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Principal's Message

Kia ora

With the first term well underway, there have been a number of trips and excursions off campus. I have recently had the privilege of being part of the Lower Middle School camp programme and enjoyed visiting Maunga Learning Commons at Narrow's Park, Waikato. It is great to see students learn in and enjoy a different environment. Such events are designed to challenge students socially, mentally, and physically. Building independence and developing resilience while being away from home, is also an important part of the camp programme.

I wish to thank the parents and helpers who have supported not only the current LMS camps, but also any other school trips or activities. Without parent support, some trips and activities would not be able to run. There will no doubt be other excursions throughout the year where your support will be required. If you are able to assist your child's teacher in any way please let them know - sending an email would be an easy way to communicate with teachers.

Outstanding fees for 2013

At the end of 2013, there was a significant value of fees owing for such things as technology fees, course fees, sports fees, and activity fees.

Unfortunately the school is not funded to provide all activities throughout the school year, and therefore have to pass some or all of the costs on to parents / caregivers.

While we want to make sure that the school provides a wide range of activities, especially co-curricular activities, it is important to make sure that any school activity covers any costs incurred. If we can't cover costs for some activities, they will not be able to operate in the future.

Fees reminder notices have recently been sent to all parents / caregivers over the last month. This includes amounts for any outstanding fees from last year as well as fees for 2014. We ask that these be paid as soon as possible.

To assist you with this, the week of 24 – 28 March will be a focus week for the payment of fees. You may receive an additional reminder regarding any outstanding fees during this week.

We thank you for your support.

Regards

Steve Lindsey
Principal

H2O v's Headaches

Headaches are one of the first signs of mild dehydration and it makes learning and concentrating much harder.

This term we have been seeing a lot of students in sickbay with headaches. Often they have not had a lot of water to drink during the day and no water bottle with them at school.

We do have water fountains available but some students seem reluctant to use them.

It is not safe for students to drink before school and then wait until they get home.

Please remind them to bring a full water bottle to school and to sip away throughout the day!

Woody Vahey
School Health Nurse



What's Happening

Fees Focus Week

24 – 28 March is our Fees Focus week. Fees can be paid at Reception by cash/cheque/efitpos or by using the fees payment envelopes in Student Services. You can also make payments using Internet banking, please phone Reception for more details regarding this option.

Progress Reports Issued

Friday 21 March students will be issued with their Progress Reports. This will give you an indication as to how your child is going and if they are on track for 2014.

Winter Sports

If you are interested in coaching or managing netball, hockey or basketball team this winter; please pick up an information booklet from Reception.



Y12 Ball...

Papamoa College will host its first ever Formal Ball this year. We are busy forming committees with both excited staff and students to get this event off the ground. Watch out for more information as it comes to hand.

Lost Property

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

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

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Inspired...

When 2013 came to an end, and we were all seated in the final assembly, I was so excited to hear I was chosen to receive the Senior Light Wave Art award for 2013. The award was organised by Ken and Karen Wright of Lightwave Gallery, to encourage Visual Art students to strive for creative excellence and learn from industry designers and practising artists.

After an entire year of self-perseverance and commitment, it had paid off and I was given an opportunity I will never forget. Throughout last year I had made an extra effort with my art, improving and learning, I wanted to be the best that I could be. Along with a beautiful big trophy, I was awarded a day with 'Family Design Company' where I was given the opportunity to shadow them and see what it is like to work in that industry.

The one-day turned into three (with an offer to go back during the holidays) and from my experience there, I know exactly what I want to do when I am older.

I gained first hand knowledge of what it takes and of what it is all about in the design industry. Which has proved to be the best opportunity I could have received, as I am excited for my journey of becoming a graphic designer.



Everything from the fast thinking and creative aspects that the job requires, to the studio filled with graphic design books and funky ornaments all appealed to me greatly. I would like to thank both Ken and Karen Wright and Family Design Co. for this amazing opportunity. I'm now constantly thinking about how I will reach my goal or more simply, my future.

Jordan Goodwin
12ARPT



Student Achievement



Merinda Bramley represents NZ in wrestling!

Merinda Bramley (year 12 student) has been selected to represent New Zealand at the Oceania Wrestling Championships from 18-22 March in Pago Pago, American Samoa. If she is successful in her wrestling class, she will qualify for the Youth Olympic Games to be held in Nanjing, China, in August this year.

Unfortunately, Merinda's family has to fund the travel and accommodation costs which come close to \$1700. Any donations would be gratefully received and can be given to Reception and will then be forwarded on.

We wish Merinda all the very best for her competition in American Samoa!

Parents & Friends Group

This month we will be rolling out our new Fundraiser

'Liquid Gold Fertilizer'

It has been developed by Hill Nurseries in Napier who grow the majority of vegetable and fruit plants for Watties and have done for 20 years. It is great for all trees, plants, vegetables and fruit. It is sold in sachets for \$4 per sachet (\$2 of each sale is raised for the college). This fundraising will go towards sunshades.



We need your help! If you are keen to help with this, either by sales or leaflet drop etc please contact Tanya at Reception 5420676.

Second Hand Uniform

The second hand uniform stock is starting to grow and sales should be available soon. If you have any uniform you wish to donate to the school, please feel free to drop it into Reception.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is on Wednesday 9 April 2014 and is held in the staff lounge at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

Sports Performance

The past two weeks have seen the inaugural level one Physical Education day-camps take place. A total of 45 students worked towards gaining seven credits in two Physical Education achievement standards involving responsible safety in the outdoors and interpersonal skills.

