



# CONNECT

## Stage Challenge WIN!

Papamoa College first place at Stage Challenge!  
Thursday 20 June, Baycourt.

Congratulations to all the students involved with Stage Challenge and their fantastic achievement.

2013 is the first time Papamoa College has entered Stage Challenge and competed against 5 other Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools.

It was impressive to see our students perform against schools who are experienced with Stage Challenge, and also competing against students who are in Y12 and Y13.

The team comprised of close to 60 Y7 to Y11 students. This also included a number of back stage production crew.

A huge thanks must go to Mrs Deb Wood for her expert direction, Mrs Nadine Shine for the production assistance and Mr Mark Thomas for set construction.

Well done for this impressive result!



## What's Happening

### Exam Manager

This November, our students will be sitting NCEA exams for the very first time. To ensure that the process runs smoothly and to organise supervising staff, NZQA employs an Exam Manager for the three to four week duration of exams. If you have sound supervision and leadership experience, have computer skills and possibly have some experience in supervising exams, this opportunity may appeal to you. If you would like more information please visit our website or contact the Principals Nominee for NZQA, Dave Ballard, through Reception.

### Staff Only Day

Wednesday 26 June 2013 is a Staff Only Day. This day has been provided by the Minister of Education as a day to for teachers to focus on NCEA. School is closed for instruction on this day. Back to school on Thursday 27 June and it will be a Day 6 on the timetable.

### Matariki Celebration Evening

Thursday 27 June 6pm – 9pm

This year we will be hosting a Matariki celebration with a focus on acknowledging and celebrating the success of Maori and Pasifika students. As part of the celebration the Kapahaka Roopu along with other students will be performing throughout the evening. Everyone is welcome to attend. It is a potluck, so please bring a plate of kai to share.

### Term Dates

End of term 2

Friday 12 July

Start of term 3

Monday 29 July



### Parking

Please do not park on the yellow lines when collecting your children from school. It is dangerous and causes congestion.



## Deputy Principal – Pastoral Care

Kia ora koutou

He mihi nui i te whanau o Papamoa College

My name is Shane Burgess. I am one of the three Deputy Principals at Papamoa College. As part of my role, I have overall responsibility for the Pastoral Care Team.

There are a number of facets of this role. They include:

\* Working with the other Senior Leaders in the school in the development of the Pastoral Care programme this ensures that the well being of all staff and students is considered and that systems are in place to cater for the needs of all members of our school whanau.

\* Meeting regularly with the Pastoral Team (SENCO, Nurse, Guidance Counsellor, Deans & Student Mentors) to ensure that the needs of both groups and individuals are identified and catered for effectively.

\* Working with the Student Mentors who work with students on individualized programmes; the focus of this role is to start looking at how we can ensure preventative and restorative systems are in place to help ensure positive outcomes for students.

\* Networking with, and engaging the support of outside agencies to ensure that we are able to access support that meets the needs of our student body. This includes the implementation of crisis response systems and accessing educational programmes that address current social and emotional issues.

\* Engaging with parents and whanau as appropriate to encourage a 'team' approach to help ensure positive outcomes for all.

The adolescent years pose many challenges for today's youth. We are very privileged to have an amazing team of staff to support our student body with pastoral related issues.

**"Tangata ako ana i te whare, te turanga ki te marae, tau ana"**

A child raised with home values will be able to stand strong against the world.



Shane Burgess  
Deputy Principal

## School Based Health Nurse

My name is Woody Vahey and I have been a registered General Nurse since 1994, working in Emergency Departments or primary care.

My role is to ensure all students have access to free health care, and this includes a Doctors clinic every Monday here in school.

My service is confidential and enables young people to start taking responsibility for their own health needs as they move towards adulthood. I hope this helps the students maintain good health therefore reducing the time they take off school through illness.

To make an appointment to see Dr Claire McNally or myself, students can fill out a slip at student services and post in the red box or go the Dr/Nurse/Counsellor page on WAVE. Helpful websites are:

[www.kidshealth.org](http://www.kidshealth.org) Information about health issues for kids, teens and parents.

[www.teentools.co.uk](http://www.teentools.co.uk) Information about dealing with common issues for teens and parents.



Woody Vahey  
Health Nurse

## Guidance Counsellor



My name is Jane Kay and I am the school Guidance Counsellor at Papamoa College.

My role is to provide counselling support and pastoral care for students, families and teachers in our school community with various issues that may arise at home and school. These include relationships, separation of parents, drug and alcohol, self-esteem, grief and loss.

Students, parents and teachers can make counselling referrals, and I welcome involvement from parents and caregivers.

Please feel free to contact me by phone 542 0676 ext 721 or email [jkay@papamoacollege.school.nz](mailto:jkay@papamoacollege.school.nz)

Jane Kay  
Guidance Counsellor

*Talking to your kids about smoking*

**If you smoke you may feel hypocritical telling your kids smoking is bad.**

**The good news is that you can make a big difference helping your kids avoid taking up the habit, even if you do smoke yourself.**

Try these conversation starters:

- "It's very hard to quit, I wish I could..."
- "When I started smoking we didn't know as much about the harms. I wouldn't have started..."
- "Even though I smoke I hope you don't..."

Visit [smokefreeschools.org.nz](http://smokefreeschools.org.nz) or [kuraauhikore.org.nz](http://kuraauhikore.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.

## Student Mentors

He mihi tenei kia koutou nga kaimahi no Te Kura Karefi o Papamoa.

