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## Principals Message

Kia Ora

Another busy term has come and gone! Over the last few weeks there has been a lot happening.

### Student Achievement Celebration Matariki

I wish to make special mention of the Student Achievement Celebration that coincided with the start of Matariki. The evening was a fantastic time to hear about amazing learning and achievement for so many of our students. Thank you to the Whanau Parents Group for putting the time and effort in helping make this evening a reality. Early in term 3, there will be a survey that will go out to all whanau parents to ask for feedback as well as ideas for moving forward.

### Targets for 2012

The Papamoa College 2011 Annual Report is available for you to read if you wish. It is located under Our People / Board of Trustees on the school website. There is a copy of the 2012 Charter there as well. In brief, the 2011 National Standards results are as follows:

2011 Y7 National Standards %Working At & Above				
		Maths	Reading	Writing
All	184	49.4%	63%	40.8%
Girls	92	45.6%	66.3%	51.1%
Boys	92	53.3%	59.7%	30.5%
Maori	51	31.4%	49%	29.4%
Pasifika	1	Results not published to retain confidentiality		

2011 Y8 National Standards %Working At & Above				
		Maths	Reading	Writing
All	184	43.9%	71.4%	48%
Girls	92	40%	85.4%	65.4%
Boys	92	48.9%	53.4%	25.6%
Maori	51	31.5%	71.5%	45.8%
Pasifika	1	Results not published to retain confidentiality		

2011 was the first year that we had reliable data on student achievement and have therefore set our 2012 annual goals and targets based on this information. The 2012 targets are as follows:

#### **Target 1**

70% of Year 7 and 8 students will be reading at or above the National Standard.

Target focus: Y7&8 boys will be reading at or above the same level as girls in their respective cohort.

#### **Target 2**

70% of Year 7 and 8 students will be achieving in numeracy at or above the National Standard.

Target focus: Y7&8 girls will be achieving in numeracy at or above the same level as boys in their respective cohort.

#### **Target 3**

Maori students will be achieving levels of reading and numeracy consistent with their particular cohort.

Target focus: Numeracy- both Maori girls and boys, Reading- Maori boys, Writing- both Maori girls and boys and especially Y8 Maori.

The 2012 Annual Plan, which is part of the 2012 Charter document, provides more detailed information.

Have a safe and happy holiday time.

Regards

Steve Lindsey  
Principal

## What's Happening

### **Parent/Student Conferences**

Term 3 Parent Student Conferences will be held on Wednesday 25 July 2.30pm – 7.30pm and Thursday 26 July 2.30pm – 6.00pm. School will finish for all students on both these days at 2.00pm.

### **Student Services Open**

Student Services now open! It is located at the Tahati end of the Administration building and is open daily from 8.15am – 3.45pm. Mrs Oliver is there to help the students with their queries, collecting fee payments, checking lost property etc.

### **Parent and Friends Group**

We are having a meeting of all parent/friends/whanau who are interested in being part of a Parents and Friends group (PTA) for the school. This group will meet to be more informed about what is happening in the school and also support the various activities that occur throughout the year. The meeting will be on Wednesday 1 August in the campus Library, refreshments will be provided.

### **ERO Review Visit**

At the start of term 3 (week 1 and 2), we will be having a team visit from ERO - Education Review Office. The team is Lyn Jones (Lead), Darcy Te Hau and Gavin Muckle. The focus question for the review is: *How effectively does the school's curriculum promote student learning: engagement, progress and achievement?* As part of their visit, the team will spend time talking to the Board, staff, students and parents. There is an opportunity for parents to talk to ERO on Friday 20 July 2.00 – 3.00pm in the campus Library.

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

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## Y10 Science Trip to Waitomo Caves

On Monday 28 May, the Year 10 students of Moana learning commons went to Waitomo Caves - a site famous for its glowworms and limestone (karst) landscape.

The limestone of Waitomo began forming more than 30 million years ago on the seabed. Now, these limestone formations have turned into one of NZ's most inspiring natural wonders and a must see attraction.

