

## From the Principal

Welcome to 2016! I hope that you have had a great summer and are ready for a brand new year.

If you are new to Papamoa College, I extend a very warm welcome to you and your family/whanau.

We have been experiencing greater than normal student enrolment numbers, across all year levels, but especially at year 7. This means that some classes and options are larger than what we would like. Be assured that we are working hard to iron out any imbalances and in some cases we will employ additional staff to offer more classes.

We thank you for your cooperation with this process.

Six new teachers have joined our staff so far. (pictured below)

Over the next few weeks, Learning Commons' Teachers and Academic Mentors will make contact with parents/caregivers to introduce themselves and establish the Teacher, Student & Parent/Caregiver learning partnership.

The Year 7&8 Orientation afternoon is on Thursday 11 February, 3.30-4.30pm. This is a great opportunity to visit the teacher and learning commons where your child has begun learning. You can also explore with your child, the range of learning facilities throughout the campus.

I look forward to meeting you and partnering with you and your child with their learning.

Kind Regards

Steve Lindsey  
Principal



2016 New Staff

**Mike Graham** - TIC Health & Teacher of Physical Education, **Michael Scott** - Science Teacher, **Janelle Reid** - Dance Teacher, **Chelsea Hay** - English Teacher, **Richelle LeRoy** - Acting Sports Director, **Tania Lewis-Rickard** - Photography & Art Teacher, **Rona Keith** - Digital Technology and Mathematics Teacher.

## What's Happening

### 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

### Y9-Y13 Competitive Athletics Day

On Tuesday 24 February the Y9-Y13 students will participate in Athletics Day. Parents and Whanau are most welcome to attend. Please make sure you are sunsmart!

### Y7-Y13 Competitive Swimming Sports

Swimming Sports are on Tuesday 22 March held at Baywave Aquatic Centre. Parents and Whanau are most welcome.

### ID Photos

Students will have their ID photos taken on Monday 15 February and receive their ID cards towards the end of February. The ID cards are used as a Student ID, bus passes (for eligible students), issue of library books, laptops and other technology. Every student will be issued with an ID card. If students lose their card, a replacement can be purchased at Reception for \$5.

### Lost Property

If your child has misplaced something at school they can check Lost Property, which is located at Student Services.

### SunSmart

We promote the protection of staff and students from the harmful effects of the sun. We have a school cap and a wide brim hat, which can be purchased from Reception. While we actively support the use of hats and sunscreen at school, students are ultimately responsible for being sensible when outside in the sun. Learning Commons, as well as Student Services, have sunscreen available for students throughout the day.

## Helpful Information

### Information Documents

Over the last few days, students have received various handbooks and information sheets. We encourage you to also read them, to be informed about processes and other relevant information. Ask your child about the:

Student Handbook

Student Timetable

EOTC Medical Form

requires completion, signing and returning to school

Digital Citizenship Form

requires signing and returning to school

Enrolment Confirmation Form

requires amendments if necessary and returning to school

NCEA Handbook (Senior students)

### Who to go to for assistance

My child has a problem	Class Teacher
I need to tell someone about my child's learning	Class Teacher
School uniform purchases	Reception
Stationery List	Student Services/Website
Sports Programme	Sports Director
Payment of fees	Reception/Student Services
I am willing to offer my help at school	Reception
My child will be absent from school	Reception

## Attendance & Absences

Students are expected to attend school every weekday throughout the term, from 8.40am to 3.10pm. Student attendance will be recorded throughout the school day. Any absence or lateness to class will be recorded.

If your child is going to be absent or late to school, parent/caregivers need to phone Reception as soon as possible on 542 0676 and press 1 to explain the reason. If the absence is not phoned through then the parent/caregiver will receive a text or phone call from Reception to check the absence. The student must bring a note from home when they next return to school.

Known future absences from school for any medical or family reason must be advised by parents/caregivers in advance whenever possible.

### Appointments during the school day

If students have an appointment during the day, which means having to leave school, a written note must be authorised by Reception and then shown to a learning commons teacher/admin teacher.

## Y7 & Y8 Orientation Afternoon

Thursday 11 February  
3.30 – 4.30pm

You are invited to attend the Lower Middle School Orientation. This is an opportunity for your child to show parents/ whanau and friends, their place of learning.

