



PAPAMOA  
COLLEGE

# CONNECT

## Principal's Message

Kia ora

Our second year has now come to an end.

Our recent Sports Awards evening, highlighted the fact that there has been a lot happening over the year and the level of student achievement has been very high. The Academic Prizegiving on the last day of term, is also a great time to celebrate the success of the students in their learning programmes. Congratulations to all students who have received awards at the end of the year.

The Whanau Challenge day on Friday 7 December, was a fantastic time of competition amongst the students and staff. The wide range of activities challenged the students both mentally and physically. Thank you to the Whanau Staff Leaders for a well-organised event and for those parents that assisted on the day.

A number of staff will be leaving us at the end of the year. Ms Maureen Verstegen (SENCO) is going overseas to work, as well as Miss Pip Smale (Science teacher, Motu). Mr Anthony Mair (Performing Arts) and Mrs Michelle Triggs (Social Science, Awa) will also finish at the end of the year. Ms Lisa Cossey (Technology Support) is also finishing up at the end of the year. We thank these staff very much for their hard work and contribution to student learning at Papamoa College.

Throughout term 4, we have been busy appointing a number of new staff across many learning areas – English, Music, Performing Arts, Science, Te Reo Maori, Physical Education, Lower Middle School, and SENCO Learning Support. We will introduce these new staff to you at the start of 2013. We will be very well served with high quality staff as we embark on the Senior School next year.

The new building is designed and the groundworks should be beginning in early 2013. To assist us with temporary accommodation during the construction of the new building in 2013, we will have three relocatable buildings placed on campus in January. With some flexible and creative decisions around rooms and spaces, we are confident that there will be minimal disruption to student learning.

Details for the start dates and times for 2013 are included in this edition of Connect and are also on our website.

Thank you for your continued support of Papamoa College throughout the year. I wish you all the best for a happy and restful holiday time.

See you in 2013.

Regards

Steve Lindsey  
Principal

### Y7 & 8 CAMPS 2013

We would like to give prior notice to all Lower Middle School Students for 2013 that our camps will be taking place on the following dates:

Puke Learning Commons

27-29 February 2013

Maunga Learning Commons

4-6 March 2013

Tatahi Learning Commons

6-8 March 2013

The camps will be at Lakes Ranch in Rotorua. It will be a fun filled 3 days of team building and adventures. Permission slips and confirmed costs will be coming out in week 1 of Term 1 2013.

## What's Happening

### 2013 Start Dates

School starts for students in the last week of January 2013.

#### Wednesday 30 January

Y8, 9 & 10 students 9.00am – 12.00pm  
(including new Y8, 9 & 10)

Y11 students 10.00am – 12.00pm  
(including new Y11)

#### Thursday 31 January

Y8, 9, 10 & 11 students  
8.45am – 3.10pm (Normal day)

Y7 students

(including new Y8, 9, 10 & 11)  
9.30 am – 3.10pm - All new students will be welcomed to school by Powhiri.

#### Friday 1 February

All students  
8.45am – 3.10pm (Normal day)

### Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open again on Thursday 24 January 2013 from 1pm to 7pm and will be situated in the college Theatre.

### Reception Hours

Last day for 2012 – Friday 14 December 8am – 4.00pm

First day for 2013 – Monday 21 January 8.00am – 4.00pm.

### Te Manu Toroa – Mobile Dental Service

The mobile dental unit will be on campus again in Term 2 of 2013.

### Stationery

The stationery lists are on our website. We do not have a stationery shop on campus, so we encourage you to take advantage of the various 'back to school' deals many retailers offer.

### DID YOU KNOW...

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## New Building

The design process is well underway and is at a stage that we can share with you plans for the new building.

The new building will be adjacent to the current Administration/Tatahi block and be joined to the bridge. It has been designed to include the specialist learning spaces that are necessary for the entire Senior School (year 11, 12 & 13) – Science centre, Arts centre, Digital room and spaces for English, Social Sciences, Mathematics and Languages.

The building will have a combination of open learning spaces specialist areas and compact learning classrooms.

The layout of the two floors will provide us with the flexibility to organise the teaching spaces to meet the learning needs of the students.

Hawkins is the construction firm and ASC are the architects. This partnership in conjunction with the Ministry of Education and the Papamoa College Establishment Board of Trustees worked very well together for the building of phase one.

