



Principal's Message

Welcome to Papamoa College 2013!

I hope you have had a restful and relaxing holiday time, but I am sure that many of you will agree with me, that it is time to get back into a routine for the year. We have been working hard to ensure that learning programmes are ready to go and the campus can cater for an increase in student numbers.

A very warm welcome to students, parents and friends, who are new to the school. If this is your first association with the school I hope that we can work effectively in partnership together to ensure your son/daughter receives the best possible education at Papamoa College. I very much look forward to meeting you in the near future.

The significant focuses for the year include the introduction of the Senior School – with year 11 students beginning NCEA (national qualifications), and the construction of a new building.

The school role is currently at 740 students, with many new enrolments yet to be processed. We have employed an additional 10 teaching staff, which brings the total number of teachers to 50. In addition we have 22 support staff. We welcome all new staff and their families to Papamoa College.

The powhiri on Thursday 31 January to welcome all new staff, students, parents and friends to Papamoa College, was a great occasion for the beginning of the year. We do this at the start of each year to ensure we recognise the manuhiri (visitors) and welcome them to become part of our school.

The powhiri was lead by the kaumatua from Nga Potiki (the tangata whenua) and attended by representatives from our current Board of Trustees, staff, students, kapa haka group, parents, Whanau Support Group, and supporters of Papamoa College.

This edition of Connect is full of detail and important information for the start of the year. Please read it carefully and contact us should you have any questions.

Regards

Steve Lindsey
Principal

Mobile Devices

It is important that students leave valuable equipment, phones, ipods, etc, at home, unless you are using them for learning purposes.

The school does not accept any responsibility for damage or theft of personal equipment. It is the student's responsibility to ensure items are kept safe.

If a mobile phone is brought to school it must not be used in class unless the teacher has given permission to do so.

Mobile phones must be switched off as a courtesy to other learners. Any students found to be abusing this, will have their device removed and it will need to be collected from Reception by a parent or caregiver.



What's Happening

Athletics Day

Wednesday 20 February (Note: this date is one week after the previously advertised date) All students will participate in a fun filled Athletics Day. Ensure they bring a waterbottle, hat, and they wear sunscreen. Any postponement due to weather will be notified on the Papamoa College website. Parents and Whanau are most welcome to attend! If you are able to help in any way please contact Catilin Brake on cbrake@papamoacollege.school.nz

Lower Middle School Camps (Y7 & Y8)

These camps will be taking place on the following dates:

Puke Learning Commons

27 February – 1 March 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 learning adventures. Cost is \$115.00 per student.

Board of Trustees Elections

In anticipation for the upcoming Board of Trustees elections, we need to make sure our parent/caregivers details are correct. This is so we can send you out relevant information regarding the elections, voting papers etc. If your contact details have changed, please contact Reception.

2013 Term Dates

Term 1: January 30 - April 19

Term 2: May 6 – July 12

Term 3: July 29 – September 27

Term 4: October 14 - December 12

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Welcome to our New Staff!



Back row: Mrs Paula West (SENCO), Mr Ben Wood (Science), Ms Katrina Wickham (Learning Area Coordinator-Music), Mr Ken Kilkenny (Science), Mr Mark Insley (Leader of Learning Commons – Maunga).

Front Row: Ms Sheree Hemingway-McGregor (PE & Health) Mrs Moria Lomas (Food Technology), Mrs Deb Wood (Learning Area Coordinator – Performing Arts), Mrs Melissa Kapene (Te Reo Maori), Miss Wendy Hubbard (English).

Absent: Miss Caitlin Brake (Sports Coordinator), Ms Karla Brown (Technology Support)

Board of Trustees

Welcome back to school everybody – and welcome to the new students and staff who have joined the Papamoa College community this year. I hope you have all had a wonderful summer holiday and are ready for the year ahead. I truly can't think of a better environment to learn than here at Papamoa College.

My name is Angela Hayden and I feel very privileged to be the Board of Trustees Chairperson. The board and I are looking forward to supporting the school's leadership team during the year ahead and continuing our positive relationship building with our school community through the Parents & Friends group and Whanau Support Group. I encourage parents and whanau to join either of these two support groups (or both), as they are a wonderful way to be actively involved

with your child's education as well as getting to know other parents and whanau in the community.

I wish the students well with their academic studies this year and will look forward to hearing of their achievements at our board meetings. I also look forward to watching them from the sidelines as they participate in the many cultural, arts and sporting activities available to them during the year.

