



PAPAMOA  
COLLEGE

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# CONNECT

## Principal's Message

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You may have noticed that we have two locations on campus where there is significant construction occurring. The large building connected to the central bridge in the middle of the school, is the new senior block. This is where the majority of the specialist learning areas will be for senior students. Included will be a Science Centre, Arts Centre, Media and Digital Suites, as well as learning spaces for Mathematics, English, Social Sciences, and Languages. We also plan to develop a Careers Centre within this block.

The other area of construction is at the front of the school, and can be easily seen extending out from the end of the building. This extension will be used by Kaka Street Special School and will contain a satellite for secondary students with special learning needs. In essence, it will be another school operating within Papamoa College.

Students will be on the Kaka Street Special School roll, receive a specialised learning programme, but be part of the wider Papamoa College community. There will be a degree of integration with school facilities and events etc.

*Success for All – Every School, Every Child* is the Government's four-year plan of action, to achieve a fully inclusive education system by 2014. This means that all students should be able to attend a school that is within the community they live. Parents with children with special needs who live in Papamoa, will now be able to attend Papamoa College and be supported through our Learning Support or enrol them with Kaka Street Special School – Papamoa Satellite.

Discussions are underway regarding how the two schools will work together and the process for transition and opening at the start of 2014.

Regards

Steve Lindsey  
Principal

## What's Happening

### Enrolment Processing Afternoon

Wednesday 28 August 3.30pm – 6.00pm in the Theatre. Please tell prospective parents & students to bring along their completed enrolment form and all relevant information for processing.

### Y8 to Y9 Information Evening

Wednesday 28 August 7.00pm – 8.30pm held in the Upper Middle School. This will be an evening to learn more about student learning in Y9 & Y10 at Papamoa College.

### Rob McGregor – Artist Visit

Tuesday 3 September Rob will be here in the Theatre with his artwork for parents/whanau to view afterschool.

### Out of Zone Applications

Applications are now open for Out of Zone enrolments for 2014. Applications close 4.00pm Friday 6 September 2013.

### Staff Only Day

Friday 6 September is a Staff Only Day. School is closed for instruction on this day.

### AIMS Games

The Aims Games are held over 6 days from Sunday 15 September to Friday 20 September. Tickets to go and watch the Aims Games opening ceremony are now available from Reception for \$2.

### Community Dental Unit

The Dental Unit will be back on site for the Year 7 & 8's from 21 October until 15 November.

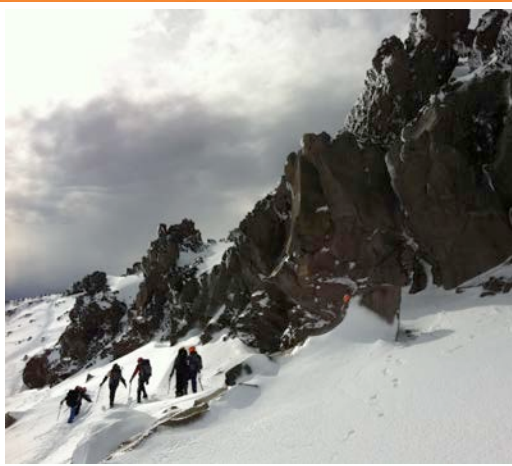
### Practice Exam Week

Y11 students stay home on study leave from **16 to 20 September** and are only required to attend school for their scheduled exams. It is important to ensure students use this time to study and prepare well, as these results may be used as evidence of achievement if they are medically unable to sit their exams at the end of the year.

Kaka Street Special School  
- Papamoa Satellite



# Winter Skills Camp



On Friday 16 August, our Outdoor Pursuits Club left for their third annual Winter Skills Camp on Mount Ruapehu.

The students had the amazing experience of sleeping in the New Zealand Alpine Club's Hut high up on the Delta Ridge and learning skills such as: ice climbing, snow shelter building and avalanche rescue.

We all had a wonderful experience and some of our students demonstrated outstanding leadership skills. A Special thank you to the other staff on the trip Mr Thomas and Miss Wesselink.

Ms Neidhardt  
Deputy Principal



## Student Representative on the Board of Trustees

Every year there is an election to select a student to be the Student Representative on the Board of Trustees. The process is similar to that for electing Parent Representatives, however, only students are involved.

Any students year 9 and above, are eligible to be nominated to be a member of the Board. A normal nomination process is followed with candidates having the option of submitting a brief statement (max 400 words). Students at school will be receiving relevant information very soon.

Nominations are due 6 September and voting on 20 September. Go to [www.nzsta.org.nz](http://www.nzsta.org.nz) *what-is-a-student-trustee* for more information. You might like to discuss this unique opportunity with your child.

## Author Vince Ford Visits

Papamoa College hosted a visit from author Vince Ford on Tuesday 6 August.

Vince has written several children's books including '2MUCH4U', 'SOMUCH2DO', 'POSSUMS2U' and his new series called 'Scrap'.

