

Message from the Principal Mr Steve Lindsey

Kia Ora

I would like to alert you to two pieces of new legislation that have been recently introduced in New Zealand.

Vulnerable Children Act 2015

The Vulnerable Children Act 2015 sets out the legal requirements for any organisation that works with children, in order to keep them safe. The key areas include; implementing a Children's Action Plan, that ensures the staff appointment process is rigorous and employees are effectively screened and vetted before they start employment. Processes must also be in place to identify and report any possible neglect and abuse in children.

Papamoa College has always had rigorous staff appointment processes and will continue to do so. We comply with all regulations for employing staff, which includes conducting police vet checks on any staff member who has unsupervised access to students. We also police vet check all volunteers such as coaches, managers and helpers involved with overnight excursions. Our basic premise is, if a person has unsupervised access to students then they will be required to be police vet checked. These police vet checks are repeated every three years.

The school also has clear processes to identify and report any suspected neglect or abuse of children. The staff in conjunction with the Pastoral Care Team, are experienced in dealing with these sensitive issues. Once again, these processes have been in place since opening in 2011.

Be assured that Papamoa College takes the responsibility of child safety seriously, and has effective processes in place. More information can be obtained at www.education.govt.nz - search for Vulnerable Children's Act.

Harmful Digital Communications Act 2015

This Act addresses serious instances of bullying and harassment by people using digital technology. It is against the law to send online messages and material that deliberately causes someone serious emotional distress. This sends a clear message that what people write and send in the digital environment, will almost be treated the same as if it was done in person. You can read more about this Act by searching for Harmful Digital Communications on the following website www.justice.govt.nz

Papamoa College is also committed to develop students, to be responsible cyber-citizens. We often talk to students about behaving as the same person, whether you are online or in person. The anonymity of the digital environment doesn't mean that our behaviour should be any different.



Minister's Visit

Minister of Education Visits

We were honoured to have the Minister of Education – Hekia Parata, visit Papamoa College on Friday 7 August. She was officially welcomed onto the campus by Head Boy – Rawhira Te Keeti Mathews, Head Girl – Victoria Rhodes-Carlin and representatives from the Kapa Haka group.

The main purpose of the visit was to discuss student achievement, the challenges we face and how we are over-coming them. We were able to share with her, many of our achievement successes that included National Standards and NCEA results, as well as some of the exciting learning opportunities that our students are involved with. We also discussed the unique challenges involved with establishing and growing a new school. Unfortunately, there was no time for the Minister to tour the campus and see the learning in action, but by the end of her visit, it was clear she had gained a good appreciation for what Papamoa College is striving to achieve.

What's Happening

Term Dates

Term 3: July 20 - September 25

Term 4: October 12 - December 11



AIMS Information Evening

Wednesday 26 August 6.00pm - 7.00pm this will be held in the Theatre. It is a great opportunity for participating students and their parents/whanau to meet with the coaches and teachers assisting in each sport, and to find out the plan for the week of the 2015 AIMS games.

Staff Only Day

Friday 28 August 2015. School is closed for instruction on this day.

Practise Exams

Monday 14 September – Friday 19 September is Practise Exam week for all year 11, 12 and 13 students.

NZQA Fees

NZQA Fees for all Year 11, 12 and 13 students can now be paid at Student Services. The fee is \$76.70 for entry regardless of the number of achievement and unit standards entered, and is due by Friday 28 August. If paid after this date a late fee of \$50.00 may apply.

Bon Voyage!



Farewell and Bon Voyage to Mr Shane Burgess!

On Friday 31 July, we farewelled Mr Shane Burgess. Mr Burgess has accepted a new job in London, and intends to travel and explore Europe as part of his OE. As a foundation staff member, Mr Burgess began as the Leader of Learning

Commons - Maunga, was heavily involved in music and had a real passion for Maori student achievement. In 2013 he was promoted to the role of Deputy Principal responsible for the Upper Middle School. We wish him all the very best for the future.

Mrs Belinda Develter has been appointed to be the new Deputy Principal, and begins with us on Monday 31 August. Mrs Develter is currently the Head of Department English at Western Springs College. We look forward to welcoming her to our school community and the contribution she will make.

