

Principal's Message

Kia ora

I would like to congratulate again all the prizewinners who were acknowledged at our recent Senior School Prizegiving. We certainly have high achieving and very talented students.

Thank you to all the teachers who have taught year 11 this year, for their hard work in establishing new learning programmes and preparing students for NCEA.

A special thank you needs to be made to Mrs Cath McCready for her work as Director of Senior School.

Mr Dave Ballard – Deputy Principal Senior School, also deserves special mention, for his leadership and organisation this year, especially with NCEA.

Below is the list of Senior School prizewinners.

Regards

Steve Lindsey
Principal

Senior School Prizewinners

Subject	Academic Excellence	Commitment to Learning
Business	Anna Wu	Dominic Koch
Drama	Cameron Smith	Jesse James
French	Alisha Mould	Talia White
English	Frazer Moore	Benjamin Dovaston
Maori	Kaama Williams	Kaama Williams
Maths	Anna Wu	Lauren Gibbs
Science	Anna Wu	Emily McKay
Media	Emily McKay	Summer Brader
Music	Abi Chapman	Melanie Hayden
Sport	Melanie Hayden	Jerusha Razey
Social Studies	Victoria Rhodes-Carlin	Summer Brader
Digital Technology	Frazer Moore	Benjamin Dovaston
Food Technology	Courtney Styles	Mansha Kalia
Materials Technology	Tom Arnold	Connor Tito
Graphics	Jordan Goodwin	Lauren Gibbs
Visual Arts	Lauren Gibbs	Anna Wu
Pathway Class	Contribution to School Life	
Science Pathway 1	Courtney Styles	
Science Pathway 2	Minette Van Biljon	
Social Studies	Eleanor Wright	
Visual Art	Lauren Gibbs	
Sport Performance	Charlee Taua	
Food Technology	Krystal Mitschak	
Special Awards		
Excellence in Kapa Haka	Harmony Matenga	
Lightwave Art Excellence	Jordan Goodwin	
Lions Whanau Leaders Award	Navpreet Dhaliwal	
Y11 Citizen of the Year	Benjamin Dovaston	
Y11 Citizen of the Year	Victoria Rhodes-Carlin	
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Dux	Anna Wu	

What's Happening

Market Evening

Y10 Enterprise Studies classes are hosting a Market Evening on Wednesday 27 November from 5.30pm – 8.00pm at the College.

Upper Middle School Open Afternoon

Thursday 28 November 3.30pm – 5.00pm. This is an afternoon to enable the current 2013 Y8 students and parents to have an informal opportunity to come in and meet some of the Upper Middle School staff, talk about Y9/10 programmes, meet their Leader of Learning Commons and explore the Upper Middle School Learning spaces.

Y9 Challenge

Monday 2 December – Wednesday 4 December Y9 students will take part in the Challenge 9 event. The series of activities each day are aimed to extend students beyond their comfort zones and provide both physical and mental challenges.

Y10 Camps

Wednesday 4 December – Friday 6 December Y10 students will either go to the Ohiwa Park Camp or the Matakana Island Experience. Both camps are overnight trips. Please make sure students are well equipped for these trips as per the gear list already sent home.

Whanau Challenge Day

Monday 9 December from 10.00am – 3.00pm is the Whanau Challenge Day. Students participate in a range of fun team activities gaining points for their Whanau. To ensure the success of this day we require parent help. If you would like to be involved please email Mrs Nadine Shine at: nshine@papamoacollege.school.nz

Middle School Prizegiving

Thursday 12 December at 11.00am in the Gym. All parents and whanau are welcome to attend.

Term Dates

End of Term 4: Thursday 12 December
Start 2014: Monday 3 February 2014 (students may have a staggered start by Year Levels)



From the Board

It has been a busy time for the Board as they move into their role as governors. I have been very impressed to see board members leading from the front by attending various governance workshops and seminars over the last few months, and I know the school is in good hands moving forward as Board members distinguish between management issues and supportive governance.

The Board are currently reviewing the Charter and Strategic Plan. The draft document will be available for consultation from Friday 15 November. We would like to finalise the charter by Friday 29 November 2013. Please check the website to download a copy of the draft Charter and for consultation information.

We would like to wish our senior students well in their NCEA exams that have begun. After all the hard work that students, their whanau and staff have put into learning this year, I am sure students are ready to embark on

their exams with vigour and will look forward to receiving news of their results in the new year.

On that note I would also like to acknowledge the Year 10 students who have just finished their exams and wish all students well with their end-of-year camps and activities.

To conclude, I'd like to thank David Broomhead who has stepped up at various times during the last few months in his role as Acting Chair when I have been unavailable, due to some health issues. The experience that David brings to the Board is extensive and I have appreciated being able to rely on his balance and prudent leadership in my absence.

Angela Hayden
Chairperson
Board of Trustees



Bus Update

Some of you may already have heard of the upcoming changes to the school bus services in Tauranga.

The Ministry of Education has decided to terminate funding for school bus services at the end of the 2014 school year. This has a direct impact on both the buses that service Papamoa College which will no longer operate as a free service at the end of next year.

