

## Message from the Principal

I recently spent a day with the principals of all the schools within the Mt Maunganui and Papamoa coastal area. This time was spent discussing aspects of how all of our schools, can further develop how we work together, rather than in isolation from each other. After all, we all work with the same students, families and whanau, in the same communities, but just at different stages of the education sector. Contrary to what some people might think, all of the Mt Maunganui and Papamoa schools have close links and work closely together.

It is true that schools work within an educational environment that is competitive, but also collaborative. Parents have the choice to send their child to any school, providing they meet the enrolment requirements for their chosen school, and are able to provide a means of transport if necessary. Even though schools produce glossy brochures and promote the benefits of attending their own school, all to attract student enrolments, there are strong professional relationships between principals, leadership teams and teachers. This is certainly the case for the schools within Mt Maunganui and Papamoa.

Schools face the same types of challenges and operate within the same educational parameters. They also perform the same organisational functions, and employ teachers from the same personnel pool. However, all these activities are largely conducted by individual schools, in isolation from each other. There are significant benefits that are realised if schools work closely together.

The wealth of professional leadership knowledge and experience, as well as expert teachers in all areas of teaching and learning, is largely under-utilised between schools. It is in this area of leadership and teacher expertise that Mt Maunganui and Papamoa schools are continuing to collaborate.

There are and will always be, variations between schools; from approaches to learning, specific programmes on offer, and the range of co-curricular activities that students can take part in. Parents and students are well served by the high quality of schools not only in the Mt Maunganui and Papamoa coastal area but across the Bay of Plenty. From a professional perspective it is good to be part of a group of like minded principals and teachers, who are not only committed to the success of their own school, but also to education as a whole within the Mt Maunganui and Papamoa coastal area.

Kind Regards

Steve Lindsey  
Principal



### Upper Middle School (Y9/Y10) Dance!

WHEN: Wednesday 1 April  
WHERE: Theatre  
TIME: 7pm to 9.30pm  
THEME: Opposites attract

Tickets are \$5.00 and are on sale every interval and lunchtime in the Lobby.

## What's Happening

### Term Dates

**Term 1:** February 2 - April 2

**Term 2:** April 20 - July 3

**Term 3:** July 20 - September 25

**Term 4:** October 12 - December 11

### Progress Reports Issued

Friday 20 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 2015.

### Parent Student Conferences

These conferences will be held over the following two days:

Wednesday 25 March

2.00pm - 7.30pm

Thursday 26 March

2.00pm - 6.00pm

To make an appointment go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) enter the appropriate event code and simply following the instructions:

**Year 7 & 8 enter KS85W**

**Year 9 to Y13 enter 5N3GW**

School will finish early for all students on these two days at 12.35pm. The buses will run at this early time.

### Y7 PCT Challenge

Monday 30 March from 1pm - 3pm at Papamoa College.

Parents/caregivers/whanau are most welcome to come and watch our Y7 students participate in a fun event where they have to work as a team to get through a series of challenges and beat the clock.

### NCEA Information Evening

Tuesday 31 March at 6.30pm in the Senior Block. The purpose of the evening is to help parents/caregivers/whanau who are new to NCEA, make sense of the NCEA qualification structure.



## Maunga Camp

On Wednesday 25 February, Maunga learning commons went to Lakes Ranch for their annual camp.

We completed activity rotations in our teams, which had great leaders. There was a range of different activities such as a waterslide, archery, rock climbing, swimming pool, kayaking, hammock swing, flying fox and problem solving tasks.

Nighttime at around 7:00pm, two classes went to the hot pool and then built a campfire. The other two classes did the Burma trail and glow-worms walk after visiting the lake.

The mud run on the last day was the best activity. All students participated and completed the course, we were all extremely muddy! The food on camp was great. We really liked having something nice to eat on those hot days.

Maunga camp was awesome!

By Rogan Long & Flynn Parriss  
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## From the Board

*Tena kotou katoa  
Ko Tainui te waka  
Ko Tararua te maunga  
Ko Rangiteikei te awa  
Ko Ngati Raukawa te iwi  
Ko Ngati Huia te hapu  
Ko Matau te marae  
Ko Hoani toku matua  
Ko Maria toku whaea  
Ko Simon toku hoa tane  
Ko Melanie ratou ko Sam ko Sophie aku tamariki  
Ko Angela Hayden ahau*

*My people descend from Tainui waka  
My mountain is the Tararua Ranges  
My river is the Rangiteikei  
My tribe is Ngati Raukawa in the Horowhenua  
My subtribe is Ngati Huia in Levin  
My family marae is Matau  
My father's name was Hoani  
My mother's name is Marina  
I am married to Simon  
Our children are Melanie, Sam and Sophie*

My name is Angela Hayden and I have the privilege of being the Board of Trustees Chairperson. The Board is made up of parent trustees Daryn Bennett, Colin Reeder and Loretta Johnstone as well as student trustee Briam Carrington, staff trustee Jaki Lee and Principal Steve Lindsey.

Although we are still very young for a school we are proud of our outstanding academic, cultural and sporting achievements to date. 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.

To ensure your child's success this year there are things you can do. Take the time to get to know your child's teachers and take an active interest in what they are learning, attend various information sessions during the year, encourage your child to participate in sport and cultural activities, help on school trips and activities, get to know your child's friends or join the Parents & Friends group or Whanau group. These groups are a wonderful way to be actively involved with your child's education as well as getting to know other parents and families in the community.

I wish students well with their academic studies this year and will look forward to hearing of their achievements at our Board meetings. I also look forward to watching them from the sidelines as they participate in the many cultural, arts and sporting activities available to them.

