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Message from the Principal

Kia ora,

It has been another busy term with 609 students now on campus. The Lower Middle School camps were very successful and we want to thank all the parent supporters for any assistance provided, especially help with the workshop day and the learning commons' overnight stays. The decision to stay the night at school was made after a long, frustrating and unsuccessful search for suitable venues that could cater for 120+ students and adults. Although sleeping at school is not the same experience as sleeping at a campsite or at a dedicated camp facility, it meant that costs could be kept to a minimum. There are photos and accounts of what students experienced included in this newsletter.

Thank you to all those parents and caregivers that attended the recent Parent Student Conferences. I trust that you were able have a quality conversation with your son/daughter and their teacher regarding their learning. I encourage you to continue discussing your child's progress with their teacher. Initial contact can be made via email or messages through Reception.

We have been pleased overall with how the year has started. With 150 new students and 12+ new staff, there are always new challenges that come with significant growth. We now have our entire Middle School (Lower Middle School and Upper Middle School) in place and are using the facilities on campus for which they were designed. The Ministry of Education has just recently confirmed that the second phase of the building development will begin very soon.

At the end of this process, we should have another building, which will be situated off the bridge – in between the courts and the administration building. The call for registrations of interest has begun and the design process will follow. This is great news for the school and we will keep you informed as to the progress of this project.

Early in term 2 we will be having a Whanau Support group meeting (Tuesday 8 May) and also a Parents & Friends Association meeting (Tuesday 15 May). The Whanau Support group will primarily focus on improving student learning and achievement. I know there are many of you who are eager to assist the school in many different ways and involvement in these groups may be a good starting point. We will send out information at the start of next term to confirm times and location.

I wish you all a happy Easter and holiday time.

Kind Regards

Steve Lindsey
Principal

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What's Happening

Term 2

Term 2 begins on Monday 23 April 2012 and will be a day 6 on the timetable.

Help Required

We are looking for a volunteer to help set up and maintain the herb and vegetable garden with a small group of students one lunchtime per week. If you are keen to help please email: mverstegen@papamoacollege.school.nz

School Jackets

The school jacket is available to order at Reception. The jacket is a quality garment that is warm and waterproof.

Entertainment Book Fundraising

Do you love the Entertainment Book? We are looking for an organised and enthusiastic volunteer parent to help run this fundraising for the college this year. Books will be on sale from Monday 7 May. If you are keen to help please contact Reception 5420676.



Congratulations!

Well done James Amos 78TAT2 who, because of his amazing abilities has been offered sponsorship by Assault Kiteboarding Shop. This will give James more opportunity to extend his sport. Ka pai James!

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Lower Middle School Camp

Over the past three weeks, our Lower Middle School students participated in an engaging and unique programme for our Education Outside the Classroom experience 2012. The first part of the programme was a day-long workshop prepared by the staff and community members for all the students in the Lower Middle School. Together we explored Te Ao Maori-The World of Maori, through the experiences of Maori tikanga, poi making, weaving, contemporary Maori art and carving. Teachers in our Lower Middle School ran each workshop with help from numerous parents and members of our school community.

The second day of the programme involved each learning common participating in an overnight programme based here at school and then travelling the following day to Pilot Bay in Mount Maunganui to participate in a water-based adventure programme for the day. Students participated in fishing, kayaking, beach safety and snorkelling. Due to poor weather, Puke learning commons participated in their wet weather programme and had the opportunity to swim at Baywave and attend the movies as a group.

Thank you to all parents who gave of their time to offer support throughout this programme, your assistance was deeply appreciated. An additional thanks to all staff who created an exciting and fun programme for our students.

Ms Catherine Neidhardt
Deputy Principal



Puke Experience

The Maori Contemporary Arts and Cultural Day was a spectacular experience! The day was really interesting, we took part in lots of awesome activities, like learning a Karakia, Waiata, Haka Powhiri, Weaving, Carving, Poi Making, Contemporary Maori Art and some aspects of Tikanga.

The day was so creative. I have moved to New Zealand from England 6 years ago, and it has helped me to understand New Zealand and its history and cultures better. All the teachers were really supportive. They showed us how to do things, helped us when we were stuck and they were just awesome!

I think that the day was so fascinating. I would definitely do it again!

By Rhiannon Cotton 7PUK1



Tatahi Experience

We began our camp programme with being split into groups to create a fashion design of our own following the set criteria. My group chose fantasy as their theme and we began sketching ideas for the outfit. We eventually chose to create a fairy and decided who was to be the model, sewer, painter and accessory designer. Other groups had the idea of being a peacock, Zeus, Tinkerbell, and a bride.

After the usual school day finished at 3.10pm, we began the Wearable Arts Show with models walking down the red carpet posing for the entertained audience. It was incredibly embarrassing, but also a lot of fun. The winning team was the peacock, rewarded with chocolates and stationery.

A special thanks to Ms Neidhardt, Mrs Reed and Mr Bennett for judging the Wearable Arts Show and making us feel like we were on American Idol!

It felt odd spending the night at school, but surprisingly was a lot of fun because of the company of my friends. Students chose to snuggle up in corners or under tables and one group even chose to sleep in a tent!

At six o'clock IN THE MORNING, all the teachers encouraged the students to go for a morning jog around the school before breakfast. My friends and I were struggling to keep pace with Mrs Shine and her fast legs, as we were still half asleep.