Vince talked to six classes from the Lower Middle School about his experiences as a writer. He also took the students through the writing process from having a story idea, researching, planning, editing and the publication process. Vince kept the students engaged throughout each session with his storytelling.

As part of researching for his book series 'The Chronicles of Stone', Vince learnt about spear throwing and he demonstrated this to the students. To conclude each session, students were able to ask questions and Vince signed autographs. It was a very interesting and informative visit.

Karen Manning  
Librarian



## Board of Trustees

Term three is well under way and it was very pleasing to recently receive reports on student achievement data at our recent meetings. The board would like to congratulate all those students who received awards at the recent Matariki Celebration as well as the lower, upper and senior school mid-year awards ceremonies. It was lovely to see students being recognised for their efforts and hear the respect that their teachers have for them as they shared their success stories.

During the recent school holidays Jaki Lee, Darryn Bennett and myself attended the annual NZ School Trustees Association (NZSTA) conference held in Auckland. We participated in 18 workshops all aimed at improving our governance knowledge. The keynote speakers were inspiring and full of experience that we will bring back to our governance roles at Papamoa College.

It is exciting to see the progress being made on the new Kaka Street satellite school and we are looking forward to meeting with Board and management team to begin working on our shared vision for the new satellite school. The senior school building project is also progressing well and I have enjoyed talking with some of the senior students and seeing their excitement as they talk about their involvement in the planning and also the senior school uniform.

On a personal note, I am looking forward to representing our school in my new role as chairperson for the NZSTA Bay of Plenty Regional Executive. It is an exciting new era for school trustees in New Zealand and the executive will have a leading role in ensuring every child reaches their potential through effective practice, policies and the informed decisions that boards make.

All the best for the month ahead...

Angela Hayden  
Chairperson  
Board of Trustees

### New Senior Uniform 2014

Over the last 12 months, we have been working through a process of design, with the view to introduce a senior school uniform in 2014.

Students have provided many ideas for uniform items, as well as various design features. This includes designs for a school tie, which many students communicating that they were wanting to wear a tie to school on a daily basis!

New senior uniform items will include trousers, boys shirt and girls blouse (short and long sleeve), a school tie, plus boys and girls blazers.

The school has been working with a business that specializes in school uniforms, to provide a preliminary concept and a range of designs for the senior school. They will be presenting to the school very soon. Once we have these designs, we would welcome your feedback and comments. We will let you know as soon as we have the designs.

The introduction of the senior school uniform (Years 11- 13) is envisaged to be phased in over the next two years. This means that in 2014, students in year 11 and 12 would be allowed to wear either the current uniform or the new senior uniform. This is to enable students to make use of current uniform items that they may have already purchased. Obviously any new items of uniform that need to be purchased, would be for the senior uniform.

If you need to purchase new items of uniform soon, for your child (who will be in year 11 and 12 next year), you may like to take into account the above information.

There is already a degree of excitement amongst students about the upcoming new uniform. We will keep you informed of the progress.

Steve Lindsey  
Principal

## Sports News

### Netball

Congratulations to the Yr 8A, Yr 8B, Yr 7A and Yr 7B Netball Teams from Papamoa College who participated in a tournament on Sunday 4 August. The girls all played fair and hard, they did not come out with a win, but fought to the end! Well done.



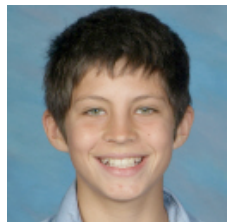
### Squash

On Tuesday 6 August, Nathan Winstanley represented Papamoa College at the Inter-Intermediate Squash Champs at the Te Puke Squash Club. Nathan placed 10th in the Year 7/8 division after 3 wins and 2 losses.



### Mountain Biking

Congratulations to Samuel Lord who participated in a Mountain Biking N-Duro Event on Sunday 4 August. Sam placed 9th in the Under 16 category. A fantastic achievement against competitors' years older than him.



### Rugby

Congratulations to Jayden Jarvis who has been selected from Papamoa College for the U11 Western Bay Team. A fantastic achievement to be very proud of.



## Tatahi Auckland Muesum Trip

On Friday 16 August, Tatahi Learning Commons had a day trip to Auckland Museum. We left at 7am in the morning and got to the Bombay Hills around 9:30am. This is where we got to stop at McDonalds for morning tea! The bus we travelled on had two TV's and we got to watch movies on them.

At the Museum there were heaps of cool exhibits including origins, volcanoes and much, much more. In the classroom lesson we had, we got to touch very old artifacts like obsidian, a fossilized egg, a whale tooth and lots more.

My favorite part on the trip was the volcano room. They whole room shook and the lights flickered.

Auckland Museum was really cool because we got to see old and interesting things. If you get the chance, check it out!

Cameron Slade 8TAT1

### NCEA Fees

For students entering NCEA in 2013 the fee is **\$76.70**. (Fees paid after the due date will require payment made directly to NZQA and will incur a \$50.00 late payment fee).

Payments can be made at any time at the college, before the due date of **Wednesday 31 August**.

For further information please contact Reception on 542 0676.



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)

