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Principal's Message

Athletics Day was a great day on Wednesday 20 February! All students had to enter a minimum of 4 events throughout the day and it was pleasing to see everyone get involved. There were some very good results achieved. Thank you also to the many parents who attended the day. Athletics results are included in this newsletter.

Fees for courses

You should have received a fees statement from the school recently. This statement outlines the fees that are due for the various courses your child is involved with this year. It is an unfortunate situation when we have to charge parents for certain courses, however, we do not receive adequate funding from the government to cover all costs. When a fee is charged it is because there is a take home component or there is a particular resource that students will use throughout the year and then be able to keep.

It would help us immensely if you are able to pay these fees as soon as possible.

I am sure you can appreciate that we have to use school funds initially until money is received from parents. There is some provision to assist parents who have genuine financial hardship. Please contact the school (initially through the teacher in charge of the activity) to discuss your situation.

Activities throughout the year

If your child is involved in a school club, sports team, arts and cultural group, or even going on a class trip, it is important that we receive money before they take part. While we understand that parents do find it difficult to pay for many activities, we have unfortunately been left with some significant amounts of money unpaid at the end of the year. Sadly the school cannot afford to cover large amounts of unpaid debt.

I thank you for your cooperation with the payment of fees.

Regards

Steve Lindsey
Principal

Lower Middle School Camp



On Wednesday 27 February students from the Puke Learning Commons went to Lakes Ranch, in Rotorua. It was three days of fun filled adventure and risk taking. The weather was stunning and we all enjoyed action packed activities such as Kayaking, Archery, the Waterslide and Orienteering. A highlight for all of us was braving the dark and experiencing the burma trail, complete with glow worms and parents jumping out into the night to scare us.

It was a great way to get to know our learning commons and teachers better. A huge thanks to our amazing parents who made camp the experience that it was! It strengthened the bond that we have in Puke and we know these memories will last a long time.

What's Happening

Swimming Sports

Friday 22 March 2013 (new date from previously advertised).

The swimming sports will be held at the Papamoa Pools. If any parents or whanau are able to help on the day please email Caitlin Brake at cbrake@papamoacollege.school.nz

Easter Break

Good Friday – 29 March 2013

Easter Monday – 01 April 2013

Holiday Tuesday – 02 April 2013

Back to school on Wednesday 03 April 2013 and it will be Day 4 on the timetable.

Parents & Friends Meeting

The next Parents & Friends meeting will be on Wednesday 13 March at 7pm, held in the staff lounge. All welcome.

HELP - Drama needs you!



We are in the process of building up our Drama equipment and would really appreciate any donations to give us a kick-start. We are interested in, props, costumes, clothing, shoes and volunteers who would be interested in sewing costumes for us. If you can help please email Deborah Wood at dwood@papamoacollege.school.nz

Board of Trustees Elections

The Elections will be held on Thursday 30 May 2013. Closer to the time you will receive information and nomination forms. If you think you would like to stand for the Board of Trustees and are keen to find out more about what is involved, email: board@papamoacollege.school.nz

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Campus Cafe

Therese Kingi was the successful designer selected for the Campus Cafe sign. The Year 10 Graphics students from the end of 2012 identified a need for a sign above the campus cafe.

After generating freehand concept drawings, students used computer-aided design to develop a final design outcome. After consultation and feedback from Mrs Rhodes who works at the Cafe and Mr Lindsey, the group presented their best idea for selection.

With over 20 student design entries the selection process took some time. Many of the designs had good aesthetic attributes, had some similarities to our school design and were eye catching from a distance.



In the end the judges selected Therese Kingi's design. The sign was later constructed in the school workshop from plywood, MDF and acrylic by our technician Mr Jacobi and Mr Thomas.

Mr Mark Thomas
Technology Specialist

Student Achievement

I performed at SummerFest 2013 as one of the Battle of the Bands finalists with my friend Sam. We were the opening act for the festival. We played Bulletproof by LA ROUX and Heartlines by Florence and the Machine.

On the 23 February I performed at Coronation Park as part of the Summer Series of events and I am performing at Children's Day 2013 at the Historic Village, where I will be performing the two songs with Sam as well as Another Brick in the Wall by Pink Floyd.

I've been playing guitar (electric and acoustic) since I was 7 years old and was awarded a trophy for musical excellence at Willingdon Primary School before I left the UK in 2007. In addition to the guitar I play the drums, bass guitar, sing and I am currently learning the piano. I am also getting involved in the technical side of music, with recording and setting up and packing down at events.

Abi Chapman
11SSPTH



Collecting Students by Car

With the large numbers of students who are exiting our school gates at 3:10pm, can parents please arrange for picking up students in a location outside of the driveway in front of the school.

Currently we have parents stopping on the driveway and waiting for their children. This is causing extensive congestion and is also creating a safety concern for students crossing to the buses.

Please help us keep our students safe.

Ms Catherine Neidhardt
Deputy Principal

BOT Secretary

A vacancy has arisen for a Board Secretary. Duties include taking minutes at Board Meetings and Committee Meetings and compiling the meeting agendas etc.