After breakfast we went to Pilot Bay in Mount Maunganui. We participated in rotations between fishing, kayaking, swimming and snorkelling. My favorite event was snorkelling because it was a new experience for me and I enjoyed the flipper races against my peers.

Overall camp was an incredible experience that I thoroughly enjoyed with precious memories of good times with friends, bonding with new friends and having fun.

By Jorja Heta 78TAT2

Lower Middle School Camp

Maunga Experience

In week eight, Maunga had their learning commons camp. Everyone there had a supreme time.

On the first night we established our beds and had the choice of playing games in the gym such as Volleyball, taking part in an Amazing Race, or chilling out in the learning commons. At night Ms Hintz took us through a beach safety programme and we now know how to deal with rips and other beach hazards.

The second day was exhilarating. All of the classes took it in turns to rotate around each activity: fishing, kayaking, beach activities and the Hot Pools.

Thank you to Mr Burgess, Ms Hintz, Mrs Dirkse, Mrs Stensness, Mrs MacDuff, and Ms Neidhardt, who stayed at school many nights beforehand to plan this enjoyable time, and to all of the parent helpers who attended in order to support our activities.

By Sophia Malu and Hannah Rhodes-Carlin, 78MAU2.



Tree Planting

The Year 9 Wawata boys volunteered to plant five trees around the college. After a brief training session, the boys did a great job working in small groups to plant the trees in suitable positions around the grounds. The trees were kindly donated to us by Steve Oliver.



Toolbox
parenting groups

This year was the first time we have had the opportunity to present the Parents Inc Tool Box, Tween and Teens program in Papamoa.

A small but very dedicated group of Papamoa Parents met in the Papamoa College Library to learn strategies around trying to keep our kids on track through the 'white water rapid' years. The course has well presented material through a DVD, manual and exercises to discuss. By far the most valuable thing for the participants in this course was the sharing of ideas with each other through the exercises.

It was encouraging for us all to realise that it doesn't matter where you are at on your parenting journey; we all have similar struggles and difficulties. It was reassuring just to know that there are other parents to share the "parenting-teenagers" journey with. It's always an honour and a privilege to meet parents trying to invest in their kids lives.

Next term starting on the 16 May we will be offering the same opportunity and welcome your interest. More information is on the college website

Sue Higgins



Parents Inc.
Family is Everything

Bluelight Fitness Challenge

On Wednesday 14 March Papamoa College sent two teams to the Western Bay of Plenty Police Bluelight Fitness Challenge held at the TECT arena. Two teams of four students competed amongst a field of 20 teams from around the Bay of Plenty. The team members were:

Team 1: Mitch Cowdrey, Sophie Hayden, Bethany Millar, Dylan White
Team 2: Flynn Grey, Keegan Millar, Maya Greet, Sophia Eparara

The teams competed in a variety of challenges such as crime scene



investigations and the official police fitness test. Both of our teams performed at an extremely high level with our Team 1 achieving a second place finish overall. Well done to all the students who have done us proud and thank you to Mr Millar for his support and transport on the day.

Ms Catherine Neidhardt
Deputy Principal



Student Achievement

This term in wrestling Merinda Bramley has competed in four tournaments:

Auckland Secondary

Schools, Hamilton Champs, North Island Secondary Schools, and New Zealand Secondary Schools. Merinda came 1st in all these tournaments in her weight range. She then had to move up a weight range and still came 2nd.

New Zealand Secondary Schools were on Saturday 31 March and Papamoa College tied with Rose Hill College as the best club for female wrestlers in New Zealand.

Well-done Merinda what a great achievement!

National Champion!



Board of Trustees

The 2012 Charter is now available on the college website. We received a very positive endorsement from the Ministry and I'd like to share a couple of their comments with you:

"Your charter provides a foundation for raising student progress and achievement at Papamoa College...." and *"Your targets provide a high expectation to improve student progress and achievement; particularly for the priority groups of students you have identified need additional support."*

Thank you to those of you who took time to contribute to our graduate profile. By contributing your thoughts we are better able to make decisions at a governance level. It is important for us to be thinking about our student graduates and laying the foundations now so that they have a solid path to follow.

At our most recent board meeting we were privileged to have one of our parents, Kellie Spee, come along and talk to us. Kellie was part of a team involved in researching and compiling a report on what some schools are successfully doing to raise Maori student attendance, Maori student engagement with learning and Maori student achievement. The report is timely and we are in a great position to reflect on the report and see how we can use some of the strategies and apply them to Papamoa College students.

Congratulations to all the students who have represented the college during term 1 for Athletics, Surf Life Saving, Swimming, Volleyball, Motor Cross, Cricket, Blue Light Fear Factor Challenge, Wrestling and Water polo. The values of *Excellence, Identity, Actively Involved* and *Accepting Challenges* were all evident and the whole school is proud of your achievements.

Congratulations also to the students selected to be our Middle School Student Leaders, Student Whanau Leaders and Student Council. It is not always easy to 'step up' and the benefits you will get from living the values of *Excellence, Identity, People First, Actively Involved, Caring and Respect* and *Accepting Challenges* will be life long.

Well it certainly has been a busy term and I'm looking forward to spending time with Mel, Sam and Sophie during the upcoming school holidays. I hope you enjoy your children and manage to fit in some quality outdoor time with them before the winter months descend.

I'll look forward to next term's Parents & Friends Group and Whanau Support Group meetings and sharing some of the Papamoa College highlights for the year to date.

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