



PAPAMOA  
COLLEGE

September 2012

# CONNECT

## Principal's Message

Kia Ora

By the time you get this newsletter the AIMS games will be well under way. We have over 130 students involved this year, that are entered in 14 sporting codes. The students, teachers in charge, coaches and managers have all been working very hard to be ready for competition. Thank you to those of you who have assisted in anyway. Parents and caregiver support is very much appreciated. Also a big thank you to our sports coordinator, Mrs Jan McAdam for her hard work in the lead up to the games. You can get more information about the competitions online, at [www.nzaimsgames.co.nz](http://www.nzaimsgames.co.nz).

I would like to encourage you to support the upcoming *Drugs, Alcohol and Your Teen* presentation on Wednesday 19 September 7-9pm in the school theatre. This evening is being hosted by the Parents & Friends group with the guest speaker being Pat Buckley – a drug educator from Amped4Life. The purpose of the evening is to provide parents and caregivers with information about teenagers, drugs and alcohol. Pat Buckley has previously talked to our Year 9 and 10 students at an assembly about making the right choices for life.

We take seriously our responsibility to provide a safe and secure environment on campus. The pastoral care programme for all students, focuses on developing good positive relationships and relating to others. Does that mean that all students behave appropriately all of the time? Of course not. The school, like any community, is a gathering place for a very diverse range of people who bring different attitudes and behaviours with them.

It is unfortunate, but also inevitable that some inappropriate actions and behaviours will appear on campus at school. It is important that we maintain very high expectations of behaviour at school, communicate them to everyone, and deal with any situations that may arise quickly and effectively.

I am disturbed by the prevalence and availability of alcohol and drugs in our own Papamoa community. I hear too many stories about students drinking alcohol and using drugs during the weekends and even during the week. We work very closely with the Police and share information readily, in order to try and combat this problem. To ensure that we have a campus that is safe and free from illicit substances, the Board have agreed to allow drug detection dogs to go through the campus on a random basis. This is a common practice in most schools of our type and size. Clearly, there will be no issue for anyone if they don't have any illicit substances on them.

I believe dealing with the problem of excess alcohol consumption and drug use by young people, needs to be embraced by the community (and groups within) as a major issue. An effective education programme at school is very important, but it is only part of the picture for a child. The most significant influence for a child (even a teenager) will come from their parents/caregivers and their home environment. We need to all work together to keep our tamariki safe and help them grow through the adolescent years, into well functioning adults.

I do hope you can make it on Wednesday 19 September 7pm.

Regards

Steve Lindsey  
Principal

## What's Happening

### Health Information

We have had a confirmed case of Whooping Cough (Pertussis) in Year 8. It is contagious, if fully immunised your protection is high but not 100%. If concerned see your GP or health nurse. This disease is contagious for the first 3 weeks of coughing or 5 days after antibiotics. Public health have further information on their website [www.toiteorapublichealth.govt.nz](http://www.toiteorapublichealth.govt.nz)

### Year 10 Exams

In preparation for NCEA next year, all Year 10 students will sit exams for Maths, English, Science and Social Studies during 5 – 9 November next term. All Year 10 students will be given guidance in exam preparation and study skills leading up to the exams so they should be developing a good understanding of exam technique. It is important that students prepare well for these exams. Parents can help by providing a supportive atmosphere at home, which is conducive to study. Consider providing a quiet area away from distractions and perhaps becoming actively involved in the study programme.

### World Vision Update

We would like to say a big thank you for encouraging students during the 40 Hour Famine. The final total from Papamoa College this year was an outstanding \$4,258. This is the equivalent of providing nutritious food to 670 kids in Mali or Niger for a month. How awesome is that!

### Term Dates

Term 3 ends on Friday 28 September 2012 and Term 4 begins on Monday 15 October 2012.

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## Food Technology

In Food Technology this term, Papamoa College students have been continuing to innovate and create. Year 9 and 10 have been developing new pie ideas to entice non-pie consumers, and have been developing their own concepts including pork noodle pie, nacho pie, a toddler apple pie, a pie for two to share, a vegetarian pie for children, and a man-sized pie with meatballs, bacon, steak and BBQ sauce.

