

CONNECT

What's Happening

Message from the Principal

Kia Ora

I hope that this Connect finds you and your family/whanau well, and not being affected by the bugs and ills that seem to be going around of late.

The end of this term is an important time for teachers to formally report to you as parents, caregivers and whanau, on the academic progress to date for your child. Every student will be issued with a Mid Year Report, on the last day of term 2.

Parent Student Conferences

Parent student conferences are during the first week back next term, on Wednesday 22 July 2.00-5.00pm, 5.30-7.30pm and Thursday 23 July, 2.00-6.00pm. A letter that outlines how to book interviews with teachers online, has been sent home with the Mid Year Reports. I recommend that you book interview times as soon as possible, to avoid disappointment.

2016 Subject and Option Selection

The start of term 3 is a busy time for year 9 -12 students to select subjects and options for 2016. It is important for you to be familiar with the relevant Curriculum Guide and the process for selection to ensure your child makes well informed decisions. You can find a e-copy of the Senior Curriculum Guide on our website www.papamoacollege.school.nz and students have access to printed copies at school. There will be a Pathway Information Evening on Tuesday 28 July, 6.00-8.00pm, where you can talk to staff representatives from the different learning areas.

Community Survey

We welcome comments on how we are performing and invite you to take part in our Community Survey. You will find a link on the home page of our website to complete the survey www.papamoacollege.school.nz.

Kind Regards

Steve Lindsey
Principal



Term Dates

Term 3: July 20 - September 25

Term 4: October 12 - December 11

Parent Student Conferences

These conferences will be held over the following two days:

Wednesday 22 July

2.00pm – 7.30pm

Thursday 23 July

2.00pm – 6.00pm

To make an appointment go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz enter the appropriate event code and simply following the instructions:

Year 7 & 8 enter MR6HG

Year 9 to 13 enter 2FBL

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

GREASE

Tickets for the first Papamoa College School Production "Grease" are now on sale. They are available from the College Reception, Papamoa Plaza Kiosk and also from www.eventfinder.co.nz The show is on from Wednesday 5 – Saturday 8 August. Tickets are only \$15 per Adult and \$10 per Child. Get in quick!

Student Achievement

The Decision Reach Out (Toromai) Trust has confirmed the selection of 4 candidates from Papamoa College. Jeorgia Gesthuizen Y12, Isabella Cowie Y12, Chelsie Osterman Y12 and Taliya Boyd-Zame Y12 will attend the Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Center camp from 5 -10 July.

These students will represent Papamoa College as our potential female leaders. The all expenses paid trip down to the mountain, will include leadership mentoring and challenges to enable their skills as future leaders. A number of students from across the country have also been selected and together they will be challenged with high ropes courses, an over-night stay in the bush, orienteering, building a snow cave shelter and crossing icy mountain rivers.

Mr Ken Kilkenny
Y12 Senior Leader

Y9 Citizenship Trademark Event

Wo-man up the hill is a physical trade mark challenge for all year 9 students. Not only do you need to be physically fit and prepared you also need basic knowledge skill, and most of all be able to work in a team.

In groups of between 6-8, we were to get to the top of the Papamoa Hills weighted with a 20kg water container and a tyre. We had to overcome obstacles as well as answer pop quizzes and solve riddles. For each correct answer we were able to drop some weight, making the climb easier and more bearable. If we got the question wrong or we misbehaved, we had to do pushups or a similar exercise. Getting to the top was extremely satisfying but not as satisfying as getting back down and being greeted with much needed refreshments.

The event was awesome!!

By Moana Students



Puke Learning Commons Noho Marae

On Thursday 25 and Friday 26 of June, Puke Learning Commons were privileged to be hosted by Tamapahore Marae for our first Noho Marae.

It was an action packed day and night with an abundance of learning experiences for our tamariki. From flax weaving, poi making, rakau and ki o rahi games, to students presenting their Pepeha to the group in the Whareniui. It was a rich and meaningful experience for us all.

