

Message from the Principal

We really do have great students at Papamoa College. Over the last month there have been countless examples of how our Middle School students have shown that they are developing into fine citizens.

Last Friday's Middle School Prizegiving, showed how students celebrated and supported their peers. It is clear that students are good judges of character and recognise when students deserve particular awards. Thank you to those of you who were present and part of the prizegiving.

As another year draws to a close, it is a good time to pause and recognise the huge amount of work that a wide range of people, have contributed to the running of the school this year.

Aside from the employees of the school, there have been numerous supporters, who have worked alongside the students and staff.

A few of the events and activities have included: helping sell school uniforms, coaching and managing sports teams, regularly assisting the Sports Director, involvement with the Parents & Friends group, fundraising for various groups, attending class trips, camps and excursions, providing reader/writer support for students in assessments, help in the library, etc.

If you have assisted the school in any way this year (large or small, visible or low key), I thank you very much. I trust that we will be able to continue to work together again in the new school year.

I wish you and your family/whanau a very happy Christmas and a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Kind Regards

Steve Lindsey
Principal



The Middle School Prizegiving was held on Friday 11 December 2015.

Congratulations to the following Award Recipients: (more recipients on the next two pages)



Ellie Grant Y10
Middle School Dux



Monique Kim Y10
Middle School
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Trophy Winners

The Lightwave Art Excellence Award

Calista Cristobal

Performing Arts Award

Year 7 & 8 Emma Sargent

Year 9 & 10 Katalina Hose

The Hikurangi & Maungamana Trophy

Y7 & 8 Evan Ohia

Y9 & 10 Tamati Williams

Deans Awards

Y7 & 8 Alizé Koteka

Y9 & Y10 Nicole Greaves

Pascal Blade Award

Ben Tate

What's Happening

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be open on the following days:

Thursday 21 January 2pm - 7pm

Saturday 23 January 10am - 3pm

The shop is situated in the college Theatre. **Reminder:** All 2016 Y11 students will need to be in the Senior Uniform.

Stationery Requirements

A link for the stationery lists is on the front page of our website for you. They are also at the local stationery shops for your convenience.

Subject Confirmation Clinic

Thursday 28 January from 9am - 12pm for those Y11 - Y13 students who need to confirm or change their subjects.

2016 Start Dates and Times

Tuesday 2 February - Timetable Day 6

Y8 - Y10 Students - 8.40am - 3.10pm

Y11 - Y13 Students - 8.40am - 12.30pm

Wednesday 3 February - Timetable Day 1

Y7 - Y13 Students 8.40am - 3.10pm

Powhiri for all new students at 8.45am

Thursday 4 February - Timetable Day 2

Normal school day for all students

8.40am - 3.10pm

Friday 5 February - Timetable Day 3

Normal school day for all students

8.40am - 3.10pm

2016 Term Dates

Term 1: February 2 - April 15

Term 2: May 2 - July 8

Term 3: July 25 - September 23

Term 4: October 10 - December 14

Y7 Citizen Award

Serena Sanchez

Ben Jones

Y8 Citizen Award

Saphire Abraham

Zane Gibbs

Y9 Citizen Award

Alex Scott

Caelum Roger-Hall

Y10 Citizen Award

Isobel Whyte

Zach McLachlan



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Award Criteria

Academic Awards: Student who have achieved at the highest possible academic level.

Outstanding Commitment to Learning: Students academic ability, improvement, and have outstanding work habits.

Contribution to School Life: Student is very involved and has made a significant contribution to the wider school life.

Lower Middle School Awards (Year 7 & Year 8)			
Learning Commons/Subject	Academic Excellence	Commitment to Learning	Contribution to School Life
TATAHI			
7TAT1	Nerissa Edwards	Lucy Eastergaard	Holly Sinkinson
78TAT1	Jessie Britton Y7	Saffron Hose	Eva Trlin
	Madeline Lomas Y8		
78TAT2	Tegan Gould Y7	Charlotte Bonis	Makenzie Cossill
	Charlize Krause Y8		
8TAT1	Bailey Gebert	Alidia Ilton	Balpreet Kaur
MAUNGA			
7MAU1	Miela Town	Saya Karauna	Eleanor Gordon
78MAU1	Danny Syme Y7	Dylan Scharvi	Zane Gibbs
	Abigail Dalziell-Froude Y8		
78MAU2	Ethan Kruze	Madison Karauna	Kyra Farminer
	Max Kelly		
8MAU1	Tyler Williams	Danica Palos	Tristian Williams
PUKE			
7PUK1	Ben Jones	Jenna Hooper	Samantha Craven
78PUK1	Alex Macky	Savanah Pokaia	Cassie Taylor
	Madison Pompey		
78PUK2	Holly McCullough	Nicole McGregor	Zach Cooper
	Jackson Le Roy		
8PUK1	Dristi Khanal	Rio Manson-Hay	Angel Savage