Our Year 7 and 8's have had a varied start to the term integrating their learning with their classroom problem based learning scenarios. They have been developing muesli bars for different target markets, developing products to raise the profile of the Paralympics, and understanding what it is like to be disabled by making a snack while coping with a disability (blindfolded, arm or hands immobilised).

We have also looked at language and symbols from the past and enjoyed translating 1913 recipes into modern day, and learning about food and skills from the past. We made éclairs from scratch with Jada's grandmother, Jan.

The technology learning area would welcome more involvement from members of the community to make our students' learning more authentic and relevant.

We also had the pleasure of working with Mrs Lomas who is a Food Technologist who has developed products for Tip Top Ice Cream, Uncle Tobys and Bluebird, and is working with us as a student teacher.

Ms Carolyn Norquay  
Food Technology Specialist



Jada and her Nana Jan, teaching skills from the past



Murdoch with his pie which he developed for a specific target market.



SPCA Cupcake Day

## Digital Technology

In Digital Technology, Year 10s have been designing and making computer games to raise awareness of problems associated with litter.

Students learnt some of the basics of scripting & programming using software called SCRATCH, which is free to download. Scripting and programming requires logical thought and structured planning. Merging it with gaming allows them to be creative too.

Game ideas ranged from collecting the most litter in a set time to blasting the seagulls out of the sky with a cannon or being chased by garbage monsters and mutant seagulls!

It is clear that we have some very creative, imaginative students and logical thinkers amongst our Year 10s.

Mr Mike Wright  
Technology Teacher



## Cupcake Day

On Monday 27 August 78TAT1 participated in the annual national SPCA Cupcake Day sale.

This all came from our term's focus on animal rights issues. Many of us came into school on the Sunday before the sale and helped bake 230 cupcakes. During lunchtime on Monday we set up a stall and sold our amazingly decorated cupcakes.

Thanks to your support we managed to raise over \$400 and with the money from the Term 1 disco we sent off a cheque to the SPCA for \$964.84! A big thank you to all the parent helpers and also to Pak n' Save Papamoa for donating the ingredients.

Mrs Nadine Shine  
Teacher 78TAT1



## Maths Week



Week 5 was maths week!

During class time and at lunchtime students were offered the opportunity to become involved in maths challenges and competitions.

Results from the week are below.

**3D Drawing Housing Estate** (10 houses made of 4 blocks) Winners: Shinaye Carrington 7PUK1, Nicholas Johns 7PUK1, Georgia Brechelt 9MOA2, Jeorgia Gesthuizen 9MOA1 Finalists: Aron Pearce 9MOA2, Katherine Purchase 10MOA2, Antonio Te Tomo 9MOA1, Maia Lingman 9MOA2

**Stained Glass Window Competition.** (2 circles drawn with compass, acute, reflex and obtuse angles measured.) Winners: Loredana Kint 7/8MAU2, Bethany Millar and Sarah McCulloch 7/8PUK, Aleisha Savage 10MOA2, Anna Wu 10MOA1 Finalists: Hayley Gibbs 8PUK1, Jessica Osbourn 7/8PUK2, Madi Earl 7/8 TAT2, Jordie Goodwin 10MOA2.

**Homework Quiz** 100% correct were entered into a lucky prize draw. Winners: Johanna Cao 8TAT1, Samantha McLachlan 7TAT1, Corinne Rogers-Hall 7/8MAU1, Georgia Brechelt 9MOA2, Jeorgia Gesthuizen 9MOA1, Maia Lingman 9MOA2

### Scavenger Hunt

1st - Nadine Williams 7/8MAU1 and Alyssa Paterson 7/8PUK2. 2nd - Rachael Coughy, Arsh Garcha - 7TAT1 and Imogen Durkan and Navpreet Dhaliwal - 10AWA 3rd - Keegan Millar 8PUK1

### Tangram Challenge

Rachael Coughy, Arsh Garcha- 7TAT1

### Special Mention- Dancers!

Boys and girls of 7/8MAU2 who made mathematical shapes into a dance great job you guys!



