

Message from the Principal

Kia ora

It was great to spend time visiting some of our students competing at various events over the last few weeks. Both the Girls First XI Hockey and Girls Senior A Netball teams, went to competitions during winter secondary tournament week. The weather was really bad and made for messy games, but the girls played very well and represented themselves admirably.

The AIMS games have also been great to see our students in action. This is a fantastic competition that is on our 'backdoor' and one that is very good experience for many of our first time players. Our students (many of whom are year 7) are often dwarfed by larger and bigger year 8 competitors from other schools. Despite this challenge, it is always heartening to see Papamoa College students committed to doing their best and using difficult games to learn from.

An upcoming SportsTalk newsletter will be published soon with results and successes.

I wish to thank the many parents and supporters for coaching, managing, transporting and helping the teams and students in these events. Without this support we would not be able offer these opportunities for our students. Thank you.

With the end of term 3 coming quickly, senior students have been sharpening their focus on the practise exams (14-18 September) and the end of year exams. The practice exam timetable is on the school website and can be accessed through the Calendar. It would be helpful for you to be familiar with the exams and the times for your child. Practise exams are very important as they could be used for a derived grade (estimated grade), in the event that a student can not sit the end of year external exam due to serious sickness.



We welcome Mrs Belinda Develter (our new Deputy Principal, pictured above), to Papamoa College. Mrs Develter was previously at Western Springs College, as English Head of Department, and has been involved with the development of modern learning practices at that school. She will be largely responsible for the Upper Middle School and will work closely with all staff and students in years 9 and 10.

Kind Regards

Steve Lindsey
Principal



On Thursday 27 August Papamoa College held a Daffodil Day fundraiser. We had a muffin day and took pre-orders for fresh daffodils to support the Cancer Society.

The event was a huge success, raising over \$1200 dollars towards cancer research.

Mrs Pip Lesile
Staff Whanau Leader

What's Happening

Term Dates

Term 3: July 20 - September 25

Term 4: October 12 - December 11

Y7 & Y8 Athletics Day

Thursday 15 October is a fun filled day of Athletics events for the Y7 & Y8 students. Parents and Whanau are encouraged to come along to watch.

Y7 & Y8 Performance

Limited tickets to the Y7 & Y8 Performance will be on sale from Reception from Monday 21 September for only \$2.00.

Performance dates are:

Wednesday 21 October 4pm– 5pm.

Thursday 22 October 6.30 – 7.30pm

Library Assistant

We require a Library Assistant for 10 hours per week. If you are interested, please visit our website for further information and an application pack.

We are also looking for volunteers to help in the Library on a casual basis. If this sounds like something you might be able to help with, please contact Reception 5420676.

Can you help?

Papamoa College is offering its students a free learn to surf programme in term four.

If you have a board or a wetsuit at home that you are not using, or don't mind lending the school, please bring them into student services. All equipment will be looked after and returned to you at the end of term four for your summer enjoyment.

Mr Ben Wood
TIC Surfing



Lower Middle School

Term Four Learning Performances

This term, every student in the Lower Middle School has had an opportunity to be involved in the performing arts through an inquiry process. Our staff and students have been working incredibly hard to create an authentic and unique concluding performance to celebrate their learning with the performing arts in term three.

Our theme for this term is "A Message in a Bottle." This theme has guided the students towards designing a performance of their choice, which is related to the theme and then presented through dance, drama and music. This rich learning experience encourages creative and critical thinking and is a medium for learning and exploring questions from across the curriculum.

This special event to showcase their learning experiences will be a memorable celebration of all our Lower Middle School students and an opportunity for parents and whanau to come and see what our students have been working on throughout term three.

We will be holding two afterschool performances to offer the students the opportunity to perform before an audience.

Wednesday 21 October	4:00pm-5:00pm	held in the Theatre
Thursday 22 October	6.30pm-7.30pm	held in the Theatre

We will be offering tickets for these two performances from Reception for \$2.00 per person to cover the cost of the materials used by the students. Be in quick as tickets are limited! There will also be DVD's of the performances available for purchase in week four of term four.

We look forward to seeing you on campus to celebrate our students' learning journey.

Ms Catherine Neidhardt
Deputy Principal



Mission Without Borders

Our weekly knitting group gifted blankets to Operation Cover Up. This year we knitted and donated 6 blankets and presented them to Mission without Borders on 29 July.

New Zealand is one of 11 countries supporting Operation Cover Up. The blankets are distributed to six different, struggling Eastern European countries whose temperatures can drop to -35 degrees.

If you would like to make a donation of wool, or needles please contact Mrs Sandra Naylor at snaylor@papamoacollege.school.nz.

Thank you to the knitting club for your hard work.

Phoebe McGovern
78TAT2

Food Facts

Do you know what food your child is bringing to school every day?

Fact

If we do not eat enough or eat regularly our body and brain will not be able to function effectively.

We will struggle with concentration and memory.

We will struggle to problem solve, not just in our lessons but also in social situations.

We will have less energy and patience.