Jasmine McCracken Y13 has recently been selected as a GVN (Global Volunteer Network) Youth Ambassador for New Zealand.

As part of this role Jasmine has been given the opportunity to travel overseas to Thailand to work at a wildlife rehabilitation centre. She may also travel to Vietnam or Uganda with the foundation on volunteers trip. Congratulations Jasmine!



Year 8 Trademark Event

In the last week of term two, we held the year 8 trademark event - ROCK THE PARTY. The categories were dancing, singing, acting and lip syncing. We had a variety of acts, where the year 8 students displayed amazing talents, from hip hop to magic shows.

The top placings were, 1st Ngatahi Boys, 2nd Daemin Warrilow-Cameron (Ngatahi) and 3rd equal Rawe Girls and Ngatahi Girls. All students that participated gained a point for their whanau. Well done to all students you put on a great show!

Mrs Kylie Price
Staff Whanau Leader



Uniform update - we need your help!

We have moved supply of the Middle School boys and girls blue shirts, from one supplier to another. There are only minor changes to the shirt design, with the girls shirt now being able to accept a tie.

The school blazar is in the last stages of design and production, with custom-made fabric being manufactured. It is more than likely that these blazers will be ready for the start of 2016.

School uniforms always evoke a wide range of responses from students, parents, staff and members of the community. The message was very clear from parents during the establishment phase, that a school uniform was desired. The uniform that we have, is a result of collective feedback from parents and students alike. Irrespective of personal opinions regarding uniforms, the school is mandated by the Board of Trustees, to administer the student school uniform. To this end, we need your continued support to ensure students are wearing the correct uniform.

There is a range of uniform items that can be combined in a variety of ways, to suit conditions and personal preferences. Please assist us to ensure that your child has the correct uniform items, and that they are worn correctly when they leave home. Common incorrect uniform items include: non-regulation caps and beanies, long t-shirts which hang below the school shirt, sweatshirts and hoodies, puffer jackets, and non-regulation senior school trousers. The uniform code is published online and in student handbooks. If you have any queries regarding the uniform feel free to contact your child's teacher.

We thank you in advance, for assisting us to maintain a high standard of uniform for all our students.

Grease – A Fantastic Success!



This year Papamoa College decided they would celebrate Performing Arts and show case the many talented students by performing the timeless musical GREASE!

There was a rigorous audition process and once the cast had been named, the 30 students worked tirelessly with the teachers to ensure success in all areas.

The students watched the movie, did several character studies, sang many songs, danced and spent a lot of time together. This created an environment where all who were a part of this experience, aimed for their best performance and failure was not an option.

GREASE was well received by the community and all four shows were sold out two weeks before the performances commenced. This event was attended by the wider community, friends and whanau both from Papamoa and around New Zealand.

It is fair to say that the show was a huge success and no one would have predicted the level of ability that was seen on the stage over the four nights.

Many thanks to Legacy Foundation and Creative Tauranga for your sponsorship, and to all the staff who helped make the show successful. A big thank you to the CAST, you are all amazing!!!!

Mrs Deb Wood
Learning Area Coordinator
Performing Arts

Senior School Update

The end of the year for senior students is fast approaching and there is so much to do. Particular focus is on **option choices** completed for next year's study and **Practise Exam week from 14 – 19 September**.

This term year 13 students are discussing choices of University, Polytechnics other study programmes and Gap Years. Applications for courses are being completed as well as for halls of residence. All the universities will be sending representatives into school to work one-on-one with our students to choose their first year programmes for next year. After the practise exam week year 13 students are going to be asked to arrange for themselves two days of community service or work experience. We are hoping to run a first aid course in school for those who would like to do this at a vastly reduced rate to the commercial cost. The students are also organising leavers' jerseys and a fun event in the last week of term. Looking ahead to term 4, a Graduation Dinner will also be arranged to farewell our students.

Year 12 students will be taking part in the 'Loves Me Not' programme later in the term. This programme deals with relationships and how to recognise unhealthy ones. This course was very successful with the year 13 students.