For further information please visit our the college website or email board@papamoacollege.school.nz

Athletics

Athletics was held on Wednesday 20 February. It was a fantastic day with students participating in many different events.

We had 40 Y9, Y10 & Y11 students who qualified to compete at the Bay of Plenty Athletics Championships on Tuesday 5 March.

A big thank you to all the staff, parents and other supporters such as ASB Bank and Cancer Society that helped make our Athletics day happen.

Overall Results from Athletics Day.

(These results are calculated by points students received for placings during the day for each event)

Y7 Girls

- 1st Nikki Wright
- 2nd Jade Clarke

Y7 Boys

- 1st Las Filo
- 2nd = Reinhardt Steenkamp
Alfie Cole

Y8 Girls

- 1st = Zoe McCaul
Alicia Foster
Tilly Hayden-Taylor

Y8 Boys

- 1st Flynn Grey
- 2nd Thomas Pigeon
- 3rd Kapua Lota

Junior Girls – U14

- 1st Bethany Millar
- 2nd Jorgia Gesthuizen
- 3rd Brittany Foreman

Junior Boys – U14

- 1st Kassem Erihe
- 2nd = Keegan Millar
James Adam

Intermediate Girls – U16

- 1st = Anneke Dixon
Charlie Taua
Ella Trafford

Intermediate Boys – U16

- 1st Connor Millar
- 2nd James Oliver
- 3rd Junior Filo



Miss Caitlin Brake
Sports Coordinator

Library News



Papamoa College hosted an international author 'Joseph Delaney' on the 14 February. Joseph has written a series of books called 'The Spooks'. This series has 11 titles. He has also written two other titles called 'The Witches' and 'The Spook's Bestiary'.

Joseph spoke to the Year 11 Sports Performance Pathway class as well as in the Library at lunchtime.

85 students attended the lunchtime presentation, which included a power point presentation showing illustrations of scenes and characters. Joseph shared with our students, how he takes ideas and forms them into characters and storylines. The students also gained an insight into the process of getting a manuscript published.

All Joseph Delaney's books are available from the school library.

Mrs Karen Manning
Librarian

Deans

For 2013, two new roles have been created at Papamoa College that will help us continue to provide our personalised approach to your child's education.

Our new Papamoa College Deans are dedicated advocates for our students and provide students with strategies to deal with the different aspects of our school that they may find challenging. There are two Deans, one for the Lower Middle School (Ngaere Durie) and one for the Upper Middle School (Jenna Mackay).

The Deans are also available to liaise with parents who have concerns about their child and can help direct students with academic guidance. They are also available to support and assist the Leaders of Learning Commons and Learning Area Coordinators with pastoral concerns.

We see our Deans as an additional support service to further enhance our personalised and connected school community.

Please remember that initial concerns regarding students, should be directed towards their learning common's teachers first.

We have everything to G.A.I.N from our Deans;

Guide students, **A**ssist teachers, **I**nform parents, **N**avigate (Find a way through)

Te Matatini



"Maa Tini, maa mano, ka rangatira a Kapa haka"

"Kapa haka flourishes through the efforts of many"

Exciting, thrilling, goose bumps, feelings, connecting, intense, experience, one of a kind, proud, blown away, happy, lucky, blessed, hard work, humble, wairua, mean maori mean.

Matua Shane and Whaea Melissa took 8 tamariki who had never seen national level kapa haka along to Te Matatini. The tamariki were chosen from the kapa haka team here at school, to attend were Taylor Faulkner, Rose Ezekiel, Ngawari Kohu, Jorja Heta, Capri Baker,

Cheradahn Willoughby-Broughton Atamira Kapene and myself, Shania Perry.

On Thursday 21 February, our roopu experienced some terrific kapa haka. The tamariki realised what we have been missing out on.

Trying to get close to the stage proved to be impossible due to massive crowd.

Throughout the day the tamariki shot off in small groups to find a kai while the Matua relaxed and caught up with whanau and enjoyed the performances.

As it came to the end of the day, the tamariki couldn't keep their eyes open any longer. Before we packed up and left we said our goodbyes to the meke day we had just endured.

Bring on Te Matatini o te ra Christchurch 2015, HERE WE COME!!

Nga mihi kia koutou katoa. Naku iti noa na.

Shania Perry
10AWA1

Help Your School. Help The Environment!

Introducing "Paper From Homes" initiative

Paper From Homes is an exciting new fundraising partnership between your school and Fullcircle Recycling – New Zealand's leading paper recycling company.

Paper From Homes is simple, green and rewarding. All you need to do to raise money for your school is to bring your used paper (including newspapers, junk mail, magazines, books, and flattened cardboard boxes) and place it in the specially marked "Paper From Homes" recycling bins that are conveniently located at the back of the college carpark. Fullcircle Recycling will empty the bins and pay the school for the paper placed in them. So, the more paper from homes, the more money the school will make.

Start now! Bring us your paper from home, help your school's Parent and Friends Group raise money, develop awareness of the benefits of recycling and create a better environment for us all.

The clearly marked green bins are located on the far side of the college carpark. They will be accessible before school from 7am until 6pm. (Gates will be locked after 6pm and on weekends)



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