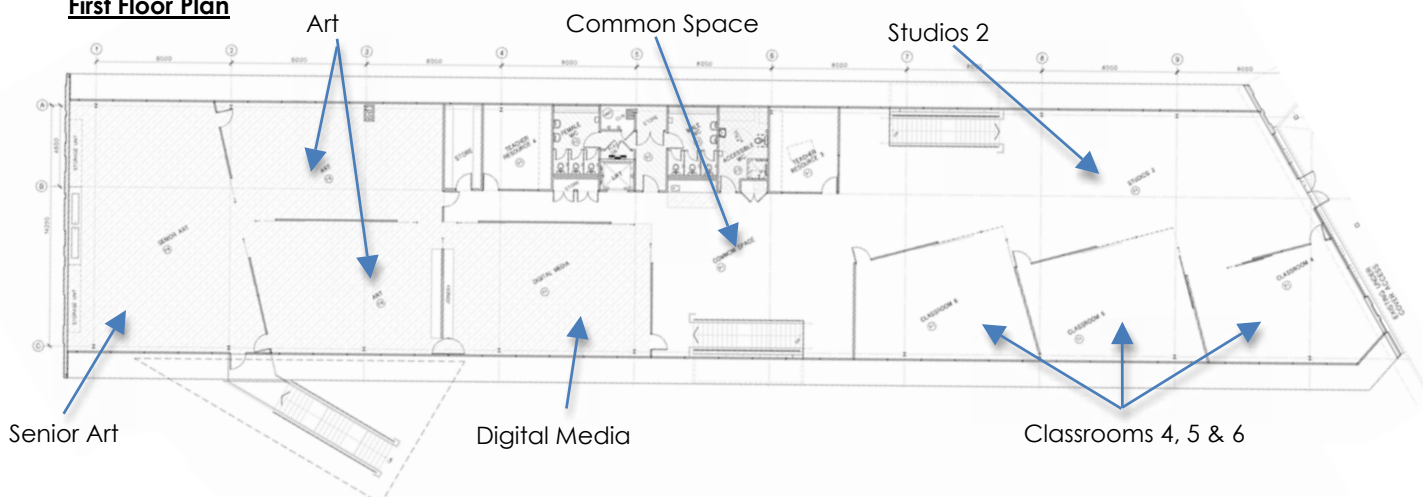
The construction timeframe has the ground work (digging and putting posts in the ground) being conducted in the Christmas school holidays, and the building assembly taking part in early 2013.

### What about learning spaces for Year 11 next year?

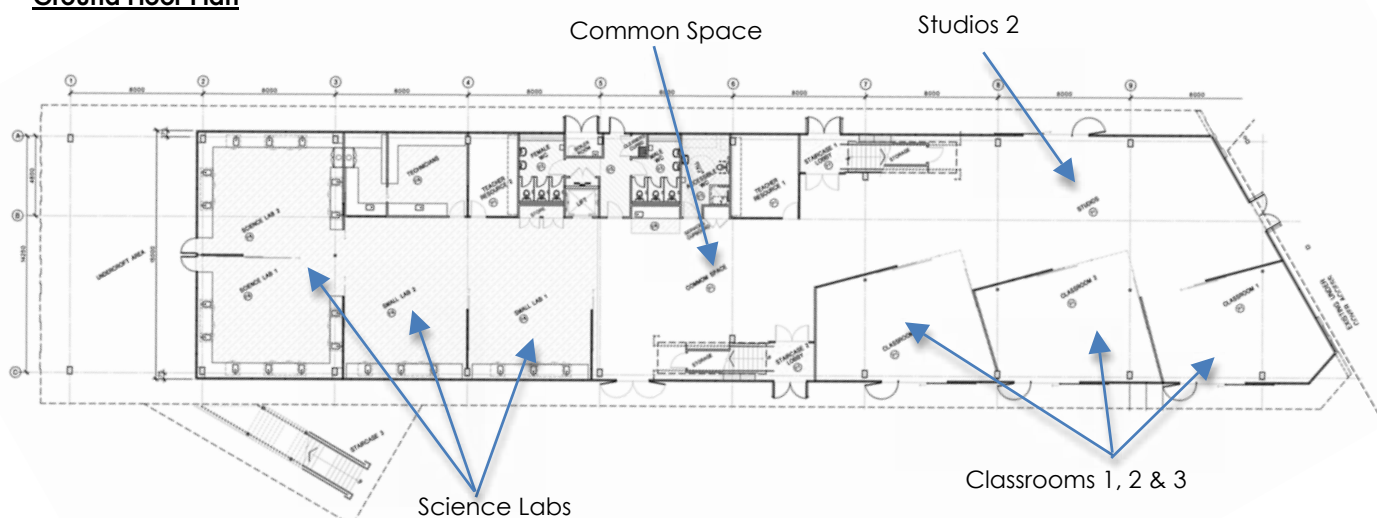
With the new building being finished midway through 2013, we are already planning for how we will accommodate the new year 11 courses throughout the school.

