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Principal's Message

We are very pleased to announce that ERO acknowledges that the school has an effective curriculum that promotes student learning with an emphasis on 'learning to learn'.

Teachers use a wide range of effective teaching strategies such as:

- Group work, cooperative learning, and cross grouping between levels
- Planning for the differentiated learning needs of students
- Practical hands-on learning activities including the use of information and communication technologies
- The use of meaningful real-life learning contexts
- Encouraging students to manage their own learning

A well-planned programme of professional learning and development, linked to school strategic goals and priorities, is providing teachers with effective guidance and support. Teacher's work and plan collaboratively across curriculum areas and learning groups to share their professional knowledge and practice, and provide students with quality learning programmes.

The school is well placed to sustain and improve its performance because:

- It is governed by committed, well-led, and experienced trustees who bring a range of knowledge, skills and expertise to the board
- The principal and the senior leaders are providing strong and effective strategic leadership for the establishment and ongoing development of the school
- Middle leaders contribute knowledgeable and experienced leadership of curriculum, learning programmes and initiatives

- The comprehensive pastoral care and learning support systems promote an inclusive school culture and ensure the wellbeing of students
- Parents and whanau are kept well informed and are becoming increasingly engaged in the life of the school
- There is a strong and collective focus on raising student achievement, and self-review is beginning to be used effectively to reflect on and improve practice.

(extract from the report)

This report is positive affirmation that the school has effective programmes, resources and structures in place to promote student learning and achievement. There is also acknowledgement and confidence in the school's ability to develop and grow as an organisation.

This report is certainly one that we can be very pleased with.

You can view the full ERO report on our website below, simply click on the 'Our People' tab and then on 'Board of Trustees' and 'ERO Report'

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Regards

Steve Lindsey
Principal



November is Movember.

The men of Papamoa College value the freedom and style that wearing a moustache brings!

We are raising money and awareness for mens' health. All donations gladly accepted.

What's Happening

Teacher Only Day

Monday 12 November

The Ministry of Education has granted all secondary schools two NCEA teacher only days in 2013, for the purpose of professional development in NCEA assessment. We plan to make use of our second teacher only day on Monday 12 November 2012. School will therefore be closed for instruction.

PPTA Paid Union Meeting

Wednesday 21 November

The PPTA (Post Primary Teachers' Association) have a paid union meeting for all members on the afternoon of Wednesday 21 November 2012. Students will be able to leave school at 12.30pm. The school will be open for those students that wish to remain at school for learning purposes.

Wananga

Saturday 10 November – 9am – 1pm

Come and have your say about what you think is needed to achieve Maori student success. The Wananga will be held at Whetu-o-te-Tangi Marae (669 Welcome Bay Road, Tauranga). All whanau and students are welcome.

Uniform shop

The uniform shop will be open to purchase uniforms for 2013 on Thursday 22 November 3.30pm – 7pm and on Saturday 24 November 9.30am – 2pm. The shop will be situated in the college Theatre.

2013 New Students

There is a meet the teacher afternoon on Wednesday 28 November from 3.30pm- 5.30pm. If you have enrolled prior to 19 November you will receive a letter with further information.

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Winter Skills Camp

On 14-16 September, nine very lucky year 7/8 students and 3 teachers went up Mt Ruapehu on our Winter Snow Skills Camp.

After an early start at school packing our bags full of hearty food for the weekend, we loaded up the van and headed for the Central Plateau. As we crept up the snowy mountain, excitement came over us as for some, it was the first time we had ever seen snow!

We took the chairlift most of the way up the mountain, then we had to walk the rest of the way to our alpine hut in the snow and ice, it wasn't very far, but everyone had really heavy packs on so it took a LONG time!! We stayed there for two nights in a little hut 2000m above sea level. Good thing we were so skilled and didn't slide down the side of the mountain.

Everyone took away lots of important skills from the camp, such as: building ice caves, using crampons, ice climbing, self arrest and mountain navigation. We had a lot of fun in the evenings as we had some pranks that made Mr Thomas scream, many games of highly competitive UNO, great food and everyone got given a special nickname from Ms Neidhardt by the end of the trip.

Everyone seemed to have an appetite for the snow and we celebrated a birthday on the 15 September at the top of the North Island!

On the way home it started pouring with rain so hard on the mountain that even our waterproof gear got saturated, including the mini bus we took there and back. Lucky for us the bus was super comfy and everyone (but the driver Miss Wesselink) got some sleep. It was a great trip and you'd be crazy if you didn't want to go on next year's trips!

By Rhiannon Cotton
7PUK1



Board of Trustees

I'd like to start by acknowledging the year 7/8 AIMS competitors. It was wonderful to see some outstanding sportsmanship through the tournament and to see our students being such awesome ambassadors for our school.

Congratulations to year 10 student Eleanor Wright on her successful appointment as the school's first student trustee. Eleanor brings a student's perspective to the boardroom table and has recently attended a student trustee-training day where she made connections with other student trustees in Tauranga and learned more about her role. The board are looking forward to working with her over the next 12 months and realising the benefits that a student trustee brings to governance.

After a successful review of the school by ERO during term 3, it was pleasing to

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receive notification by them that their report is now available and can be accessed via the school's website. The Board were very happy with the outcome and invite you to read the report at your convenience.