On behalf of Puke Learning Commons we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Mr Burgess, Whaea Melis, Whaea Nia, the senior Te Reo Maori students, whanau members and Tamapahore Marae for making this experience possible.

Miss Karla Wesselink
Leader of Puke Learning Commons



2015 Ball – Arabian Nights



Papamoa College had its second ball on the 27 June, held at the new location of the ASB arena. It was the first year that both the year 12's and year 13's students could get involved. The ball committee put many months into planning the ball and sourcing perfect decorations to match the theme of Arabian Nights. The construction of the many props including camels was a massive job and a huge thanks goes to Dominic Koch and Ben Dovaston who spent hours in the workshop creating them. Emily McKay was the decorations controller and she pulled off a classy and well themed idea.

The arrival to the ball was quite memorable! There was everything from limos to motorbikes, even a boat arrived to make an extravagant entrance before students walked up the Arabian carpet. All students looked their best with some quite unrecognisable in their finery. Four student leaders from each of the local colleges' were invited and they enjoyed the celebrations alongside our students. The photo booth and tarot card reader aka Miss Donaldson had a constant queue all night. Thank you to the year 11 students who helped on the night as photographers, cloakroom operators etc.

Awards were presented later in the evening for best entrance, cutest couple, best dressed to name just a few. The Y13 King & Queen of the ball were Ben Dovaston and Imogen Durkan, and the new award of Y12 Prince and Princess of the ball was presented to Joel Strawbridge and Gemma Ray.

A huge thank you to the ball committee for their amazing work and to all the staff who helped prior to and on the night. It was a great occasion. Planning for next years ball starts next term!

Imogen Durkan Y13
Ball Committee



Safe Driver Expo

All year 11 students were invited to attend the Safe Driver Expo at Classic Flyers last month. The event is organised by the police and supported by the other emergency services. Invited speakers who have been affected by those making poor driving choices spoke from the heart and at times emotionally about how their lives have been changed. The students listened intently and were a credit to the school and their families in the way they conducted themselves. Having listened to the speakers they were then able to move around the exhibits going into the 'booze bus', talking with some of the speakers and wearing the vision impairment goggles before trying to complete a simple task.

With many of our students starting the process of getting their driving license, it is a timely reminder of the responsibility you are undertaking when getting behind the wheel of a car. As well as the obvious dangers of drink driving other risky behaviours were outlined including that of texting or talking on the phone whilst driving.

The statistics surrounding young drivers and accidents is well documented and it is essential that we encourage and model safe practices to our young people.



Following on from this the members of Students Against Dangerous Driving (SADD) led by Katherine Purchase are working with the year 11 students to promote safe driving habits.

Mrs Cath McCready
Director of the Senior School

Students Against Dangerous Driving SADD

This is the first year that Papamoa College has had its own Students Against Dangerous Driving (SADD) committee.

SADD is entirely dedicated to protecting teenagers from the dangers they face every day on the road, whether it be drunk drivers or just irresponsible drivers.

Twelve passionate senior students have dedicated themselves to raising awareness and promoting the devastating effects that dangerous driving has through non-funded projects. So far this term SADD has held a small expo for the Year 11's, this project was titled 'Plan B4 U Party'. We decided to aim this project at the Year 11's because they are beginning to socialise. We wanted them to understand that they must always plan out their night to avoid getting behind the wheel or in a vehicle with others who are under the influence.

Our second project was named 'The Walking Dead'. The timing of this project was crucial as our School Ball had just taken place. Several students dressed up in blood, dark make-up and torn clothing to represent those young teenagers who have lost their lives driving home from after parties. This was a huge success with the impact we were hoping for.

SADD is currently undergoing their third project for the year with big future plans.

Katherine Purchase
SADD Committee



Student Learning with the Community

Learning at school is only part of a student's overall learning experience. It is important that student learning is related as much as possible, to what happens in the community and in their own life. At Papamoa College we are always looking for ways to build links with people and organisations in the community, that will help develop students' achievement.