Specialist Areas	Academic Excellence	Commitment to Learning
PE & Health		
Year 7	Alexander Dunn & Hayley Dawson	Cameron Gaulofa & Saffron Hose
Year 8	Conor Reynolds & Emma Sargent	Indrea Werder & Stefan Heuberger
Visual Arts		
Year 7	Ella Plumstead & Hinatea Bertho	Emma Pirie & Cooper Keenan
Year 8	Abigail Dalziell-Froude & Rogan Long	Dylan Scharvi & Danny Syme
Music		
Year 7	Alexander Dunn	Kiani Rowling
Year 8	Samuel Fisk	Bailey Gebert
Performing Arts		
Year 7	Zak Mason & Gemma Van Huenen	Anya Wyeth & Ruby Reardon
Year 8	Cody McQuillan & Molly Rhodes	Jade Preston & Emma Sargent
Te Reo Maori		
Year 7	Te Arika Matika & Tysahn Savage	Te Puawai Rogers-Hall & DK Wetere
Year 8	Mirama Rowell-Tuhakaraina & Tamanui Pungatara	Zach Cooper & Te Rau Aroha Greaves-Borell
French		
Year 7	Ben Jones & Brooklyn Pharo	Holly McCullough & Ben Bass
Year 8	Nicole McGregor & Joshua Jacob	Saphire Abraham & Jaedyn Service
Technology Materials		
Year 7	Taliah Edgecombe-Pearse & Miela Town	Anisha Amin & Gina Homer
Year 8	Victoria Osbourn & Dylan Scharvi	Caitlin Royal & Brooklyn Pharo
Technology Food		
Year 7	Amelia Lambess & Tegan Gould	Tai Pucci & Alizé Koteka
Year 8	Shuari Naidoo & Emma Sargent	Parae Maxwell & Jessie Britton

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Middle School Awards (Year 9 & Year 10)			
Learning Commons/Subject	Academic Excellence	Commitment to Learning	Contribution to School Life
AWA			
9AWA1	Tegan Nicholson	Joseph Olsen	Kayla Verburg
9AWA2	Abby Cunningham	Novneet Kaur	Molly Crawford
10AWA1	Calista Cristobal	Ravideep Singh	Yunbai Huang
10AWA2	Monique Kim	Connor Douglas	Katalina Hose
MOTU			
9MOT1	Gabi Malu	Jonathan Cramp	Tessa Tapa Halefi
9MOT2	McKenzie Hartley	George Howard	Caelum Rogers-Hall
10MOT1	Brooke Broomhead	Maegan Jones	Isobel Whyte
10MOT2	Zach McLachlan	Eboneez-Destiny Kingi	Tamati Williams
MOANA			
9MOA1	Xavier Lee	Ally Brown	Shaun McGahey
9MOA2	Sophie Priddy	Juliette Ricard	Sophie Priddy
10MOA1	Georgia Fowler	Tamsin Brown	Georgia Fowler
10MOA2	Brianna Burt	Max Theijssen	Brianna Burt

Specialist Areas	Academic Excellence	Commitment to Learning
PE & Health		
Year 9	George Howard & Matthew Slade	McKenzie Hartley & Manaia Sorensen
Year 10	Joshua Lowth & Brianna Burt	Ragan Stewart & Georgia Fowler
Sport Year 10	Brianna Burt	Morgan Burt
Visual Arts		
Year 9	McKenzie Hartley & Micah Reardon	Verline Palos & Tamahae Sullivan
Year 10	Lila Fox	Rachael Coughy
Music		
Year 9	Amy Malone & Molly Crawford	Juliette Ricard & Caleb Fifield
Year 10	Brooke Broomhead & Monique Kim	Maegan Jones
Performing Arts		
Year 9	Andre Moffat & Abbey Cunningham	Molly Crawford & Kieran Brown
Year 10	Joshua Brown	Ellie Grant
Dance Year 10	Louise Graydon	Brydie Craven
Te Reo Maori		
Year 9	Maia Ririnui-Komene & Caelum Rogers-Hall	Meiema Simeona & Jamee Hewett
Year 10	James Ohia	Marcus Hiku
French		
Year 9	Tegan Nicholson & Nicole Cameron	John-Vincent Maxwell & Angelo Van Rhyn
Year 10	Morgan Burt	Brianna Burt
Technology Materials		
Year 9	Matthew Slade & Tegan Nicholson	Ben Hensley & Shaun McGahey
Year 10	Dewaldt Venter	Connor Douglas
Technology Food		
Year 9	Alex Scott & John-Vincent Maxwell	Ben Parker & Lewis Farr
Year 10	Brooke Broomhead & Monique Kim	Xander Hop
Technology Digital		
Year 10	Linus Hauck	Conor Ryan
DVC/Graphics		
Year 10	Brydie Craven & Summa Rolfe	Cameron Slade
Technology Textiles		
Year 10	Samantha McLachlan	Bree Bates
Media		
Year 10	Zach McLachlan	Joshua Brown
Enterprise Studies		
Year 10	Ellie Grant	Isobel Whyte
Accelerated Literacy		
Year 10		Gretchen Otene

Mt Ruapehu Y10 Camp

Eight keen year 10 students signed up for the five day adventure around Mt Ruapehu. The circuit was a total of 66kms with nearly 3000 metres of climbing. This averaged 14-16kms of walking each day with heavy packs, so this trip was not for the faint hearted. We left the cars at the Whakapapa base and walked clockwise around the loop. The terrain and scenery on the north eastern sides was mostly volcanic, with mars like features. On the second day as we approached the southern side we passed many deep gorges and steep ridges making for challenging walking on the loose rocks.