Glowworms, scientifically known as *Archnocampa luminosa*, are the larval stage of an insect called the fungus gnat and are unique to New Zealand. The students of Moana experienced these amazing creatures by boat in the Waitomo Glowworm Caves. Thousands of dots of luminescent light glinted from the ceiling of the cave, mesmerizing us with it.

Along the way, our experienced guide continuously provided us with fascinating information on the significant structure of the cave and the history behind it. With every step we took, our understanding of the caves grew.

Thank you to the staff members that made this trip happen for us. This amazing day provided everyone with new knowledge and a great time.

Anna Wu 10MOA1

On Monday 28 May we went to Waitomo Caves. We departed from school at 8.00am; the bus trip took 2 hours!

When we got to Waitomo we went into the Waitomo glowworm cave and learnt about stalactites and stalagmites and how they are formed. They form when water drips off the roof of the cave and there is a mineral in the rock that causes the water to crystalize.

We continued through the cave and hopped on the boat to observe the glowworms. We couldn't go right through on the boat because it was flooded.



We went back the way we came, jumped back on the bus and went to have lunch at the Ruakuri cave.

After that we went on a bush walk to some cool little caves and a waterfall. The information centre was our next stop where Scott talked to us about the formation of the caves. We then went to the discovery centre and had a look through there and then we got on the bus and came back to Papamoa.

By Jamie Vuglar 10MOA1



## Matariki

Mr Jack Thatcher, Maori astronomer and celestial navigator of over 20 years visited our school on Tuesday 12 June as part of the Matariki Celebrations.

Mr Thatcher, who works as a consultant for the Ministry for the Environment and who is a prominent iwi member of Nga Potiki a Tamapahore, shared some of the tatau korero regarding the genesis of Matariki, its significance to our ancestors and its meaning in the modern day context.

The children enjoyed these creation stories and appreciated the advice on how to find Matariki in the north eastern pre-dawn morning sky.

Mr Thatcher was presented with a koha on behalf of the school by Te Haeata Greaves-Borell & Boycie Tutangaehi Cookson in appreciation.

*"E te rangatira e Haki ngā mihi maioha tēnei – nāu mātou tauira i tohaina mai te pīrikau nei ai o tātou mātua tūpuna, Kia tau te mauri, mauri tu, mauri ora"*



Matariki Stars

### Mid Year Reports

Mid Year Reports were given to students to take home on Friday 29 June. We are happy to receive any feedback you might have regarding the report itself or the information in it. The survey link is on the Papamoa College website home page.

## Grass is greener...

Have you seen the colour of the grass at the front of the school and the main fields? No, we haven't sprayed the grass; it is responding to the recent frosts that we have had.

The type of grass sown in these areas is couch, which is a hardwearing grass that requires minimal maintenance. In the summer time during times of drought, it should retain its green colour and not require excessive irrigation to keep it alive. Unfortunately it goes the yellow colour during the cold temperatures in winter. The experts have informed us that despite the yellow colour, the field is still suitable for normal use. During the spring months the grass will begin growing and return to a normal green colour in preparation for summer.

## Matariki Celebration Evening



On Wednesday 20 June, members of our staff, student and parent community came together to celebrate the successes and achievements of some of our Maori and Pasifika students.

This evening also fell during the time of Matariki. A time for new beginnings, a time for reflection, a time for goal setting and a time for new opportunities.

The evening was a great success. The School Choir and Kapahaka group performed publically for the very first time and were extremely well received by all.

A huge thank you to the newly formed Whanau Parent Group and the staff, who helped make this evening of celebration possible.

Our students must also be thanked, as they are the reason for which we all came together. We are certainly looking forward to our next celebration.

He aha te mea nui o te ao?  
He tangata, he tangata, he tangata!

*What is the most important thing in this world?  
It is people, it is people, it is people!*

Nga mihi kia koutou  
Mauri Ora!

Mr Shane Burgess & Whaea Ngaere



## Market Day

On a warm sunny lunchtime in June, Papamoa College held it's first biannual Market Day.

Six business groups from Enterprise Studies each had a stall selling a range of food and treats.

The turnout was exceptional. Students enjoyed the positive vibe, the selection of stalls and the happy atmosphere.