Already, students have benefited through working alongside people and organisations in the community. For this we are very grateful to those that have supported the school and the students. The following table is a summary of many of the ways in which the community has been involved with the school.

Community involved in the school	
	<i>Some examples of involvement</i>
Student Readers	Members of the community working on campus with individual students to assist with their level of reading . . .
Parent and Caregiver help	Class trips Camp parent help Kapa Haka support Special event guest speakers in classes Library support Sporting and Arts trips . . .
Sporting Programme	Coaches and Managers Tournament help and support . . .
Special Assessment Conditions	Members of the community working with specific students as a readers/writers for internal assessments . . .
Partnership Groups	Parents and Friends Previous Whanau Support Group Sporting code committees and groups . . .
Community group partnerships	Rotary Commemorative area Scholarships available for students . . .
Visiting Speakers	Careers speakers Careers EXPO days Local business and industry speakers visits to classes and year levels Citizenship - <i>This is my job</i> . . series Pastoral Care – Drug and Alcohol, Making good decisions, Revolution Tour, Love me not programme. Guest speakers for student leadership groups . . .
Community clubs	Karake Club Table Tennis Club . . .
Facilities Hire / Use	Netball Camp Various external sports teams have used the facilities Various local schools' and early childcare centre events - productions, staff functions. Community events and evenings . . .
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Events in the community	Santa Parade - float Beach clean ups Kapa Haka involved in powhiri for community events Art Exhibition at the Papamoa Plaza Shopping Centre . . .
Special Events and Programmes	Performing Arts Academy for local primary school children Teachers running workshops in contributing schools Evenings for Parents on Drugs and Alcohol Parenting Course on campus . . .
Service Programme	Citizenship - Lend a hand Citizenship – Community service hours . . .
Fundraising activities	Use of local business areas for fundraising opportunities Sausage Sizzles Carwashes . . .
Student trips off campus	Trips to local businesses and business people that are directly related to their curriculum learning
Presentations at local community organisations	Papamoa Progressive Group Rotary Clubs Lions Club Probus Clubs
Gateway Programme	Students working and learning in a range of local businesses

The table above only lists some examples of how the school is involved with the community. We are keen to increase our involvement with the community further, therefore if you are able to support the school in any way, or have possible useful connections please let us know. Email enquiries@papamoacollege.school.nz or call Reception 5420676.

Smokefree Rockquest



Smokefree Rockquest

Zac Solomon Y11 (pictured) performed as a part of 'thlostgods' at the Regional Smokefree Rockquest finals at Baycourt on Saturday 27 June.

Performing two originals, the metal-style band had the crowd rocking. After taking out the People's Choice award, they are now preparing for the National finals in Auckland in November.

Good luck for the finals!

Miss Katrina Wickham
Learning Area Coordinator - Music



Parents Place

Common Ground - A place of support

Parents, families, whanau and friends play a vital role in supporting young people through challenging times in their lives. Sometimes it can be hard to see the signs of an emerging mental health issue until it gets to a crisis point.

Common Ground provides easy access to information that will help friends and whanau support young people to manage hard times, and enjoy happier lives.

Common Ground comes highly recommended to the Pastoral Care team at Papamoa College and we wanted to pass on this information to our families.

For further information please go to the Common Grounds website www.commonground.org.nz

Happy holidays and I look forward to seeing you in term three.

Mrs Jane Kay
Guidance Counsellor

Youth Week - Mobile Expo

Papamoa College had the awesome opportunity to host a lunchtime Youth Expo during the last week of May.

The Youth Expo was run by Tauranga Youth Development Trust and the prime focus was to let our students know about the kinds of youth services and agencies exist in our area. The expo included sports demonstrations, giveaways, sausage sizzle and art demonstration. The theme for Youth Week 2015 was 'We Are the Future'. This event was well supported by our students who thoroughly enjoyed all the activities.

Mrs Jane Kay
Guidance Counsellor