The camp began with our students donning wetsuits and helmets ready for a river hop along the Wairoa River. This involved three hours of climbing up and over boulders, rock jumps and swimming through icy cold river water.

After a packed lunch to refuel we fired up the vans and drove to the Adrenaline Forest for a high ropes course. When they said high they meant it, with the grade six course being 20 metres off the ground.

Our students were outstanding, displaying high levels of maturity and work ethic that was commented on by both of the organisations whom hosted us. A special thank you goes to Mrs McGregor whose leadership and organisation of the camp was superb and the staff and parents who assisted us, camps do not work without people like you. We look forward to making this a tradition for the Physical Education Learning area.

Mr Nick Leask
PE & Health Learning Area Coordinator



Student's Poetry

Quatrain

A unicorn
Without a horn
Is a horse, but with a horn,
A unicorn

By Ellie and Lila
9MOT2

The Ocean

A big blue sheet across the earth
Unexplored with lots of surf
Lots of life without question
That my friend is the ocean.

By Dewaldt, Caleb, Christian
9MOT1

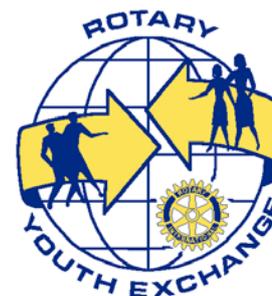
Rotary Youth Exchange

The Rotary Youth Exchange Programme is a one-year exchange living in a different country, learning a new language and culture and attending a foreign school. Departure is in January returning in January the following year. The programme is open to student's aged 16 – 18 in January of the year they depart New Zealand.

Applications for exchange during 2015 close on 30 April 2014.

Over the past year our students have -

- Danced Tango on the rooftops under the stars in Catamarca, Argentina.
- Undertaken a 17-day bus trip visiting 7 countries, with other exchange students from all around the world.
- Enjoyed cheap shopping in Paraguay.
- Made an igloo and slept in it in Canada.
- Spent a week sailing in Croatia.
- Lived with views of 3000mt high snow mountains in Austria.
- Flew to Patagonia for horse trekking.
- Celebrated 20 years since 'The Wall' came down in Germany.
- Surfing the North Sea.
- Became a Viking apprentice.
- Travelling through Northern Brazil for a month with 42 other exchanges.
- Mountain boarding in Switzerland at ski camp.
- Two weeks sunbathing in South France, sampling amazing food.



If students are interested in in this exchange and are aged between 16 to18, then register your interest with Jerry Cowper 576 9150 or email cbas@actrix.co.nz to attend the Information Seminar on Sunday 30 March 2014 10am – 12pm at Classic Flyers Aviation Museum, 9 Jean Batten Drive, Mt Maunganui.

Lower Middle School Camps

On the February 26, the whole of Tatahi Learning Commons drove to Hamilton for the awesome Narrows Park Camp for three days and two nights.

We did a variety of activities which included a long, steep waterslide, slingshot paintball, go-karts, downhill trolleys and many more super cool activities. Everyone had an amazing, funny and awesome time on camp.

The meals we had at camp were divine. Some of the most favoured meals were pizza and the chicken. Having chocolate brownie and steamed pudding for dessert was as good as what we get at home.

Camp also gave the students in Tatahi the chance to develop and show leadership skills. It was also an awesome way for all of us to get to know each other.

We would like to thank all of the parents and teachers that were involved in our amazing camp. A special thanks to our learning commons teachers for organising our camp to be really fun and inclusive for everyone.

By Rhia, Erika, Liam and George
Tatahi Learning Commons Students



From the Board

Kia Ora Koutou Whanau,

Wow – it's hard to believe we're already half way through term 1. I find it takes until now for our whanau to settle in to the new school year. For the kids to get their sleeping and eating routines sorted out, for homework to start making an appearance and for Simon and I to get our heads around the different subjects and teacher expectations. I hope your whanau and students have started the year well and that you are excited about the many opportunities available to your child.

The Board have had a productive start to the year too and have had their first meeting where the 2014 Charter and Strategic Plan were adopted.

I have met with the Sherry Bennett - Chairperson of the Parents & Friends Group and have shared with her the board's vision for this academic year and beyond.

The Parents & Friends Group play a pivotal role in supporting the school, not only with fundraising (which they do really well by the way) but with organising parents for events such as the uniform shop during the school holidays, athletics day, swimming sports and the like. The group are looking to expand their membership and I would encourage you to go along to their monthly meetings and support them and the school by getting involved with their fundraising initiatives and activities. It is also a great way to get to know other parents and be actively involved with your child's education.

I met with Nga Potiki Iwi a week or two ago to discuss the board's vision and how we can work together to achieve success for our Maori students. Board member, Loretta Johnstone, and I have attended a cluster networking meeting focussing on Maori student achievement and I have attended a Ngai Te Rangi Iwi Trust hui to discuss the Ngai Te Rangi Iwi Education Plan. Planning is under way for our first Parents Support Group whanau meeting of the year and I am looking forward to sharing the board's vision and gaining their input on how we will work with the school to achieve success for their students.

The Board's next meeting is scheduled for Monday 17 March.

Until next time... Noho ora mai

Angela Hayden
Chairperson Board of Trustees