It has been a busy start to the term with the board being directly involved with the appointment of an additional Deputy Principal. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Shane Burgess who will be joining the leadership team as Deputy Principal in 2013.

Planning for 2013 is well under way and the board will be finalising their strategic plan and budget over the next 5 weeks.

Mrs Angela Hayden
Chairperson
Board of Trustees



Millie goes global

During Trimester 1, Millie Naylor year 9, created a painted pop artwork based on her pop idol, "Jessie-J." She did a fantastic job, ensuring that the paint was well-controlled and using colours of high contrast, resulting in an effective image.

During the term, we had watched a YouTube clip of a french artist, 'SN' painting a pop portrait of Lady Gaga, and then presenting it to her in person. So, in keeping with this theme, Millie took the initiative to photograph her artwork and send it to Jessie-J. Jessie-J' then posted it on her Facebook page and made it public for the world to see! So far, Millie has received 461 'Likes' and many positive comments. Way to go, Millie!

Mrs Helen MacDuff
Art Specialist

Careers Day



Our annual Careers Day took place on Wednesday 24 October.

We had over 60 providers/supporters who gave their time and shared their expertise with students regarding various career pathways.

Thank you to all involved in the successful day.

My favorite parts were when Simon Maxwell was showing us the different sorts of music videos he has made for people like Michael Jackson and the Rolling Stones and how the technology has changed over the last 20 years. I learnt a lot from Simon Maxwell and got inspired by his creativity, the importance he placed on collaborating with different people, and how his journey has constantly made him want to improve on his own work. I also really liked how we got to film things outside.

Skye Raubenheimer
7/8 MAU2



Rock Climbing

Week three of Term 4 was our first trip to the Rock House indoor climbing gym at the Mount. Five students from year 7 to year 10 attended the after school session until 6:30pm. We were shown the basics of climbing indoors which included belaying, attaching to the rope and safe climbing. Climbs are graded easy (10) through to very hard or extreme (25).

All climbing holds have a colour associated to the route and level difficulty, some climbs are leaning slabs, others are vertical but the hard ones are overhanging and steep. When we arrived, students were given safe climbing instruction and were soon straight into it. After an hour, they had ascended all of the easy to moderate climbs and were having a go at the steep overhanging grade 17, in barefoot!

It was impressive to see such enthusiastic, motivated and skilled climbers in action.

Climbing sessions are planned to run this term during the week and after school until 6:30pm. Look out for the notices and sign up meetings to get students involved.

Mr Mark Thomas
Outdoor Pursuits



2013 Deputy Principals

Deputy Principal – Upper Middle School



Congratulations to Mr Shane Burgess who has recently been appointed to be the Deputy Principal responsible for the

Upper Middle School in 2013.

Mr Burgess has been the Leader of Learning Commons for Maunga Lower Middle School, since the school opened in 2011.

He has successfully lead the Maunga Learning Commons and is highly regarded by students, staff and the community. His keen interest in music has included involvement with the choir, teaching Music, and organising the itinerant music programme. His passion for student engagement, that includes Maori achievement, coupled with his very good understanding of how the middle school operates will mean that students will be well supported as they transition from year 8 into year 9.

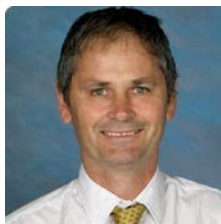
Deputy Principal - Lower Middle School

Ms Catherine Neidhardt will continue to be the Deputy Principal responsible to lead the Lower Middle School in 2013.



Deputy Principal - Senior School

Mr Dave Ballard will be the Deputy Principal responsible to lead the Senior School in 2013. He is a very experienced secondary school practitioner and will also be responsible for the NCEA assessment process.



ICAS Exams

Papamoa College had 56 year 7&8 students enter the ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) exams this year.

These students sat exams in various subjects, Science, Computer Skills, English, Writing, Spelling and Mathematics.

The results achieved by the 56 students were:

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| High Distinctions | 2 Students |
| Distinctions | 13 Students |
| Credits | 14 Students |
| Participation | 27 Students |

Congratulations to all, on a fantastic result!

Year 7 & 8 Technology

Terms 3 and 4 saw our year 7/8 Technology students investigate mechanisms and motion and how to educate primary school students basic principles. The PBL invited our students to design a mechanical toy that taught younger students how gears, pulleys and levers work. Not only did our students need to research and understand how mechanics interact and connect, but they were also tasked with designing, modelling and manufacturing an attractive toy that demonstrated what they learned.

This was a real challenge to figure out and problem solve how to make all these principles work and interconnect.

Week 3 saw the completion of all the students' mechanical toys.

A small number of students will head over to Golden Sands School to present the toys to the primary school students and test the mechanical toys to see how successful they are. Watch this space to see what they think...

Mr Mark Thomas
Technology Specialist



Summer Sport

As our summer season of sport starts it is great to see that we have Touch teams and Volleyball teams entered in to the local weekly competitions.

We have two year 7/8 teams playing in the Papamoa Junior Touch Competition held at Gordon Spratt Reserve on Thursday evenings. Those involved are having a great time!

We have two junior (year 9/10) teams entered into the Secondary Schools competitions being held at QEYC and the TECT Arena. Both these teams are development teams looking to go on to try and qualify for the Secondary Schools Senior Volleyball Nationals in term 1 of next year. It will be great seeing them develop, as volleyball is such a prominent game here in the BOP.

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