We need to be effective in all these things to achieve our best in school.

Do you rely on your child sorting their own lunch to bring to school, PLEASE check you are happy with it.

Remember we have a "Fuel Up Club" running everyday from 8.10am - 8.30am for any student to have a free breakfast.

Woody Vahey
School Nurse

KICK START YOUR DAY
WITH THE

FUEL UP CLUB

MISSED BREKKIE?

BEEN AT TRAINING?

RUNNING LATE?

7AM TOO EARLY TO EAT?

STILL HUNGRY?

JUST LIKE WEETBIX?

STUDENTS - JOIN US EVERYDAY IN FOOD TECH FOR BREAKFAST!

ALL WELCOME FROM 8.10AM - 8.30AM

Author Visit

A visit to Papamoa College by celebrated children's author, Kate De Goldi.

What propels effective creative writing? Our pets? Passions? Aspirations? What we observe and love is what makes the best springboard for our creative writing. Take a tiny moment and telescope in on it, such as in the poem in red titled 'Dog'.

On Monday 31 August we were privileged to have Kate de Goldi come to Papamoa College and work with our senior English students. Her wonderful wise words and activities provided students with rich learning. Students undertook a "writing marathon", where they were tasked with writing without stopping for a short time, filling any 'blank' moments with "blah, blah, blah". Odd as this may sound, students propelled their pens across the page with fury and when asked to stop the room was filled with excited chatter. Many students had written something that surprised and / or interested them. Kate explained that during this enforced period of writing the unconscious mind comes out to play. If the activity is carried out regularly, ideas and images will recur, throwing up what the student is interested in and can explore further in a developed piece of writing. Writing at its best is an act of empathy, said Kate! With students preparing their writing folios for final assessment, we look forward to reading many artfully crafted pieces.

Mrs Margot Calder
Learning Area Coordinator - English

Dog

Under a maple tree
The dog lies down,
Lolls his limp
Tongue, yawns,
Rests his long chin
Carefully between
Front paws,
Looks up, alert
Chops, with heavy
Jaws, at a slow fly
Blinks, rolls
On his side,
Sighs, closes
His eyes, sleeps
All afternoon
In his loose skin.

By Valerie Worth

Model United Nations

Leo's Club

The Leo's Club is the equivalent of the Lions Club and is all about giving back to the community through service and fundraising for good causes, as well as making friends and developing leadership skills.

The new Leo Club members have now been officially inducted into the very first Papamoa College Leos Club. The night was good fun, with speeches from the District Governor, the Papamoa Lions Club President and the President of the Aquinas College Leos Club.

During the evening, we met lots of new lovely people, got given our badges and other special gifts and enjoyed the delicious food that our members provided.

We are all super excited to get to work and we hope you are all excited to see the club grow.

Izzy Whyte
10MOT1



We, the honourable delegates of Canada had an excellent time participating in Model United Nations on the 5 & 6 September. It was a privilege for Yunbai Huang Y10, Izzy Whyte Y10, Zach McLachlan Y10 and I to be the first Papamoa College team to participate in Junior Model UN.

It was a fascinating experience in which we got the chance to refine our debating, negotiating and speaking skills. Throughout the day we met many lovely people from other schools.

A big thank you to Victoria Rhodes-Carlin for organising it and coaching us through.

Gabi Malu
9MOT1



Model United Nations

Advanced Winter Skills Camp



2015 is the first year Papamoa College has run the two day Advanced Winter Skills camp which was based at the remote Tukino ski field, situated on the eastern slopes of Mt Ruapehu. We spent the first night at the warm and cozy Desert Alpine Lodge.

We left the hut early Saturday morning to make the most of the cold frozen conditions and headed up snow slopes. At half way we stopped to learn and practise three techniques on making snow anchors. We put the three anchors to the test by abseiling off a 15 meter snow slope, which was a lot of fun.

Learning about the way snow works and trusting the strength of an anchor was an eye opener for students.

We headed up to the Whangaehu hut, left our overnight gear and made our way up the the summit. We traversed the slopes underneath the towering Cathedral rocks and made it up the crater rim by 4pm. We had a stunning view from the top. Views from Taupo to Waioru and all the peaks of Mt Ruapehu frozen in a blanket of snow. The descent was fast. We dropped 500 metres in 30 minutes and were back at the hut preparing dinner.

During the night the wind really picked up. The forecast was not great but from our sleeping bags it felt as though the hut was getting pummelled. Luckily by the morning the wind had dropped and we were left with a fresh layer of soft snow for the walk out.

The group practised a few more mountain tricks before heading back to the car. Soon we were enjoying a warm hot pool with the sun on our faces and looking back on the adventures of the last few days.

Thanks to Dominic, Sam, Callum and Mr Wood for a great weekend at the snow.

Mr Mark Thomas
TIC Advance Winter Skills



Papamoa College Market Evening

FACE
PAINTING

OVER 30
STALLS!!