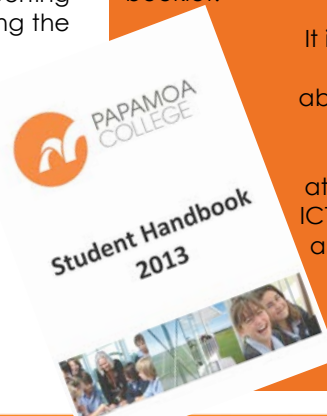
Mrs Angela Hayden
Chairperson
Board of Trustees

Student Handbook

All students have been issued with a Student Handbook, which provides information about being a student at Papamoa College.

It would be a good idea for parents and caregivers to also read this booklet.

It includes details on attendance and absences, bell times, expectations of behaviour and attitude, homework, ICT and cybersafety, and school uniform.



Uniform

Please assist us from home to ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform items. Students who have an incorrect uniform item must carry a signed note from a parent or caregiver.

The list of uniforms items and prices can be obtained from Reception or on our website. The uniform can only be purchased through the school and cash and eftpos are available for payment. Credit cards are not accepted.

Students are expected to arrive at school in the correct uniform each day.

It is important that students always wear the school uniform correctly – both at school and outside school. A neat and tidy uniform will influence how members of the public view the school. Therefore, we must always look our best when wearing our uniform.

Students must wear the correct uniform to and from school. Leaving school in the PE uniform is not acceptable.

School uniform items must be worn in the way that they were intended to be worn. Please refer to the student handbook if unsure of what is acceptable.

All uniform items should be clearly named inside. **Do not** use twink to do this as it comes off easily.

Lost Property is located at Student Services.

Bus Information

The Papamoa College bus service has started up again for the 2013 year.

There are two buses that are running. One bus heads out to Welcome Bay and the other to Papamoa East. The Ministry of Education only funds this service for students who live 4.8km or further from the school, therefore students living closer than this are required to find other means of getting to school.

Students on the bus are expected to be respectful at all times and are required to follow any directives outlined by the bus driver.

All students who use the bus must have a bus pass. This will be evident on their student ID cards once they are allocated. All students eligible for the bus service have been given a

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Building update

The new building is currently in the final design stages and it is anticipated that construction will begin in early March. Watch this space!

Despite not having the new building yet, we are well resourced to cater for learning spaces for all classes. We have had three relocatables established at the end of Moana, and have been named Pātiki - which means field.

Year 11 students will mostly use these classrooms – one has also been set out as a Science laboratory.

temporary bus pass in the interim.

Students without a pass will not be permitted to travel on the bus.

If you have any queries, please contact Shane Burgess via email on sburgess@papamoacollege.school.nz

Mr Shane Burgess
Deputy Principal



SunSmart

We promote the protection of staff and students from the harmful effects of the sun.

We have a school cap and a wide brim hat, which can be purchased from Reception. While we actively support the use of hats and sunscreen at school, students are ultimately responsible for being sensible when outside in the sun.

Learning Commons, as well as Student Services have sunscreen available for students throughout the day.

Who to contact first?

As a general rule, students' learning commons teacher or admin teacher should be the first person to contact should you wish to talk to someone about your child. You can do this by either contacting Reception to make an appointment time or otherwise by email to the teacher concerned.

It is best to arrange an appointment with teachers so that their duties such as teaching and meetings, don't conflict with meeting you.

Upon arrival you will also be required to sign in at Reception. The purpose of this is to ensure we know who is on campus, and enables us to maintain a high degree of safety and security for all personnel on campus.

Emergency procedure regulations also dictate that we can account for everyone should there be an emergency situation.



New Sports Coordinator

Sadly Jan McAdam has had to step down from her role of Sports Coordinator due to medical reasons. We warmly welcome to Papamoa College Caitlin Brake, who has been appointed as the new Sports Coordinator.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with a few upcoming events. *Athletics day* - 20 February and *Swimming sports* - scheduled for mid-March.

If any parents are keen to lend a hand in any way, please contact Catilin Brake - Sports Coordinator on 542 0676 ext 770 or email cbrake@papamoacollege.school.nz

Attendance & Absences

Students are expected to attend school every weekday throughout the term, from 8.40am to 3.10pm.

Student attendance will be recorded throughout the school day. Any absence or lateness to class will be recorded.

If your child is going to be absent or late to school, the parent/caregiver needs to phone Reception as soon as possible on 542 0676 and press 1 to explain the reason. If the absence is not phoned through then the parent/caregiver will receive a text or phone call from Reception to check the absence. The student must bring a note from you when they next return to school.

Known future absences from school for any medical or family reason must be advised by parents/caregivers in advance whenever possible.

Appointments during the school day

If students have an appointment during the day, which means having to leave school, a written note must be authorised by Reception and then shown to a learning commons teacher/admin teacher.

ASB is proud to support Papamoa College

If you're a staff member or the parent of a child at Papamoa College simply present this voucher when you talk to us about an ASB Home Loan and when your loan is drawn down, we'll make a donation to the school.

\$250 donation to Papamoa College

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