



PAPAMOA  
COLLEGE

# CONNECT

## Message from the Principal

Kia Ora

### How well do you know your child – in cyberspace?

The digital age provides us all with exciting opportunities but also some difficult challenges to contend with.

Cyber bullying has recently made the news again, reminding us that harassment and bullying from behind a keyboard or phone keypad, is just as damaging as face to face threats.

Another area for potential risks are the social networking websites such as facebook, etc. At school, we often hear of how exchanges on facebook have turned abusive, which then move onto campus, leaving teachers to put the pieces back together.

How much do you know of what your child does in cyberspace?  
What websites does your child visit?

Do they regularly communicate to people that they don't know in chat rooms?

What boundaries have you set for them to work within while online?

Does your child understand the risks when communicating online?

How can you monitor what your child is exposed to online?

It has been brought to our attention that a number of students in their own time, have been accessing (sometimes accidentally) certain websites and chat rooms that contain objectionable and illegal content. I encourage you to talk to your child about their cyberspace activity and the dangers of coming across such sites.

At school, we are committed to ensure that students remain safe and are responsible internet users. We have been covering appropriate online behaviour through our Citizenship programme. The computer network has filters and protection mechanisms to prevent students gaining access to inappropriate websites and also to protect from viruses etc.

Go to [www.netsafe.org.nz](http://www.netsafe.org.nz) for information and ideas in this area.

How well do you know your child – in cyberspace?

Regards **netsafe**  
Steve Lindsey [www.netsafe.org.nz](http://www.netsafe.org.nz)

## 40-Hour Famine

During the weekend of 25 - 27 May, 133 Papamoa College students took part in NZ's biggest youth fundraiser, the 40hr famine!

Our students organisers, motivated others by raising awareness with posters, watching powerful videos during assemblies and inviting a guest speaker from World Vision to our school. Our students showed their empathy and commitment by giving up 40hrs of something, from food to furniture, technology to hair

Well done to all our students, especially those in 'Wawata' who provided us with the most participants. Now let's see which whanau raises the most money!

Mrs Kheyra Mair  
Teacher in Charge  
40hr Famine



## What's Happening

### Senior School Curriculum Document

The Senior School Curriculum 2013 Document went home to all parents of Y9 & Y10 students on Friday 25 May. It is also on our website for you to view.

### Senior Curriculum Meeting

An information evening will be held at 7.00pm on Monday 11 June in the school theatre. This will provide further opportunity to find out more about the senior school curriculum. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Matariki

Wednesday 20 June 6.00pm. This is a time to join together and celebrate Maori student achievement. Everyone is welcome to share a meal together and then celebrate as our students are acknowledged for their achievement. Bring a plate of food for a 6.00pm start.

### School Cross Country

The School Cross Country event will be run on Monday 11 June from 1.45pm. We are looking forward to a great day with hopefully some great weather. If there are any parents who would like to help as course marshals on the day, directing the runners, please email Jan McAdam the Sports Coordinator [jmcadam@papamoacollege.school.nz](mailto:jmcadam@papamoacollege.school.nz)

### Uniform Shoes

Plain black imitation or leather polishable shoes, which are closed in, and either lace up or slip on. Shoes should not be a sports shoe or boot. Shoes should not contain significant branding or writing. While it is important that footwear is comfortable and supports the feet, it is intended that footwear is a school shoe and not an item of fashion. If in doubt, please ask before you purchase footwear.

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## AIMS Games Progress

This years AIMS Games will be held from Sunday 9 September to Friday 14 September. There are 151 Schools entered into this year AIMS Games, including 2 from Australia. This is going to be a spectacular event with over 5,800 Year 7 & 8 competitors.

Papamoa College is entered in 13 different sports, with around 160 students from our school competing...which is AMAZING!

In the registration booklet it is stated that if registration for an activity is over subscribed, then the opportunity to participate will be at the discretion of the executive committee and no further correspondence will be entered into. The four organising schools have right of entry, plus the four semi-finalists in the tournament of the previous year.