Angela Hayden  
Board Chairperson

# Lightwave Art Award

The "Lightwave Art Excellence Award" is proudly sponsored by Ken and Karen Wright of Lightwave Gallery. Last year, Jerusha Razey was presented with the award for an outstanding commitment in NCEA Level 2 Art and Design.

Her course work was at the Excellence level throughout the year, showing particular attention to detail, it was original in concept and demonstrated amazing talent and flair.

The award involves the recipient experiencing a day or two with an artist or designer within the creative industries. Jerusha was eligible to spend time working with the professional photographer/graphic designer/artist, Ken Wright.



Ken specialises in Landscape Photography and produces stunning images. A lot of his work is documenting and recreating moments of Bay of Plenty beauty.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ken and Karen Wright for this award and to share just how beneficial their generous contribution is, in inspiring the students of Papamoa College.

Ken gave up valuable time to pass on technical knowledge, safety tips, trade secrets and to inspire Jerusha with stories of 4am missions around the country, all to achieve the perfect photo. His ability to control his camera to capture beautiful light and movement and his inspirational teaching, allowed Jerusha the opportunity to capture effective images at Kaiate falls, using low lighting and long shutter speed. (pictured above).

Jerusha is a member of the very first year 13 Photography class. Amazing work Jerusha! Keep it up.

Mrs Helen MacDuff  
Visual Arts Specialist



Jerusha will also attend a Photoshop workshop with Ken at a later date so we look forward to sharing with you the edited photos.



Miss Victoria Te Paa  
Library Assistant

My name is Victoria (Tori) Te Paa and I have been at Papamoa College since term two 2014.

I have three years of library experience working as a student librarian at the Papamoa Public Library; where I still work during the afternoons and one-year experience as a library assistant.

My plan for the future includes studying for a Diploma in Information and Library Studies and I am passionate about promoting literacy in teens and children.



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Mrs Karen Manning

Librarian

My name is Karen Manning and I have been at Papamoa College since 2011. I have a Bachelor of Education, Diploma of Teaching and a Diploma in Information and Library Studies (Level 5).

My experience comes from the public library sector, specialising in children and teen services. I am passionate about information literacy including digital literacy. When I am not at work I enjoy spending time with friends and family and being at the beach with a good book. I have two girls who keep me busy and they both attend Papamoa Primary School.



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## Environment Council

Plastic Free Month is an awareness and education series of events for the month of March within our community.

The term 'Plastic Free' refers to the refusal of single use plastics in our daily lives. "Single-use" includes plastic shopping bags, plastic cups, straws, plastic packaging, plastic wrap ...basically anything that's intended only to be used once and then discarded. We encourage families and the wider community to refuse to use these sorts of plastics and try the many alternatives and reusing techniques. If refusing all single-use plastic sounds too daunting this time, try the TOP 4 challenge (straws, plastic bags, plastic bottles & coffee cup lids).

As part of plastic free month we have been holding weekly workshops. Each workshop will explore a new way to reuse plastic products. There are so many ways to up-cycle and reuse products that we normally throw out.

We will also be running education presentations within our school and at local primary schools. Even our Campus Cafe has swapped some of its' plastic products for cardboard based and biodegradable products in support of Plastic Free Month.

So why attempt to go plastic free? Nearly all plastics are made from petroleum or natural gases, fossil fuels derived from deep in the earth, to be processed into workable materials for plastics. The extraction process of fossil fuels in itself is dangerous to the environment. We have all seen the impacts of oil in the Gulf of Mexico, and witnessed it here on our own beaches. It seems a bit silly that all of these resources are used to make plastic but are completely wasted when we use the product once.

So how can you be plastic free this month? Here are the top tips to try!

- ✚ Carry reusable shopping bags (keep in hand-bag or car)
- ✚ Say no to plastic produce bags (reuse old ones).
- ✚ Buy from bulk bins as often as possible (bulk products e.g. chips or nuts)
- ✚ Cut out bottled water, juices, and all other plastic-bottled beverages.
- ✚ Buy fresh bread that comes in either paper bags or no bags (can reuse plastic bags to wrap food in instead of glad wrap)

- ✚ Use plastic free products eg: metal razors, compostable packaging, bamboo toothbrush.
- ✚ Bring your own container for meat and prepared foods (Deli, takeaways)
- ✚ Choose milk in returnable glass bottles (can get this in Welcome Bay)
- ✚ Reuse anything you have! There is always a use for something! Google is your best friend!

So try attempting a plastic free day, week or month! There are many online resources, which further explain the implications of plastics in our environment and ocean. There is more information on how to be plastic free on our FaceBook page: Papamoa College Environment Council. Good luck!

Victoria Rhodes-Carlin Y13  
Environment Council



**Well Done!**

## Touch Rugby

Papamoa College entered a mixed team of year 10-13 students into the Social Grade in the Papamoa Touch Rugby Tournament. They played every Thursday night over the duration of Term 4, 2014 and Term 1, 2015. By playing extremely well each week, they lead their division from the beginning of the season. They held onto that led and managed to continue it into 2015. With some players being unavailable and other students filling in as needed, the team made it to the finals on Sunday 1 March. They played well to take a hard fought win and take out their Division as overall winners!

This group of amazing students represented our school proudly through displaying every school value that we hope to instil in our students. It was particularly humbling and exciting to witness our students take on leadership roles within the team and support each other week in and week out.

Well-done Papamoa College Senior Touch Team!

Ms Kim Remus  
Teacher in Charge – Touch Rugby



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