The southern aspect of the mountain is a vast, beautiful green Beech forest. It's steep, dense bush has wonderful views of the mountain summit and Girdlestone peak. This was a stark contrast to the barren, remote and exposed northern side. On the third day the students dug in deep for a massive 12 hour day, walking from Rangipo hut to Mangeturuturu hut. Dinner and sleep that night was well earned.

The last two days of the tramp took us along the western slopes below steep waterfalls and rocky valleys. By now the students had found their feet and were comfortable walking all day with their heavy packs. The team work, energy and support amongst the group was outstanding.

There was a lot of encouragement and positivity to get each other through the day. The fifth and last day was a short three hour walk out to the cars. Arriving at Whakapapa village we all felt a sense of achievement and satisfaction. It was a great moment and a great feeling. Soon we were on our way home but first, a warm soak in the hot pools to help our aching muscles.

Thanks to the students, Cath McCreedy and Anthony Burt for a really great camp.

Mr Mark Thomas
Teacher



Year 9 Day Trips



Adrenaline Forest

The first week of December saw the year 9 students participate in an action-packed three days of activities. The purpose of the three day-trips is to encourage team building, provide challenge and create an atmosphere of shared fun and enjoyment.

The students attended an "Oddball" sporting challenge day, facilitated by students studying recreation at the Bay of Plenty Polytech; they also spent a day at the Adrenaline Forest high ropes course and finally a day at the beach engaging in a range of sporting and sand-sculpting challenges.

It was fabulous to witness the year 9 students in these various environments, accepting challenges and demonstrating active involvement.

Many thanks to Mr Nick Leask and Mrs Sharee Hemingway-McGregor for all of their organisation, as well as the parents and teachers who attended the trips to support the students.

Mrs Angela Steensness
Teacher



Matakana Y10 Camp

Cold showers, long drops and songs around the campfire were the key ingredients to the Matakana year 10 camp. Around 50 students spent three days testing their skills and determination during activities designed to challenge them.

Day one: after a long walk from the ferry to the camp site, students set up their tents and organised their food. The tide was out so the mud run was pushed back to the following day and instead, Des from Matakana Experience set up the Amazing Race. Students had to use their memory and team communication skills to get through all the activities. It was great to see that every single student worked hard to be the best. The evening challenge was the Burma Trail where staff had a great time trying to scare the students.

Day two: mud run day, a whole morning of running through mud to get to the estuary. This is not only an ewww activity but also a physical one, mud, apparently, is both smelly and sticky. Once back at camp, rather than using showers the group went off the beach for a wash and some beach games. The evening activity was skit night, which was awesome fun and everyone made a brilliant effort.

Day three: home time. Tents packed, lunch made and then the long walk back to the ferry. Everyone, staff included, was tired and weary legs slowed the walk which meant a last minute dash for the ferry.

Mr Geoff Bird
Teacher

Ferry trip to Matakana Island



The Mud Run



Mmmm Hangi

Year 13 Graduation

Our foundation year 13 students recently celebrated their graduation from Papamoa College with a formal graduation dinner. This was a very auspicious occasion as it marked the end of a chapter in the life of our senior students and in the development of the school.

Our 2015 graduates held a special significance in the history of our school, as for the last five years, they have always been the oldest students in the school and have had a leadership expectation thrust upon them from an early age. The evening was very entertaining with photos and speeches reminding everyone just how much the school and the students had developed.

The final encore involved a video of the staff farewelling the students. It was very gratifying for both parents and staff watching our students leave as adults, well prepared to make their their mark on the world.

Mr Dave Ballard
Deputy Principal



2015
Year 13 Graduates

Parents Place

Extend the Christmas Love

Christmas is a time of giving and receiving and provides an awesome opportunity to inspire our teenagers to give to others. As expected, most teenagers are excited for themselves but they can also be nudged to think about and do something kind for others as well.

It might look like buying a small gift using some of their own money and donating it to a charity. It could be sending a card to friends and relatives, or baking some Christmas goodies for someone in need or mowing the elderly neighbours lawn.

The beauty of this is two-fold...the receiver is blessed and the giver has an opportunity to develop empathy and compassion for others.

Have a safe and happy summer break.

Jane Kay and Julie Sutton
Guidance Counsellors