

## Principal's Message

Kia ora

Welcome to 2014 at Papamoa College!

I trust that you had a relaxing and rewarding festive season and an enjoyable holiday.

A very special welcome to all new students, parents, caregivers and whanau. We look forward to partnering with you throughout the year.

Currently we have 139 new year 7 enrolments, with a total school roll of 840. 2014 will be the first year we have year 12 programmes running.

We also welcome 11 new staff members: Miss Erin Farrell - Y8 Maunga, Miss Tracey Gibson - Y7 Puke, Mrs Kathy Hopping - Technology, Mr Nicholas Leask - Physical Education and Health Learning Area Coordinator, Mr Jeff Mather - Social Science, Mrs Jo Neal - Careers Advisor, Miss Josephine Puha - Visual Art, Miss Pip Smale - Science and Maths, Mr Andrew Tilby - English, Mrs Felicia Warner - Maths and Mr Warwick Oligvy - Y8 Puke.

### Senior Block 2014

The new senior block is complete and was fully operational from day one. This building includes an Art centre, Media suite, Science centre and a range of flexible learning spaces.



Although senior students will mostly use the building, Middle School students will also benefit for specialist courses.

The official opening of this new block will be towards the middle of term 1. More information will follow once details have been finalised.



### Kaka Street

We welcome Kaka Street Special School Satellite to Papamoa College.

Approximately 10 students and 5 staff will be based in the satellite, which is situated at the end of the Administration building.

This satellite is connected to Kaka Street Special School (Tauranga) but based within the community. Students will learn mostly within the satellite but also take part in the wider school life and activities.

This edition of Connect, is full of very useful information regarding the start of the year for you and your child. I look forward to meeting you throughout the year.

Regards

Steve Lindsey  
Principal

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## What's Happening

### Term Dates

**Term 1:** February 3 - April 17

**Term 2:** May 5 - July 4

**Term 3:** July 21 - September 26

**Term 4:** October 13 - December 12

### Y9-Y12 Competitive Athletics Day

Tuesday 18 February the Y9-Y12 students will participate in Athletics Day. Parents and Whanau are most welcome to attend. Please make sure you are sunsmart!

### Y7-Y12 Competitive Swimming Sports

Swimming Sports are on Monday 3 March held at Baywave Aquatic Centre. Parents and Whanau are most welcome.

### ID Photos

Students will have their ID photos taken on Thursday 13 February. The ID cards will be issued towards the end of February and are used as Student ID's, Bus Passes (for eligible students), issue of Library books, Laptops and other technology. Every student will be issued with a ID Card, if students lose their cards, a replacement can be purchased at Reception for \$5.

### Lost Property

If your child has misplaced something at school they can check Lost Property, which is located at Student Services.

### Student Details

Students will come home over the first week with their details page. Please check the information on this is correct. If it needs updating please alter it on the form and return it with your child to school. It is important we have the correct details so we can keep in touch with you in case of emergency and regarding your child's progress.

### DID YOU KNOW...

You can receive this newsletter via email? If you wish to do this, simply go to our website, click on 'News and Events' tab, then newsletter and fill in the subscription form.

[www.papamoacollege.school.nz](http://www.papamoacollege.school.nz)



## Y7-Y8 Orientation Afternoon

Thursday 13 February 3.30 – 5.00pm *Free BBQ!*

You are invited to attend the Lower Middle School Orientation. This is an opportunity for your child to show parents/ whanau and friends, their place of learning.

All learning commons will be open and teachers will be available for you to talk to about how your child has settled into school life for 2014. Find out where your child learns and how it works everyday in the learning commons.

Your child will be able to take you on a tour of the school should you wish to explore beyond the learning commons. Senior staff will be present during this time as well.

This is a great time to speak directly to your child's teacher and for us to establish a good relationship with you and your whanau. We very much look forward to seeing you there.

### Bring your own devices

For much of 2013, students were invited to bring their own electronic devices to school to assist them as tools in their learning. A number of students accepted the offer and brought their ipods, ipads, laptops, netbooks, chromebooks or tablets to use in the classroom. They found 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.

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 in 2014. We expect that this will help to address any security issues and make the idea of bringing a device from home more appealing.

Specifications and permission forms are available on the home page of our website as below.  
[www.papamoacollege.school.nz](http://www.papamoacollege.school.nz)

Mr Dave Ballard  
 Deputy Principal

### Drop off and pick ups . . . . Car bay

A number of parents drop off and pick up their children before and after school. Congestion around the school entrance is usually worse at the end of the day.

Unfortunately some vehicles are being parked on yellow lines in the drop off and pick up car bay and causing safety concerns.

If you do use the drop off and pick up car bay please only park on the left hand side. We want to make sure that everyone is safe. We appreciate your cooperation here.



### Who to go to for assistance

My child has a problem	Class Teacher
I need to tell someone about my child's learning	Class Teacher
School uniform purchases	Reception
Stationery List	Student Services/Website
Sports Programme	Miss Caitlin Brake
Payment of fees	Reception/Student Services
I am willing to offer my help at school	Reception
My child will be absent from school	Reception/Class Teacher

### 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, parent/caregivers need 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 home 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.

## Board of Trustees

Kia Ora Koutou

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 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 students well with their academic studies this year and will look forward to hearing of their achievements at the board meetings.