The Bay of Plenty Regional Council is currently looking at plans to provide a replacement bus service, however at this stage there is the likelihood it will operate a user pays system.

We will keep you informed as more information becomes available.

Ms Catherine Neidhardt
Deputy Principal

Bring your own devices

Christmas presents sorted...

For much of this year students have been invited to bring their own electronic devices to school to assist them as tools in their learning. A number of students have accepted the offer and now bring their ipods, ipads, laptops, netbooks, chromebooks or tablets to use in the classroom. They are finding this to be an advantage as they no longer have to share school devices with other students and have a seamless digital experience between school and home.

Last term we surveyed students to find out how we could make the bringing of their own devices easier for them. In response to this survey we have now removed any fee for students to pay and have allowed for individualised lockable laptop storage to be available in every learning commons next year. We expect that this will help to address any security issues and make the idea of bringing a device from home more appealing. So if you are looking for that special Christmas present this year, maybe you could consider an appropriate electronic device...

Specifications and permission forms are available on our website as below.

www.papamoacollege.school.nz

Mr Dave Ballard
Deputy Principal

Market Evening

Wednesday 27 September 2013 from 5.30pm – 8.00pm

This year the three Year 10 Enterprise Studies classes have combined to create a Market Evening designed to showcase their entrepreneurial skills.

This semester the students have been collaborating in small businesses to develop, market and sell products. Some of the products that will be available at this event will be Christmas cakes, gourmet nachos, homemade pizza, fudge, ice-cream, homemade jams, mini burgers, cup-cakes to crafts like windchimes, mobile phone accessories, tote-bags, bracelets, candles, t-shirts and many more items which will cater for all your Christmas present needs!

Live music and a carnival atmosphere will make the 27 November 2013 a great family night out. (Bring cash as EFTPOS will not be available.)

Photos of 2012 Market Day



Tatahi Skipping!

Tatahi skipped for one-hour non-stop in October to raise money for the New Zealand Heart Foundation.

As part of their fitness program, students trained for this event.

Double dutch skipping was the favourite style with a lot of students, and also seeing how many students could skip in a large rope together. The teachers also shared some of their favourite skipping skills and songs from way back!

It was a huge success with \$480 being the final amount raised.

Well-done Tatahi!

Miss Liz Proudlock
Leader of Tatahi Learning Commons



Car Boot Sale

The Papamoa College Parent and Friends Group held a very successful car boot sale on Saturday 9 November 2013.

They had a variety of stall holders, a bake sale, coffee cart and a sausage sizzle all on offer to the community, raising close to \$1,000.00 to go towards the purchase of books for the Academic Prizegivings.

Up-coming Events

Sunday 17 November 10.00am – 2.00pm

Sausage sizzle fundraiser at the college for Tauranga Eastern Link Open Day – all proceeds go to the college.

Saturday 21 December 9.00am – 9.00pm

Christmas wrapping fundraiser at Bayfair Shopping Centre



If you would like to be a part of this ever growing group or if you are available to help in some way with these events, please contact Tanya Broomhead at Reception on 542 0676.



Rugby Committee

2013 has been a successful year for Rugby at Papamoa College. We congratulate the rugby boys for their dedication and commitment to playing in our first full competition rugby team. We wish to acknowledge and thank Dave Symes and Ben Hopkins for the management and coaching of the team throughout the season. We also thank Papamoa Rugby Club for their support with the use of equipment and their fields.

Are you interested in being part of a small committee of people that helps organise and promotes rugby at Papamoa College?

If so, email your details to enquiries@papamoacollege.school.nz

Make sure you put Rugby Committee somewhere in the email.



Y10 Waikato University Day

On 5 November 2013, an enthusiastic group of eager year 10's had the privilege to spend a day amongst the rich atmosphere of the Waikato University Campus.

We were firstly welcomed along with various other schools to partake in a mock psychology lecture, where we were fascinated by cognitive psychology in a lecture theatre. After this lecture we were invited to participate in several interactive activities, including a game programming activity and a playground themed activity.

We were then provided with an **amazing** lunch at no additional cost...how thoughtful. From there we were able to choose our own mini-lectures from a variety of subjects including tourism, gaming and Greek mythology. This concluded a day we all whole-heartedly enjoyed, and we would gladly do again. It was an enlightening experience that gave us valuable insight into the world of University.

None of this would have been possible without the assistance from our teachers, Mr Burgess and Mrs McCready, as well as our fabulous campus helper Alex. Thank you for a great time.

By Jeorgia, Taylor, Tyler in 10MOA1



Y9 Science – Dune Study

Over the last few weeks, all of the Year 9 science classes have been lucky enough to head down to the Papamoa Beach Dune system to conduct ecological field research for the first time.

They have been looking at the biodiversity of the dunes and the profile of the dune system.

It has been a successful and enjoyable set of field trips for all involved and we are fortunate to be able to use our local environmental resources to put our learning into context.

Mr Ben Wood
Science Teacher