All stalls sold out and turned a profit, which was a great result for a first time effort. Well done to all the Enterprise Studies students.

We are all looking forward to the next Market Day in term 4.

Mr Chris Keating  
Enterprise Studies



### Welcome!

A very warm welcome goes to our new students that have joined us this month. Linus Hauck, Porena Houia, Zac Solomon and Daniel West.

We also welcome 3 new staff this month: Tony Fox – Caretaker, Cathy Kouwenhoven – Teacher Aide and Liz Oliver – Student Services Receptionist.

### Scooter & Bike Security

If your child is bringing their scooters or bikes to school, please encourage them to also bring their own individual lock with them. Remind them to park and lock them in the bike stands, as the security cameras overlook this area. This will offer increased safety. Students bring their bikes/scooters to school at their own risk.



# Sports Talk

## BOP Zone Cross Country Champs

The top 7 placegetters from Y7 & 8 in our school cross-country event were then eligible to compete at the BOP Zone Champs. These were held on Wednesday 20 June at Waipuna Park.

We took a team of 25 students to compete in this event and got 4 top 10 placings. Congratulations to the following students:

- Y7 Boys: Flynn Grey 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
- Y8 Girls: Bethany Millar 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
- Sophia Epapara 5<sup>th</sup> Place
- Y8 Boys: Dane Adrian 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

A fantastic effort by these students at this very difficult event! These 4 students then went on to compete at the BOP Cross Country Champs in Opotiki on 27 June. Results as follows:

- Flynn Grey 10<sup>th</sup> Place
- Benthany Millar 10<sup>th</sup> Place
- Sophia Epapara 11<sup>th</sup> Place
- Dane Adrian 14<sup>th</sup> Place

Congratulations on a great effort!

## Papamoa College U14 Rugby

Rugby at Papamoa College has now started!

The U14 team played their first game against Tauranga Boys' College U14C team at Tauranga Boys' College on Wednesday 20 June. The boys had a great game and came away with a win 32 – 17.

The tries were scored by Boycie Tutangaehi Cookson, Jaskarah Dhesi, Jake Syme, Nofoaiga Schuster and Brad Baker. Te Haeata Greaves-Borrell converted 3 and Hunter Cowan 1.

Congratulations boys you can be very proud of your first game!

The next game is against Whakatane High School on Saturday 21 July.



# School Cross Country

The school Cross Country event was held on Monday 11 June, on a fine but extremely windy day. It was an exciting afternoon with some very close results and a large number of students competing.

Thank you to all the parents/whanau and staff that helped make this event a successful one!

Jan McAdam  
Sports Co ordinator

## School Cross Country Results

1st	Name	2nd	Name	3rd	Name
<b>Year 7 Girls</b>	Serena Hose	<b>Year 7 Girls</b>	Makayla Kiwi	<b>Year 7 Girls</b>	Zoe McCaul
<b>Year 7 Boys</b>	Flynn Grey	<b>Year 7 Boys</b>	Giovanni Morey	<b>Year 7 Boys</b>	Morgan Clark
<b>Year 8 Girls</b>	Bethany Millar	<b>Year 8 Girls</b>	Sophia Epapara	<b>Year 8 Girls</b>	Caitlin Bass
<b>Year 8 Boys</b>	Dane Adrian	<b>Year 8 Boys</b>	Ethan Severinsen	<b>Year 8 Boys</b>	Keegan Millar
<b>Junior Girls</b>	Tiana Oakes	<b>Junior Girls</b>	Lauren Preston	<b>Junior Girls</b>	Natalie Johnes
<b>Junior Boys</b>	James Oliver	<b>Junior Boys</b>	Clay Seymour	<b>Junior Boys</b>	Arithon Rigney-Scott
<b>Int Girls</b>	Charlee Taua	<b>Int Girls</b>	Paige Taua	<b>Int Girls</b>	Jamie Vuglar
<b>Int Boys</b>	Kale Goldsworthy	<b>Int Boys</b>	Jamie Reynolds	<b>Int Boys</b>	Jesse James