## Sport Talk

2014 is off to a cracker start, with many students wanting to get involved in summer team sports. Touch, Volleyball and Waterpolo have all been very popular choices, with a record amount of teams entered into local competitions.

Events coming up include:

- BOP Secondary School Triathlon
- Tauranga City Basketball Rep Trials
- BOP Athletics Championship.

Papamoa College Year 9-12 Athletics are being held on Tuesday 18 February.

Athletics will be run as a championship event this year, open for students who wish to participate competitively. If your child is keen they can go onto Wave for an entry form!

If any parents would like to help out with an event on the day please phone Reception or email [cbrake@papamoacollege.school.nz](mailto:cbrake@papamoacollege.school.nz). Year 7/8 will have their Athletics Champs held in Term 4.

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.

Noho ora mai  
Angela Hayden

### Board of Trustees Members:

Angela Hayden (Parent Trustee/Chair)  
Darryn Bennett (Parent Trustee)  
David Broomhead (Parent Trustee)  
Chris Smith (Parent Trustee)  
Loretta Johnstone (Parent Trustee)  
Jaki Lee (Staff Representative)  
Eleanor Wright (Student Representative)  
Steve Lindsey (Principal)  
Kerri Turanga (Board Secretary)

## Leadership Team

Principal Mr Steve Lindsey

### Deputy Principals

*Senior School*  
Years 11-13 Mr Dave Ballard  
*Upper Middle School*  
Years 9&10 Mr Shane Burgess  
*Lower Middle School*  
Years 7&8 Ms Catherine Neidhardt

### Senior School Director

Mrs Cath McCreedy  
Dean Y7&8 Whaea Ngaere Durie  
Dean Y9&10 Mrs Jenna Mackay

### Leader of Learning Commons

*Lower Middle School*  
Tatahi Miss Simone Donaldson  
Maunga Mr Mark Insley  
Puke Whaea Ngaere Durie

### *Upper Middle School*

Awa Mrs Jenna Mackay  
Motu Mr Chris Parsons  
Moana Ms Marcie Hintz

## Elite Sportsperson Programme

Papamoa College is excited to offer this programme to students with the help of some local experts, James and Susan from Physio Family and Carl from Global Fitness. The 10-week programme aims to offer talented sportsmen and sportswoman with an opportunity to develop skills that will assist in their success within sport. Aspects that will be covered include: Goal setting, Nutrition, Recovery and Injury Prevention, along with practical sessions every second week.

The Elite Sportsperson Programme will commence Thursday 6 March, and will continue afterschool each Tuesday, from 3.30-5.00pm. Information booklets and application forms will be available from Papamoa College Reception or from the Sports Coordinator, from 12 February. Applications will close Tuesday 25 February and successful applicants will be advised within the week.

This programme will be limited to 15 students, so make sure you pick up an application and apply for a position.

If students have any queries please pop over and see me in my new office- located off the field between Moana and the Library, or email [cbrake@papamoacollege.school.nz](mailto:cbrake@papamoacollege.school.nz)



2013 Athletics

## Bus Information

For students who are eligible to access the Ministry-funded bus service, there are two bus routes for Papamoa College.

The two bus routes that service Papamoa College are the Papamoa East bus and the Welcome Bay bus. Please note that you are only eligible to use the bus service if you are:

- In Year 7 or 8 and live more than 3.2km from the college
- In Year 9 or above and live more than 4.8 km from the college

Please find the route and collection times below:

**Papamoa East**-There are two buses for this route. Year 7 and 8 students must take the first bus.

*\*Year 7/8 Bus Only*

- 7.40am Corner of Papamoa Beach Road and Motiti
- 7.42am 1148 Papamoa Beach Road
- 7.44am Corner of Papamoa Beach Road and Karewa Parade
- 7.46am 1225 Papamoa Beach Road
- 7.47am 1247 Papamoa Beach Road
- 7.48am 11 Emerald Shores Drive
- 7.49am 190 Wairakei Ave
- 7.50am 156 Wairakei Ave
- 7.51am 106 Wairakei Ave
- 7.52am Corner of Wairakei Ave and Madeline Terrace
- 7.53am Corner of Calypso and Palazzo
- 8.00am Arrive Papamoa College

*\*Year 9-12 Bus (note different route)*

- 8.05am 1225 Papamoa Beach Road
- 8.06am 1247 Papamoa Beach Road
- 8.07am 11 Emerald Shores Drive
- 8.08am 190 Wairakei Ave
- 8.09am 156 Wairakei Ave
- 8.10am 106 Wairakei Ave
- 8.11am Turn down Golden Sands Drive
- 8.15am Arrive at Papamoa College



**Welcome Bay** (for all Year levels-pick up is anywhere along route)

- 7-15am Depart 314 Bell Road
- 7-20am Turn left into Kairua Road
- 7-23am Turn right Welcome Bay Road
- 7-25am Turn left into Waitao Road
- 7-32am Turn left into Kaiate Falls Road
- 7-37am Turn left into Rocky Cutting Road
- 7-45am Turn right into Welcome Bay Road
- 7-47am Turn right into Reid Road
- 7-53am Turn at top of Reid Road
- 7-59am Turn right into Welcome Bay Road
- 8-00am Taranaki Lane
- 8-10am Arrive Papamoa College

**RETURN**

- 3:20pm Buses leave Papamoa College

*\*Routes travel in reverse*

All bus students will have a bus pass, (student ID card) which they must have and present in order to access the bus service.

## 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.



## 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.