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# CONNECT

## From the Principal

Kia Ora

It has been my pleasure to be able to support many of our students who are competing in the AIMS Games. This tournament is an excellent event that brings the best Year 7 and 8 sports students together, who travel from all over the country, to compete in 17 different sporting codes.

Most of us know that the process to become better at any activity, is the combination of learning the correct skills, practising them, and then applying them in context - i.e. playing the game or competing. Being challenged by an opponent that is better than you or performing at a top level, also ignites the competitive spirit within and spurs us on even further to do better.

During the Aims Games, our students have the opportunity to be stretched, challenged, tested, beaten or to be the winners. Medals, high placings and top of the table results, are great to aspire to, and it would be very pleasing to achieve such results for 2014. However, even better than this, will be if each student becomes a better person through - improving their game skills, developing greater confidence, being able to work well with other people, enjoying being involved and participating, while also maintaining a positive and healthy attitude towards competition.

From what I have experienced when watching our students, they are well on their way to becoming much better people than what they were at the start of the tournament. As a community, we can be very proud of the way in which Papamoa College students have represented themselves, their families/whanau and their school. It hasn't concerned me whether they have won or lost the game or competition, but it has filled me with pride when I see the students displaying the high standards of behaviour and attitudes, that demonstrate good people with great character.

A full report on the results from our students at the AIMS Games will follow once they are finalised. Go Papamoa College!

Regards

Steve Lindsey  
**Principal**

**NZQA** launched a new App in May called the NCEA Guide.

In the lead up to national NCEA exams, we would like your assistance in helping to encourage all parents, whanau and employers to download the App.

The App provides quick and easy access to key information about NCEA and makes practical information about NCEA more easily accessible. Parents and whanau are able to access simple content about how NCEA works and how they can support family members studying in NCEA (no individual student result or progress information is available).

The App also supports employers seeking to understand and evaluate NCEA graduates and their qualification. Content can be viewed in English and Te Reo Maori.

The NCEA Guide App is free to download from the Apple App store and Google Play Store.

Information on the NZQA website promotes the App and NZQA are also sending out social media messages about how to download it.

## What's Happening

### Practice Exam Week

Y11 & Y12 Students will be on study leave for the week of **15 - 19 September** and will only need to attend school for their timetabled exams, otherwise they are expected to be at home studying. **Please note:** Buses will run at normal times.

### Winter Sports Photos

The winter sports photos will be taken throughout the day on Friday 26 September. Please bring back any sports uniforms on this day to wear for the photos and then to return for the year.

### Papamoa College Sports Sweatshirts

We have designed a Sports Sweatshirt for students to purchase and wear while participating and representing Papamoa College in sporting events. The cost of the sweatshirt is \$50 and comes in two designs. The first design is a plain navy colour and the second design has white feature strips down the body. Students will also receive their surname printed on the bottom of the sweatshirt. Please collect an order form from Student Services and come to see Mrs Caitlin Tarr (Sports Director) if you would like to order a sweatshirt.

**Please note** - as this sweatshirt will be part of the sporting uniform, students will not be able to wear it at school.



## Y10 Trademark Event

On Tuesday 19 August the Year 10 trademark event- Papamoa Punisher took place.

Karl from Global Fitness ran this event. Students participated in whanau teams of 5-6 students and took part in boot camp style activities, working together to get over the line in the fastest time.

There was some amazing teamwork on show as well as sheer determination. Wawata teams took out the top spots for both girls and boys.

Well done to all of those Year 10's that participated.

Mrs Annaliese Dirkse  
Whanau Leader



### Sport Performance

Papamoa College Sport Performance students are starting to produce some outstanding results in Physical Education and Health.

Students in the subject are producing results well above the National averages for schools of the same decile.

The Year 11 Sport Performance Excellence results for all achievement standards are 40.9% above the national norm. The Year 12 Sport Performance Excellence results for all achievement standards are 26.8% above the national norm.

Approximately 70% of all Year 11 and 12 students taking Sport Performance this year are on target to receive a Merit or Excellence Endorsement.

*"I enjoy taking Sport Performance because we are challenged to gain Excellence" Maddison Grace Jeffries, Year 12 Sport Performance.*

Students have also been involved with the Papamoa community through assisting Golden Sands School and Papamoa Primary School with their annual cross-country events. In addition to their success in Sport Performance, students will also have the opportunity to take Senior Health as a subject choice in 2015. This can only add to their success in subjects that they are passionate about.

*"I am happy Senior Health is an option for next year because when I leave school I want to be in the Health industry" – Joelle Farminer Year 12 Sport Performance.*

Sport Performance students will also have access to our school gymnasium during lunchtime in the coming weeks and in future years to complete specific workouts for their chosen sport. PE & Health teacher, Mrs Sharee Hemmingway-McGregor explains, "The idea behind this, is so students can improve their selected components of fitness which will enhance their performance based achievement standards." These workouts will be posted on the Sport Performance facebook page the night before training.

Mr Nick Leask  
Learning Area Coordinator  
Physical Education & Health



**OPEN YOUR EYES TO BULLYING**

My daughter avoided answering questions & became secretive about what she was doing on the computer & mobile phone.

**KNOW THE SIGNS & MAKE IT STOP.**

[www.knowthesigns.co.nz](http://www.knowthesigns.co.nz)

Bay of Plenty Times THE BREEZE TAUFANGA SAFE CITY

Tauranga Moana Safe City have created an awareness campaign around how to 'recognise the signs' that a child is being bullied or is the bully. This campaign is based on findings received from the Ministry of Social Development.

Parents can expect to see images on the 'back of school buses', in the newspaper and on the side of the Police Station.