FOOD
STALLS

FUN
STALLS

ARTS &
CRAFTS

GREAT
FAMILY
NIGHT
OUT

PETTING
ZOO

COME AND JOIN US FOR
SOME
FUN & GREAT FOOD!

DATE

**FRIDAY 16
OCTOBER**

TIME

4PM – 8PM

LOCATION

**PAPAMOA COLLEGE
151 DONCASTER DRIVE
PAPAMOA**

IF YOU WISH TO BOOK A
SITE, CONTACT:

**SUSAN
027 359 0523**

Real Art Roadshow

We were very fortunate to host the Real Art Roadshow during the first week of September. It's a fantastic collection of real New Zealand art that wheels its way to schools throughout the country. The mobile art gallery unfolds to form an 80 square metre space and displays over 60 original artworks by some of New Zealand's leading artists. It's New Zealand's biggest travelling art collection.

The Real Art Roadshow aims to give students interested in art, the opportunity to see the real thing; to be inspired, challenged and 'wowed' by the true scale, texture and colour of original artworks, no matter where they live or where they learn. Students have been learning about many moments in history, social and political viewpoints, expression and emotion, culture and diversity- all within the bounds of our campus carpark and a huge truck!

If you would like to know more, such as what's in the collection, and information about each artwork, please visit: <http://www.realartroadshow.co.nz/>

Mrs Helen MacDuff
Learning Area Coordinator – Visual Arts



Two year 13 students receive scholarship



Frazer Moore & Que-Ann Lavis

Through the generosity of the Acorn Foundation and donors Roy and Mary McGowan, two Papamoa College students along with twenty-five Western Bay of Plenty year 13 students graduated from the Dale Carnegie Course on 3 July. The programme is one of the most successful leadership development initiatives in history. Over the last 103 years over nine million people in 90 countries have graduated. This programme is recognised by employers internationally with its ISO 9001 certification.

The course has proven to be extremely effective in preparing young people for the next step in their lives, whether that is tertiary education or the workforce. Since 2010, one hundred and twenty six students from Western Bay of Plenty schools have successfully completed the course.

Through a collaborative effort, between the Acorn Foundation, Dale Carnegie BOP Waikato, Priority One, Parents and nine western BOP secondary schools, we are now able to offer this opportunity to a total of twenty-seven of our young leaders annually. The two Papamoa College 2015 graduates are; Frazer Moore and Que-Ann Lavis. The programme is focused on developing self-confidence, communication, and people skills, building leadership and resilience in managing stress and worry.

Mrs Cath McCready
Senior School Director

Senior School Update

The main focus for the senior students is the Practise Exam week from the 14-18 September. Timetables have been issued and 'how to plan and study' sessions have been run by staff. It is important that students have plenty of rest during this time, eat well and remain hydrated. Some students have been advised that they are to come to school as normal during this week as they study better at school rather than at home. Other students have opted for this option preferring a quiet environment at school to continue their study.

After the exams on Monday and Tuesday the Year 13's have their two days of work experience or community service or the option of having a first aid course. On Wednesday 23 September they are organising an activity day to celebrate the end of their formal study together. Leavers' jerseys have been ordered and students will be able to wear these as uniform until the end of the year. On Friday 25 September all seniors will receive their practise exam reports.

During the two-week break it is essential for all senior students to have a break but to also ensure revision programmes are established ready for the start of term four.

We were very fortunate to have Yvonne Godfrey come in to talk to our Year 12 and 13 students about preparing for their next steps in life and leaving home. Yvonne has appeared on the 'Worlds Strictest Parents' and written books on 'Parenting Yadults'. Her '5 things you need to know before leaving school' was informative, practical and well received by the students.

The Year 11 students have completed their trademark event, with the Year 12's competing in week ten. The whanau points across the school are very close, so keen participation and competition is required from all students. Good luck and go Ngatahi!

Mrs Cath McCready
Senior School Director

Important Dates for Senior Students

September

Monday 14- Friday 18

Practise exam week

Monday 21- Tuesday 22

Year 13 Community Service Days

Tuesday 22

Year 12 Trademark afternoon

Wednesday 23

Year 13 Activity Day

Friday 25

Practise exam reports issued

October

Monday 12

Term four starts

November

Monday 2

Alternative awards afternoon

Wednesday 4

Senior School Prize Giving

Thursday 5

Seniors start study leave and exams

Friday 27

Year 13 Graduation Evening

International Achievement



3000 students from 50 different countries from around the world, competed in the taekwondo 9th CK Classic Malaysia Open in Kuala Lumpur on the 21 - 23 of August.

The competition ran for three days. The first day was poomsae which is the defensive part of taekwondo, the second and third days were the kyrogi part which is fighting. This is the part I competed in. In my division there were 16 people and I had a total of eight fights. I fought against many countries, some I had never heard of before. Over the



two days of fighting I gathered enough points to be placed 4th overall.

The competition was tough but it was a really good experience. I have learnt new skills and have been exposed to new techniques that can improve my overall ability in this sport. If anyone wants to ask me more about taekwondo, please feel free to ask me at anytime!

Ariana Iti
12SPPTH