that this practice of reporting first to Reception, is different to your previous experiences with primary schools, but I am sure that you can appreciate our desire to make sure your child is safe while on campus.

We thank you for assisting us with this.

Homework

Any homework assigned for students will be an extension of their learning while at school.

Students may be further exploring issues they are working on, participating in an online discussion, or developing their current projects and tasks.

Other aspects of homework may involve discussions with members of your family or the community.

Technology

Reminder: Please ensure your child wears covered in **school uniform shoes**, when they are timetabled for Hard Technology. If you are unsure of the type of shoe required, please contact Reception on 542 0676.

Athletics

Athletics was held on Monday 20 February. It was a fantastic day with students participating in many different events.

We have 40 Y9 & 10 students who qualified to compete at the Bay of Plenty Athletics Championships on Tuesday 6 March. Good Luck to you all!

A big thank you to all the staff, parents and other supporters such as the Cancer Society that helped make our Athletics day happen.



Overall Results from Athletics Day.

(These results are calculated by points students received for placings during the day for each event)

Y7 Girls

- 1st Calista Cristobal
- 2nd Zoe McCaul
- 3rd = Serena Hose
Claudia McKeown
Nia Seymour

Y7 Boys

- 1st Shi Jie Yong
- 2nd = Morgan Clark
Matthew Oliver

Y8 Girls

- 1st Sophia Eparara
- 2nd Bethany Millar
- 3rd Shanya Filo

Y8 Boys

- 1st = Ethan Severinsen
Carlos Levao
Keegan Millar

Y9 Girls

- 1st Amy Bennett
- 2nd Bella Cowie
- 3rd Georgina Gesthuizen

Y9 Boys

- 1st Arithon Rigney-Scott
- 2nd Pheonix Irving
- 3rd Sam Hayden

Y10 Girls

- 1st Anneke Dixon
- 2nd= Tiana Oakes
Charlee Taua

Y10 Boys

- 1st James Oliver
- 2nd Connor Millar
- 3rd Junior Filo

Great Work!



Asia NZ Young Leaders

On Friday 24 February we had three leaders from Asia NZ Young Leaders group visit our school.

Members of the Young Leaders Network have the chance to be involved in a range of events, conferences, study and work opportunities, both at home and overseas, to help them gain the skills and knowledge needed to foster lasting partnerships between New Zealand and Asia.

This was a great opportunity for our students in Awa Learning Commons who are focusing on 'Embracing other Cultures' in their Inquiry classes and 'The Asian Face of NZ' in their Social Science classes.

Friday was a unique opportunity for students to ask questions and further their understanding of Asian Cultures. They were able to hear accurate information regarding the Muslim culture without the extremist views/actions of minority groups, so often portrayed by the media.

Mrs Mackay
Leader of Awa Learning Commons



Student Achievements

Congratulations to Mitch Cowdry, Jed and Jack Bullock, Ollie Ford, Torbin Hitchfield, Hugo Burt and Flynn Grey who were involved in the U14 New Zealand Surf Life Saving Championships Oceans' 12 Competition, from 23 - 26 February.



They had a great weekend; Jed was in 5 finals and came 3rd in the board relay. Mitch (pictured left) made 6 individual finals and now holds two National titles.

Well done to all, what a great achievement!

Self Defence Course



Year 7 and 8 girls were given the opportunity to do a 1-½ day free self-defence course. This course is school based and run by the Women's Self Defence Network – Wāhine Toa.

Students learnt ways of dealing with unsafe situations and threats to their safety. This included physical techniques and also safety issues relating to phone, text and the internet.

Students are still able to register their interest by logging onto WAVE.

Student Leaders

Papamoa College will have three types of leadership opportunities available for Middle School students this year.

Middle School Student Leaders

These leaders will play a prominent role within the student body and represent the school at various events/ceremonies.

Student Whanau Leaders

Student whanau leaders will help to lead, promote and organise their particular whanau group.

Student Council

This student representative group meets with the Principal to discuss aspects of school life with the view to providing a student voice and influencing campus culture.



Meet the Board of Trustees

Hi my name is David Broomhead. My wife, Tanya and I have lived in Papamoa for over 20 years on our lifestyle block in Tara Rd and have watched this area develop throughout this time.

When we had our children we hoped and dreamed that a college would be in place in time for them to attend. That hope and dream has come true and this year we now have both our children at Papamoa College. Ethan is in year 9 and Brooke is in year 7.

My wife is also at the college as the Receptionist, so as a family we have strong ties to the college.

I have previously been on the Papamoa Primary School Board plus various other committees over the

years so I bring that experience to the board.

I am a Manager of a private training organisation and have qualifications in career development and vocational rehabilitation.

Spare time is largely spent with the family, often being involved in what Ethan and Brooke are doing, and when the weather is good getting out in the boat or maintaining our property. As the photo shows I also get talked in to other things such as the Tough Guy Challenge.

Initially I was reluctant to stand for the Board, but am really pleased that I did as the board and staff of the school is made up of professional, dedicated and skilled people.

I am extremely confident this school has a great future ahead of it, am proud to be associated with it and I am looking forward to the challenges ahead of us as the college grows and makes a positive contribution to our community.

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