Sadly, bullying happens everywhere in society and unfortunately chances are, your child may encounter it.

Can you identify the signs/symptoms of bullying?

The website [www.knowthesigns.co.nz](http://www.knowthesigns.co.nz) has a lot more information and advice for parents and local contacts.

As the adults in our children's lives; let's work together to ensure that we 'know the signs'

## Senior School Update...

This is an extremely busy time of year for the Senior School with the practice exams looming. Students have been issued with an exam timetable for the week of 15-19 September. With help from staff, students are drawing up revision programmes for the next few weeks. Most subjects have made available study guides and exam papers from previous years to help students learn how to approach exams and to do their best in them.

Option forms for next year are also due in for Years 10-12. It has been great to see so many students talking with teachers and parents and seriously planning for their future career pathway.

We are working very closely with other education providers and businesses so that each individual student can move

forward into the career or tertiary study that best suits them. For some students, being at school full time is the best option. For other students a combination of being out in the work place gaining qualifications as well as part time attendance at school, suits them better. It is a 'scary' time for some students and we aim to support each individual by making sure their plan is well thought through. Some of our students will be looking to go to University in 2016 so we have started to look at the process for this too.

Academic achievement is important for all aspects of further study and employment; however, the work place, and other courses can be very difficult or competitive to get into. To gain a competitive advantage, it is essential that all students are able to

demonstrate that they are "well-rounded" by developing other interests that they are confident talking about and are actively involved with. This could be a myriad of things, from sporting, musical or cultural pursuits through to leadership or community work. Employers and Tertiary educators are looking for students who are not just academically able but who are also good people and contributing members of society.

We have encouraged all seniors to keep a log of what they are involved in so that when the time comes to apply elsewhere, they can recall other community contribution as well as their academic achievements.

Mrs Cath McCready  
Director of Senior School

## Gateway Update...



Several senior students are getting a taste of life in the workforce since beginning work placements on the Gateway Programme this term.

Gateway is a nation-wide programme which gives students the opportunity to learn on-the-job in their planned future pathway, while they continue to study at school.

"I'm Declan Skidmore and I'm working at the Sandbox Preschool in Papamoa one day per week. I really enjoy taking care of children and letting them have fun. The kids love chasing me outside. We always have lots of fun."

Declan is enjoying his workplace opportunity and is keen to train as an early childhood teacher when he leaves school.

"I'm Jakob Christensen and my placement is at a dairy farm in Welcome Bay. As well as milking, there are lots of other tasks to do on a farm, like moving stock, feeding calves from a calfeteria, washing down the yards and putting up temporary fencing.

"Being on the farm is a great environment to work in and the people are really nice. It's fun to work with animals and I'm enjoying learning new skills. I hope in the future to own my own dairy farm and tell other people about this exciting career."



## 2015 Bus Information

As of the start of 2015, the Ministry of Education will no longer be paying for bus services that are not deemed as rural. Therefore, as of Term 1, 2015, the Papamoa East bus will become a fare paying service operated by BOP Regional Council.

The fares have been listed as \$1.15 concessionary and \$1.60 cash fares. Regardless of the distance you are located from the college, any Papamoa East students wishing to use the bus, will do so as a member of the public with a reduced fare rate.

The Welcome Bay bus (which services Bell Road and Welcome Bay Road/Kairua Road etc.) **will** remain a Ministry contracted service, which is free for eligible students as it is servicing an area identified as rural.

All bus students will be attending an assembly later this term to explain these changes.

If you have any questions regarding 2015 buses please contact Whaea Ngaere Durie by phone 542 0676 or email [ndurie@papamoacollege.school.nz](mailto:ndurie@papamoacollege.school.nz)

## Chinese Cultural Visit

A few weeks ago, some students from China came into Papamoa College for two days! It was a very extraordinary experience for both the Chinese students, and ourselves.

The first morning was a little awkward due to the fact that it was the first time we had met and that there was a huge language barrier. We were all very grateful that there was a translator with the Chinese students. Our Kiwi/Chinese brother Yunbai could speak both Mandarin, and English so that made it a little more comfortable!

"What were they there for?" I hear you ask! Well, I'll tell you right now! These students were looking at Universities to study at in New Zealand and they wanted to see what the teaching 'style' here was like. It was our jobs, as Middle School Leaders, to show them around the school and involve them in our typical day of learning at Papamoa College!

They went to Sport Performance where they experienced Multi Sport, and we took them for a Chemistry class where we made slime and bouncy balls! We had a lot of opportunities to share our cultures with each other. One time in particular was when we introduced Rugby to them, it was pretty hilarious! The first 'obstacle' was them trying to bounce the rugby ball and not realising why it wouldn't return to them! An 'obstacle' for us Kiwi students was when the Chinese students were trying to get us to say some Chinese words and we just couldn't do it! But, after a lot of practise we all overcome the 'obstacles' that came with new experience!

We also introduced a new food to them... 'Fish and Chips...'

Darius Walker  
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**Sunday  
14 Sept, 2014  
10am - 2pm  
Free activities  
for 2-6 yr olds**



# Tamariki Day

Celebrating Nga Taonga Tuku Iho me nga Tamariki  
Treasures handed down to our children and grandchildren




**Where:**  
Papamoa College,  
Doncaster Dr, Papamoa

**Free activities:**  
Carnival rides, games,  
colour-in competition,  
prizes, face painting,  
storytelling and  
many more children  
activities...

**Bring a picnic lunch!**

As a priority the Nga Potiki a Tamapahore Trust and the Ministry of Education want to increase participation in early childhood education. Registration and survey when you arrive.