## Drugs, Alcohol and Your Teen

*"your life can change with one bad choice"*

Parents & Friends of Papamoa College invite you to

Come and hear powerful and dynamic Drug and Alcohol Educator

**Pat Buckley**

from **Amped4Life**

speak with first hand experience of addiction and substance abuse.

Also hear what our local police have to say.

**Wednesday 19th September 2012**

**7pm-9pm**

Papamoa College Theatre, Doncaster Drive, Papamoa



Amped4Life educates, equips and empowers young people with the tools and skills they need to make healthy and informed choices for life.

**Tickets  
\$5**

Available from Papamoa College Reception and door sales (subject to availability)

Proceeds from ticket sales go towards programmes that support youth at risk

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## Languages

Well done to all our students who have been extending their learning of French at home. In August, Papamoa College remained at 1st position for 3 weeks for the LINGUALYMPICS challenge on the Languages Website 'Language Nut' This involves schools who participate from all over the world and works by accumulating points each time our pupils practise a unit online.

So.... families, for September, let's get everyone involved and challenge them to a fun languages game this weekend! Don't forget to enter all your scores! There are 12 different languages to choose from and it's such a fun way to learn!

Mrs Kheya Mair  
Languages Coordinator

*protecting your kids*

**Make your home and car smokefree at all times to protect your kids.**

Poisons from second-hand smoke linger long after the smoke and smell disappear. Opening a window will not remove all the poisons.



Visit [smokefreeschools.org.nz](http://smokefreeschools.org.nz) or [kuraauahikore.org.nz](http://kuraauahikore.org.nz) to find a quit support service that's going to work for you, as well as places to source low-cost patches, gum and lozenges.

## Fresh Moves

On 15 August, some of our talented Year 7 and 8 girls competed in the BOP Freshmoves Dance Festival at Baycourt Theatre in Tauranga.

It was a fantastic day out practicing with the other schools, with some of the students experiencing stage for the first time, and shining like huge bright stars.

Their performance was colourful and energetic and clearly showed that the girls' time and effort had been well spent. The combination of being seriously groovy, performing with pizzazz and their faces being lit up with big smiles, led to us bringing home an award for excellence in choreography and performance skills.

Thank you to all of the parents and staff involved, we could not have done it without you!

Miss Pip Smale  
Teacher in Charge



## Upper Middle School Camps

During the first week of December, Upper Middle School students will have opportunities to become involved in education outside the classroom.

On 3 December, Year 9 students will be involved in a bay-wide Odd-Ball tournament held at the TECT arena. The next day we will be taking them out to the TECT All Terrain Park at Pyes Pa to be challenged by their range of high ropes courses. The cost of these excursions is heavily subsidised by the school resulting in a cost to each student of \$25 for the two days.

The Year 10 students will also have a range of opportunities to challenge them during this time. They will be offered an array of camp options to choose from. Choices will cater for all tastes, from adrenaline junkies to innovators and performers.

Some camps will be local, while others will be sited as far away as Coromandel or Gisborne. The full range of experiences and the costs involved will be published to students at the end of September.

Mr Dave Ballard  
Deputy Principal



## Maths Mind Competition

On 28 August our Maths Mind Team went to Rotorua Girls High School to compete against 35 teams from the wider Bay of Plenty and Central North Island.

The winning teams were Tauranga Boys' College and Tauranga Girls' College and the Papamoa College Year 10 team placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. This is a fantastic result as we also scored the highest for a school with under 1000 pupils.

Mr Craig McFarlane  
Maths Teacher

*Photo above:*

Back Row: Georgia Brechelt 9MOA2, Ataahua Ririnui-Komene 9MOT2, Melanie Hayden 10MOT1  
Front Row: Anna Wu 10MOA1, Rory Cargill 9MOT1, Tyler Willemsen 9MOA1, Jarrad Marshall 10MOA1, Jacob Hartwell 10MOA1, Mr McFarlane Maths Teacher