Unfortunately for us this has meant that our girls hockey team has missed out on being able to compete, as there are not enough turfs available for the number of teams that originally entered. So for those girls who had their name down to trial for the hockey team I suggest that they now look at putting their name down for another sport if they would still like to be involved in AIMS. The other team sports that you would be able to trial for are Football, Netball, Hip Hop and Waterpolo.

Good luck to our students who are involved and happy trialing and training between now and September.

Mrs Jan McAdam  
Sports Coordinator



## Board of Trustees

The school-wide focus for May was "actively involved" and it was fantastic to learn that around 160 of our Year 7 & 8 students will be representing the college at the AIMS tournament in September. I regularly check the daily notices and would like to congratulate all those students who are involved with the many different activities on offer during lunch breaks and after school.

It was great to see so many whanau at the recent whanau hui and to know how keen you are support your tamariki with their learning. Congratulations to Hinga Marsh who was appointed as Chairperson for the roopu and to Leah Mikaere for her appointment as secretary.

The board has had a busy start to the year with the Ministry expressing their intention to build a Kaka Street Special School satellite unit on our campus. The board has had a number of meetings with Kaka Street Special School

and have selected two possible locations on our campus that the unit could be built on.

A final decision as to the unit's location is yet to be made. The board are currently involved in due diligence investigations and will be spending time travelling to and looking at other satellite units. Specifically looking at how best to incorporate a unit into the Papamoa College culture and how it will be aligned with the Papamoa College Charter. A parent meeting will be held in the school library at 3.30pm on Friday 15 June. Anyone wishing to attend this meeting is welcome.

The board has fielded a number of queries regarding the school uniform shoes.

We have reviewed the school uniform and are satisfied that there is plenty of scope for parents to purchase appropriate footwear as outlined in the student handbook and on the school's website.

## Welcome!

A very warm welcome goes to our new students that have joined us this term. Mandy Campbell, Tessa Campbell, Waimania Kahukiwa-Hawkings, Lanae Hill, Yunbai Huang, Bronwen Jones, Morgan Jones, Jordan Rankin, Floyd Dewes, Liam Parker, Nofoaiga Schuster, Pierre Semeri, Gray Sharplin and Ronan Solomon.

We also welcome 3 new staff this term: Sue Gailey – Science Laboratory Technician and 2 new Teacher Aides, Anita Trappitt and Adrienne Fry.

## 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.

To make shoe selection easier below are photos of acceptable shoes, we will place these images on the school website and include them in next year's student handbook.

Appropriate school shoes can be purchased at The Warehouse, Hannahs and Number One Shoes.

Angela Hayden  
Chairperson - Board of Trustees  
Correct Footwear



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Incorrect Footwear



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## Pinnacles Tramping Trip

This term students were invited to show their independence and test themselves physically on the 2-day tramp up the Pinnacles.

11 tough students made the 4 1/2 hour hike uphill to the D.O.C hut carrying all of their own gear, food and camping equipment. Students had to consider carefully which gear to take, and even which food was lightest in weight! After the long hike, students set up camp before ascending the final steep climb to the summit.

The stunning sunset views and the sense of achievement were worth the tough climb up the hundreds of steps, rungs and ladders. Once back down again the students made their own meals - some of them for the first time, and cleared away before embarking on a night walk up another peak in darkness.

After a total of 7 hours walking and climbing the students (and staff) were more than ready to sleep and no amount of snoring or noise from the hut could keep anyone awake. After making their own breakfast, the walk back was a quieter affair, with everybody taking the time to reflect on their achievement.

The river crossing proved difficult for the tired legs of some and too tempting for the aching feet of others who splashed knee deep in the cool water.

A good time was had by all and thanks to Mr Thomas for organising the trip, and to Mr Wright, Miss Wesselink and Mrs Broomhead for their support. Look out for more challenging EOTC trips this year and tramps later in the year.

