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## Message from the Principal

Kia ora,

Welcome back to term two. The school wide theme for this term is Movers and Shakers, with learning programmes related to exploring and investigating people, actions and environments that represent our constant drive for innovation, progress and learning. Already there have been some very interesting learning experiences occurring across the school. Ask your child about what they are learning and why.

The school value we are focussing on for the month of May is being Actively Involved. We will be focusing on getting students to commit themselves to the wide range of activities on campus. Parents and caregivers can assist by also encouraging students to be actively involved in school life.

With the onset of colder temperatures it is important that students are dressed warmly and in correct uniform. Please ensure your child is in the correct school uniform. The uniform code is published online as well as in the student handbook. Reception will also be able to provide you with a copy.

Winter sport codes have started with many competitions beginning this weekend. We wish students all the best for their first games! Winter sports so far include: Rugby, Hockey, Netball, Football and Basketball. I wish to thank the large number of parents who are managers and coaches of our sports teams. Your support is very much appreciated.

Organisation for the AIMS tournament (September 9-14) is well underway. Last year we had 120 students participate. This year it will be closer to 150 students. An information pack will be provided for those students (and their parents) very soon.

The Kapa Haka group is now underway for the year under the guidance of Whaea Ngaere (Leader of Puke Learning Commons) and the tutor Nia Rameka Finau. Nia is very well regarded and an experienced Kapa Haka tutor. It is very encouraging to see a large number of students begin with the Kapa Haka group this year. Watch this space.

### **2013 Senior School**

The Board have begun to discuss the possibility of having a senior school uniform. The uniform may not be completely different, but have specific items that identify senior students from middle school students. We will be forming a small 'Uniform Committee' to explore uniform options. If you are interested to be involved or have an opinion on the senior uniform please email

[uniform@papamoacollege.school.nz](mailto:uniform@papamoacollege.school.nz)

Over the last term we have been working on the senior curriculum for next year and beyond. A special newsletter will be issued over the next few weeks to outline what the 2013 curriculum will look like and how it will operate. There will be an opportunity for you to provide us with feedback on the curriculum. We will also be talking to all Y10 students about the curriculum and gaining their feedback on subject choices etc.

The first meeting for the school Whanau Group will now be on Tuesday 15 May, 7.00pm. Please note this is a change to the previously advertised date in the last newsletter. This will be a good opportunity to discuss aspects of improving student achievement and also an opportunity to share your ideas.

Kind Regards

Steve Lindsey  
Principal

## What's Happening

### **Whanau Group Meeting**

Tuesday 15 May at 7.00pm. This is an opportunity to discuss student achievement and share ideas for development. **Note:** this is a change to the previously advertised date in the last newsletter.

### **Entertainment Book Fundraising**

Entertainment Book Fundraiser starts week 3! A reminder that students will be bringing home copies of the Entertainment Book for you to review for purchase. A portion of the proceeds from the book will go towards our school fundraising projects. Books can also be purchased from Reception.

### **Gymnastics Group**

Monday lunchtimes for the next 8 weeks, we will be running a Gymnastics Group in the Theatre. If this sounds like something your child would enjoy please go to the link on WAVE to join. If you require further information, please contact Jan McAdam (Sports Coordinator) via email:

[jmcadam@papamoacollege.school.nz](mailto:jmcadam@papamoacollege.school.nz)

### **Dance Classes**

Dance classes will run for 8 weeks and will start at lunchtime, Tuesday 8 May in the dance studio. To sign your child up, please go to the link on WAVE. For further information please contact Jan McAdam (Sports Coordinator) via email:

[jmcadam@papamoacollege.school.nz](mailto:jmcadam@papamoacollege.school.nz)

### **Attitudes**

On Thursday 3 May the Y9 & 10 students attended the *Attitudes* presentations. Y9's presentation was 'Friendships and Relationships' and Y10 'Sex with Attitude'. Ask your child about what they learnt. For more information go to [www.attitude.org.nz](http://www.attitude.org.nz)

### **DID YOU KNOW...**

You can receive this newsletter via email? If you wish to do this, simply go to our website, click on 'News and Events' tab, then newsletter and fill in the subscription form.

[www.papamoacollege.school.nz](http://www.papamoacollege.school.nz)



## Student Achievement



### Thai Boxing

Congratulations to Eben Cullen who now holds the junior title for 'Total Impact Thai Boxing'.

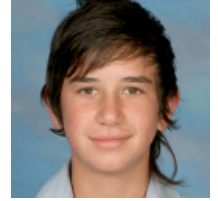
Eben competed at the 'Total Impact Thai Boxing Kiwi vs Aussies Competition' held last weekend.

Although Eben was fighting another NZ fighter he won his spar (which was ranked as one of the major spars of the night) to take the 'Total Impact Junior Title'. We wish Eben all the best for his future competitions.

### Rugby

Congratulations to Jed Bullock, Mitch Cowdrey, Dane Adrian and Louie McLeod (as pictured below) who have trialled for the Te Puke Tai Mitchell Rugby Team and have been selected for the training squad.

Well done boys, what an honour to have been selected to represent our region in this prestigious competition. Good luck for the final team selection!



## Beach Party Disco – Term 1

At the end of term 1 we held the Beach Party Disco. It was a great success and the students enjoyed themselves.

All proceeds went to charity and students also brought in a canned item to be donated to the Food Bank.