Currently, we have space on campus to accommodate for the additional classes and with some flexible and creative timetabling; we will be able to cater for all students' learning needs. We have all the specialist resources and spaces that are needed for all the year 11 courses, e.g. Science, Technology, Gymnasium, Performing and Visual Arts. The Ministry of Education will also be providing three relocatable buildings to provide further options.

### First Floor Plan



### Ground Floor Plan





## Whanau Challenge Day

On Friday 7 December the annual Whanau Challenge Day was held.

There were 10 events to challenge the students and for them to learn the benefits of teamwork.

A great day had by all.



Pitch It Event



Flip n' Heck Event



Slip n' Slide Event

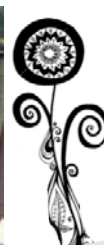


Car Pull Event



Project Runway Event

## Y10 Gisborne Surf Camp





## Waterpolo Champions



After a successful AIMS campaign, our top waterpolo players recently attended the Y7/8 North Island Waterpolo Champs held in Auckland.

It was our first "away" tournament and with only a month to plan the players all committed to a rigorous swim training schedule during the school holidays, while the manager organised last minute training games against other local schools.

After 8 games of waterpolo in the open B grade division, the team was unbeaten and it was wonderful to see them getting their gold medals at the concluding medal ceremony.

Special mention must be made of Mitch Cowdrey who was awarded Most Valuable Player of the B grade division. The tournament win was achieved because of a great all-round performance by the whole team. Every team member scored goals over the course of the tournament as well as achieving their personal goals, which were set before the tournament started.

The team was Ollie Ford, Mitch Cowdrey, Jack Johnson, Jed Bullock, Hugo Burt, Keegan Millington, Shinae Carrington, Samantha Kramer-Pickering, Sophie Hayden, Flynn Grey and Joseph Faulkner. Congratulations team and also to Melanie Hayden who has stepped up to coach the team to their first tournament win – well done!

Angela Hayden  
Waterpolo Manager

## Athletics

On Wednesday 28 November 47 students from our athletics team competed in the BOP Zone Competition held at the Tauranga Domain.

They had a really successful day with the following results:

Sophia Epapara

Y8 girls 200m = 2<sup>nd</sup>, Y8 girls 100m = 2<sup>nd</sup>

Dane Adrian

Y8 Boys 800m = 1<sup>st</sup>

Bethany Millar

Y8 Girls 1500m = 2<sup>nd</sup>, Y8 Girls 800m = 2<sup>nd</sup>

Y7 Relay Team

Zarn Sullivan, Eboneez-Destiny Kingi, Nicholas Johnes, Claudia McKeown = 2<sup>nd</sup>

Shi Jie Yong

Y7 Boys Discus = 1<sup>st</sup>, Y7 Boys Shot Put = 1<sup>st</sup>, Y7 Boys 100m = 1<sup>st</sup> Y7 Boys Long Jump = 1<sup>st</sup>

Shi Jie was placed 1<sup>st</sup> overall for the Y7 boys, a massive achievement.



## 2012 Sports Awards

The annual Sports Awards Evening was held on Thursday 6 December.

We recognised over 66 athletes for their achievements in 2012.

The top Sports Awards went to:

Student Sports Official of the Year  
Melanie Hayden

Sports Team of the Year  
Y7/8 Waterpolo

Sportswomen of the Year  
Sophia Epapara

Sportsman of the Year  
Mitch Cowdrey

Congratulations to all students for the fantastic effort and commitment they put into their chosen sport in 2012.