Mr Mike Wright



## Whanau Group

Te Rōpū Whanau i Te Kareti o Papamoa.  
*Ko te tamati te pūtake o te kaupapa.*

Whanau Group @ Papamoa College  
*The child – at the heart of the matter*

Tihei mauri ora, e ngā mana e ngā reo e ngā kāwai rangatira o te iwi whānui nau mai haere mai whakatau mai ra ki tō rōpū nei. Tēnā tātou katoa.

Kia ora everyone – and welcome to the Whanau Group at Papamoa College.

Our group was formed in April last year and got straight to work by organising a very successful 2011 Matariki Celebration that was enjoyed by the whole school community. This year we plan to continue building on this success with the 2012 Matariki Celebration – focusing on celebrating Maori and Pacific Island Student Achievement in our school.

The main objective of the group is to promote stronger relationships between our students, whanau and teaching staff by providing a learning environment that

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encourages students to reach their full potential.

We aim to achieve this by understanding their needs, identifying the gaps and opportunities, developing solutions and monitoring progress towards improving student achievement.

Furthermore, we aim to have Te Reo Māori me ōna tikanga and Kapa Haka being used in everyday situations throughout the school.

The whanau group is committed to nurturing and growing the success of our Maori and Pacific Island students by providing them with the best opportunities to realise their potential.

The group welcomes all families from the wider school community who think they may benefit from these initiatives or would like to be a part of the group. For more information please contact Leah Mikaere on [lmikaere@papamoacollege.school.nz](mailto:lmikaere@papamoacollege.school.nz)

Hinga Marsh  
Te Rōpū Whanau i Te Kareti o Papamoa

## Choir

In the last week of term our choir group is performing at Po Puoru, a choir festival involving schools from Papamoa, Te Puke and the wider rural areas.

It is a 'New Zealand' music theme where we will be performing songs by Crowded House, Anika Moa and other great kiwi artists.

We will be performing 'Hallelujah' by Leonard Cohen.

The group is lead by Mrs Shine, alongside Mrs Mair and Mr Burgess, who is also the conductor of this festival.

The festival will be held at Te Puke Performing Arts Centre at Te Puke Intermediate on 27 & 28 June.

Mr Shane Burgess  
Teacher in Charge  
Choir

## Kayaking Trip

On Saturday 26 May, we went on a Kayaking trip with Miss Wesselink, Ms Neidhardt and Mr Thomas to the Tarawera River as part of our Outdoor Pursuits Club. We arrived at school at 7:45am for a fun day full of adventure and excitement. We piled into the cars and drove off to Kawerau.

We finally arrived at our destination and met our lovely instructors, Bruce and Cindy who would be guiding us down the river. We then watched as one of Bruce and Cindy's children went down a massive rapid with lots of whitewater doing lots of jumps along the ride down.

Next, we drove to the entrance point for us, which had a little white water. There was lots of gear we needed to be safe. Some of this gear included: helmets, life jackets and these things that are called spray decks that were like skirts that went over the kayaks edges so that no water gets in your boat if you flip.

Finally, it was time to get in the water. The first part of our wet journey was a



fast-running rapid that we whizzed through, then we pulled into an eddy which is a calm part of water on either sides of a rapid. A few of the people on the trip (including me) fell out of our kayak. Because you had the spray skirt on if you rolled over, you had to pull the spray skirt up to eject out of they kayak. Trust me its a very weird experience, but luckily there's people alongside you to help if anything happens.

The trip was awesome and we learnt so much as the day went on. I highly recommend going on the next trip.

Hailey Trappitt  
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## Science Week

During week 3, Papamoa College celebrated all things Science with lots of fun facts, daily quiz questions and exciting lunchtime workshops.

Monday saw us creating some fizzing, foaming and explosive Chemistry experiments. On Tuesday we had two local emergency doctors speak to students and show them how to reveal medical mysteries within our bodies. Wednesday's wet lunch hour saw a huge turnout to perform some "disgusting dissections", while Thursday saw some fantastic physics and innovative design with a bridge building competition. On Friday the group quiz had some talented teams fighting it out to be crowned Science Week Quiz Champions.

who supported the Science team all week.

We can't wait to do it again next year!

Mrs Claire Mulchay  
Science Specialist



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