Year 12 students have also had the opportunity to attend the Careers Expo at the ASB arena with a view to getting started on their future plans. Later in the term we are lucky enough to have Yvonne Godfrey coming in to speak to Year 12 and 13 students about the '5 things you need to know before leaving school'. Yvonne has appeared on the TV series "The Worlds Strictest Parents" she will also run a parents night in the Tauranga region. They will end the term with their trademark event, which will be based at the Mount and is an Amazing Race type of challenge.

'Stay Tuned' will be the trademark event for the year 11 students where they will be able to show off their musical and performance abilities. Their immediate concern; however, is the need to make major decisions about option choices for next year. The [curriculum booklet can be found on the school web site](#) on the home page and option choices are to be made through the parent portal. If you do not know your password or need help with this, please contact your child's admin teacher for details.

Mrs Cath McCready
Senior School Director

NZ Model United Nations



During the first week of the holidays, I attended the New Zealand Model United Nations (NZMUN) in Wellington. This is run by UN Youth New Zealand, who select 250 students to attend from all over New Zealand. Model United Nations is a simulation of the United Nations that aims to educate participants about current events, topics in international relations, diplomacy and the United Nations agenda. Each student represents a country in all committees, debating their views, negotiating with other nations to ultimately decide on a resolution that countries can agree on.

I have been involved with UN Youth New Zealand for six months and I have been to two New Zealand conferences, the most recent being NZMUN, where I was honoured to receive a scholarship from the Norwegian Consulate to represent Norway's view on global topics.

This was my first Model UN, so I was exposed to a new world of procedures and terminology, yet I was determined to make the most of this event.

At the conclusion of New Zealand Model United Nations this year I was extremely honoured to be selected to be a part of the annual NZ Schools delegation to THIMUN – The Hague International Model United Nations in January next year. This is a huge privilege, not only because it's highly competitive, but also because it is a unique opportunity to represent New Zealand on a global stage. UN Youth NZ sends a delegation of 22 school students every year to the THIMUN, which draws around 4000 students from around the world to the Netherlands every year for five days of intense discussions and debate. Prior to the International Model United Nations conference itself, the delegation embarks on a three-week study tour around New York, Geneva, Paris, Rome, Amsterdam and Vienna. We will be meeting foreign affairs officials, even possibly Helen Clark, and visiting embassies in order to deepen our understanding of the United Nations' role in moderating conflict and facilitating international collaboration.

Obviously a trip such as this is very costly, and on top of going to university next year, lets just say I will be a very very poor student. For the next few months I will be fundraising throughout the community and seeking sponsorship for this trip. THIMUN itself is costly on top of other necessary expenses, overall it will cost upwards of \$10,000. Therefore I need your support! You can easily donate to my PledgeMe page, either \$10 or \$100, anything will help, just search my name or THIMUN on the website, there will also be a link on the school's website. I am so proud to be representing my school and community on an international platform, so please help me get there!

Thank you!
Victoria Rhodes-Carlin – Y13
Head Girl

1st XV Rugby



The 1st XV Rugby team played a tough Semi Final against Reporoa last weekend.

Unfortunately after a great game they did not manage to take the win. It has been a great season for the boys working together as a team. We are all very proud of how far they have come this season.

A huge thank you to Nick Leask, Craig Budd and Sarah Cowie for the work you have done with rugby this year.

Mrs Caitlin Tarr
Sports Director

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Parents Place

Protective factors for parenting teenagers

One of the best protective factors in helping teens stay on track is maintaining warm, respectful, positive relationships. To do this we need to listen more than we talk. Stay interested in your teenagers world and what they think about things and don't be alarmed if they have some off the wall ideas....it's great if they are trying them out on their parents/caregivers.

Be involved...give them lifts, feed their friends and make them welcome at your house. Keep your rules and expectations clear and reasonable and be firm and fair. Make sure there's some fun going on at home so they'll want to stay connected.

Acknowledgment Hot Tips from The Parenting Place Toolbox have a range of Parenting Courses starting in the Bay of Plenty.

If you are interested or have any questions please contact Jackie Paine 07 576 1169

Mrs Jane Kay
Guidance Counsellor