## Middle School Student Leaders



Navpreet  
Dhailwal  
10AWA2



Connor  
Millar  
10MOT1



Imogen  
Durkan  
10AWA2



James  
Oliver  
10MOA2



Lauren  
Gibbs  
10AWA2



Bradley  
Souness  
10MOA1

We are pleased to introduce the Middle School Student Leaders to you. These students promote the values and ideals of what it is to be a citizen of Papamoa College. They will play a prominent role within the student body and represent the school at various events/ceremonies.

### Grassed areas

Please do not drive vehicles onto the sports fields to attend practices. This is not good for the fields and also poses a health and safety danger for students and visitors.

There are plenty of car parks at the front of the school and next to the gymnasium. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

### Board Secretary

A vacancy has arisen for a Board Secretary to start in June. Duties include taking minutes at Board Meetings and Committee Meetings, compiling the meeting agendas and acting as Returns Officer for Board and student elections. Hours average 7-10 hours per month. Please forward your application together with CV to the Chairperson, C/- Papamoa College Reception. Please email enquiries for more details.

## Events of Interest



### 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:** Thursday 17 May 7.00pm to 9.00pm  
(6 consecutive week course every Thursday)

**Venue:** Papamoa College Library

**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](http://www.theparentingplace.com) or phone  
Jackie on 5761169



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### Gluten Free Food & Allergy Shows

With more and more students appearing with food allergies and intolerances, awareness of products is important for families. The Gluten Free Food & Allergy Shows are New Zealand's only exhibitions dedicated to delivering ideas and solutions for allergy and intolerance issues. They are the perfect opportunity to check out the latest products and try before you buy. Visitors can sample a wide range of gluten-free foods, view eco-friendly cleaning products, home wares, natural skincare products, to name but a few... as well as take advantage of great show specials. A free seminar series also runs both days, with advice from leading experts. PLUS learn tips and tricks from The Gluten Free Chef, Jimmy Boswell.

The Gluten Free Food & Allergy Shows are owned and organised by Healthy Life Media, publishers of popular monthly magazine *Healthy Food Guide*.

### SHOW DATES & TIMES

Auckland: 9-10 June 2012 – ASB Showgrounds  
Wellington: 25-26 August 2012 – TSB Bank Arena  
Christchurch: 27-28 October 2012 – Pioneer  
Recreation and Sport Centre  
10am to 5pm daily, only \$10 entry (children under 10 free)  
For more information visit [www.glutenallergy.co.nz](http://www.glutenallergy.co.nz)

## Amazing Race



**Amazing  
Effort!**

The Amazing Race is an activity in a given area where participants are sent on a quest that may include, but is not limited to, problem solving, clue and fact finding, mental and physical agility in a competitive race. It was held on Thursday 3 May at the Tauranga Domain.

Papamoa College was represented by: Mitch Cowdrey, Flynn Grey, Dylan White, Maya Greet, Sophie Hayden and Bethany Millar.

CONGRATULATIONS to this team as they placed 2nd out of 15 schools from all over the Bay of Plenty.



### Fencing

We are looking into the possibility of starting a fencing club here at the College, not just for our students, but also the wider community. If you think you or someone you know might be interested in joining such a club then please contact Anthony Mair via email at [amair@papamoacollege.school.nz](mailto:amair@papamoacollege.school.nz).

If there is enough interest we will be able to run a course and regular club just for adults. This is primarily for beginners who seek tuition, but we would like to encourage previous fencers to re-join the sport.

## Meet the Board of Trustees

Kō Mauao te maunga  
Kō Tauranga te moana  
Kō Tākitimu rāua kō Mataatua te waka  
Kō Ngāi te Rangī, kō Ngāti Ranginui  
rāua kō Ngāti Pūkenga ōku iwi  
Kō Hūria, kō Tamapahore rāua kō  
Whetu-o-te-Rangī ōku marae  
Kō Hōri Mikaere rāua kō Ruby Mikaere  
ōku kaumātua  
Kō David Mikaere tōku matua tāne  
Kō Fay Baldock tōku whaea  
Kō Leah Mikaere tōku ingoa

Kia ora koutou, my name is Leah Mikaere and it is a privilege to be a first time board member at Papamoa College. My husband Steve and I were both raised and schooled in Tauranga and have resided in beautiful Papamoa for the past 5 years.

We have two boys Darian (Y9) attending Papamoa College, and Manaia (Y3) attending Te Akau ki Papamoa School.

Our whanau interests include music, art, literature, surfing and pursuing whatever sporting and arts interests our boys choose as they journey through life.

From 2007 to the end of last year I taught at Te Akau ki Papamoa School which I enjoyed immensely. I hope to return to full-time teaching in the near future after spending some quality time with the boys and getting more involved in their home life this year.

Presently, I work part-time with Selwyn Ridge Primary School tutoring their kapa haka group and supporting Maori achievement within the school. I have also worked with Jane Ford and the Swimtech team this year helping our youth become more confident, safe and competent in the water, and I continue to relief teach when needed.

Education and nurturing our tamariki is an area I feel very passionate about.



I have dedicated much of the past 15 years to furthering my own knowledge, skills and professional development as a teacher in the hope that all children will have a brighter future. I am confident that Papamoa College will strive to deliver quality education and encourage our students to become life long learners.

It is an exciting opportunity to work with the board and staff who continuously demonstrate a tireless commitment to the vision for our brand new school

I am looking forward to working within our community and whanau group this year to further develop our schools' depth and future.

Leah Mikaere