Ko Mauao te Maunga  
Ko Tauranga te Moana  
Ko Waitao te Awa  
Ko Mataatua te Waka  
Ko Toroa te Tangata  
Ko Ngaiteurangi te Iwi  
Ko Nga Potiki te Hapu  
Ko Tahuwhakatiki te Marae  
Ko Nia Finau ahau.



No reira tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa.

Last year I started working here part time as a Kapahaka tutor. Over time my job has now changed to include being a Student Mentor. My role as a Student Mentor is about helping students set goals and making good choices. We work along side an awesome staff to keep our students following the right path to succeed and gain their achievements. I am very proud to say that I am the Kapahaka tutor and Student Mentor at Papamoa College.

Nia Finau  
Student Mentor

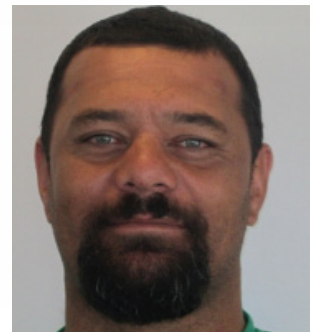
Nga mihi nui kia koutou katoa,  
Ko Taupiri raua ko Putauaki me Kaputerangi Te Maunga  
Ko Waikato raua ko Te Oriini toku Awa  
Ko Tainui raua ko Mataatua toku Waka  
Ko Tainui raua ko Ngati Awa toku Iwi  
Ko Ngati Naho raua ko Taiwhakaea Il Te Hapu  
Ko Maurea raua ko Te Paroa toku Marae  
Ko Bruce French Taku Ingoa.  
He Akonga Kaitiaki ki Taku mahi I tenei kura.

I am recent graduate of Te Wananga O Aotearoa completing a bachelor's degree in social work, I also have a background in sports, mainly rugby league of which I have been a strong advocate of Rangatahi Ora through positive activities over the last 10 years.

I am a new addition to the school and I am a Student Mentor. My role is to support students through the tough times they can have in class and just growing up.

A lot of my mahi is around setting goals or aspirations and making good choices endorsing positive contributions to school, home and within the community they live.

Bruce French  
Student Mentor



## Deans & Director



Ngaere Durie  
Year 7 & 8 Dean

Our 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; Ngaere Durie (LMS) and Jenna Mackay (UMS).

The Deans are also available to liaise with parents who have behavioral concerns regarding their children and can help direct students with academic guidance. They also support and assist staff with pastoral concerns of students.

Our Deans can be contacted via email or by phone.

Students are able to approach our Deans and make appointments or they can make a request through their Admin teacher. They may also be referred on from other staff.

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

- Guide students
- Assist teachers
- Inform parents
- Navigate (Find a way through)



Jenna Mackay  
Year 9&10 Dean



Cath McCready  
Director of Year 11

All year 11 students are assigned a class with an Academic Mentor. The role of the mentor is to meet formally with the student regularly to check how progress is going with their studies and to be the main link with parents.

Their mentor sees the student every day in Admin time and in teaching sessions ensuring they get to know the students very well.

The Director oversees the programme working with both the mentors and students. Year 11 also have their own leaders group organising community events and assemblies.

## Citizenship & Whanau Groups

### Citizenship

Citizenship provides a program and environment where our young people develop a sense of belonging and an understanding of what it is to be a valuable and contributing member of society.

It focuses on building positive relationships with peers, teachers and members of the community as we all live and grow together at Papamo College.

Citizenship aims to develop an understanding of accepting and appreciating individual difference, cultural diversity, resilience, social conscience, school values, participating and contributing and serving others. It provides encouragement and development of self-identity, cultural heritage and our place in the world.



### Whanau Groups

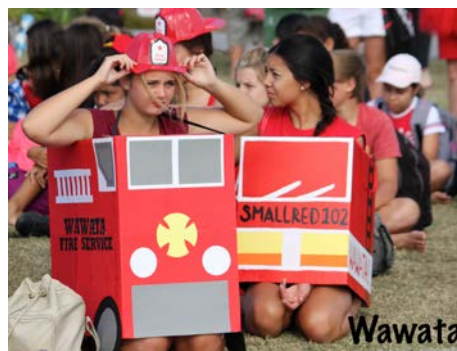
The school is divided into four whanau groups, which are made up of all students and staff across the school.

The whanau system provides an environment for school unity and for students to mix with other students. It provides students with an opportunity to work as a team in competitions with other whanau groups and in community projects during Citizenship time.

Students enjoy competing during Inter-Whanau Challenges and Competitions. Whanau Groups are as follows:

Name	Meaning	Colour
Rawe	Excellence	Blue
Kaha	Strength	Yellow
Wawata	Hopes/Desires	Red
Ngatahi	Unity	Green

Raelene Miller  
Whanau Coordinator



## Attendance Officer



Mike Minnell  
Attendance Officer

My name is Mike Minnell and I am the newly appointed Attendance Officer.

My role as the Attendance Officer is to make sure students are at school on a regularly basis. Regular attendance at school is required to achieve the best possible learning outcomes. Children are legally required to attend school until they are 16 years of age.

I work with both students and whanau to establish and maintain positive attendance habits. If you have concerns regarding the attendance of your child, please contact Reception on 542 0676.

### Introducing the new Board of Trustees

Darryn Bennett (Parent Trustee)  
David Broomhead (Parent Trustee)  
Angela Hayden  
(Parent Trustee - Chairperson)  
Loretta Johnstone (Parent Trustee)  
Chris Smith (Parent Trustee)  
Jaki Lee (Staff Representative)  
Eleanor Wright (Student Representative)  
Steve Lindsey (Principal)

Over the next few editions of the Connect, we will introduce each member of the Board individually.

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