All learning commons will be open and teachers will be available for you to talk to about how your child has settled into school life for 2016. Find out where your child learns and how it works every day in the learning commons.

Your child will be able to take you on a tour of the school should you wish to explore beyond the learning commons. Senior staff will also be present during this time.

This is a great time to speak directly to your child's teacher and for us to establish a good relationship with you and your whanau. We very much look forward to seeing you there.

## Emails

An easy way to work out an email address is to take the first letter of the teacher's first name, followed by their surname, then add to the end @[papamoacollege.school.nz](mailto:papamoacollege.school.nz). For example; Teacher - John Key's email address would be [jkey@papamoacollege.school.nz](mailto:jkey@papamoacollege.school.nz)

For general enquiries email: [enquiries@papamoacollege.school.nz](mailto:enquiries@papamoacollege.school.nz)

To contact the Board of Trustees: [board@papamoacollege.school.nz](mailto:board@papamoacollege.school.nz)

For enquiries regarding fees: [accounts@papamoacollege.school.nz](mailto:accounts@papamoacollege.school.nz)

### Why can't I walk on to campus at anytime and visit my child?

If you need to contact your child throughout the day, send them a message or drop something off, then we ask you to contact or visit Reception.

All schools are governed by Health and Safety regulations and the expectation that all students, employees and visitors are safe while on campus. We take our responsibility to keep your child safe seriously, and therefore all visitors to campus need to report and sign in at Reception.

In the event of an emergency we also need to ensure we know who is on campus and where. We thank you for your understanding in this matter. The safety of your child, matters.

## NCEA Endorsed with Excellence

# Congratulations!

We wish to congratulate those students that received Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 NCEA Certificates Endorsed with Excellence last year. This is an impressive achievement and these students can be very proud of their efforts.

### Level 1

Mysa Amin, Dillon Arnold, Stella Brown, Aliyah Cole, Manjinder Dhaliwal, Gabrielle Flint, Hayley Gibbs, Alice Gordon, Sophie Hayden, Greer Hill, Anaheara Holmes, Reegan Jefferies, Sophia Malu, Stefanie McGregor, Sharna Moffat, Kathryn Paxton, Ruby Trafford, Megan Williamson

### Level 2

Georgia Brechelt, Rory Cargill, Isabella Cowie, Jeorgia Gesthuizen, Samuel Hayden, Rakshya Karmacharya, Preet Kaur, Joseph McCormick, Taylor Moffat, Nathan Roys, Chloe Ryan, Bronte Simpson, Jack Skellett, Mandi Venter

### Level 3

Maia Couper, Lauren Gibbs, Jordan Goodwin, Melanie Hayden, Jasmine McCracken, Emily McKay, Owen McKenzie, Victoria Rhodes-Carlin, Eleanor Wright

On Wednesday 10 February from 5.30pm - 6.30pm in the Theatre Lobby we will be celebrating these students' achievements at the NCEA Endorsed with Excellence evening.

### 2016 Porwhi

At the start of the day on Wednesday 3 February, we welcomed all new students and their parents/caregivers plus whanau, and also new staff to the school.

The powhiri was very well attended by parents and supporters, and is a great way to start an association with Papamoa College.

We thank kaumatua from Nga Potiki - Matua John Ohia, Whaea Ebba Te Tua and Matua Colin Reeder, for taking part in this special event.

### Earthworks at Gordon Spratt Reserve

The council has embarked on a \$1.2m Tsunami refuge platform, that is located adjacent to the school - next to the hard courts. Over the next 15 weeks, a 4 metre high platform will be constructed with specialised compacted fill. Council indicated that the platform would have the capacity to keep 3500 people safe, in the event of a tsunami.

The construction of the platform should not adversely impact the school, except perhaps with some dust. The building site is contained by barriers and students will be kept way from the area.

Watch this hill!



**SPORT** Welcome to 2016, I hope you have had a great summer break and are ready to embrace some of many sporting codes we have available here at Papamoa College.

I am excited to be starting my own family and taking maternity leave for the first half of this year. In my absence, I am pleased to introduce Mrs Richelle LeRoy as the acting Sport Director.

Encourage your child to check the notices daily for information about Summer Sports, such as Volleyball, Water Polo, Cricket and Surfing.

#### Parent Sport Support

From time to time during the year we run sports events or activities that require additional adult support, such as Swimming Sports and Cross Country. If you are interested in helping out with the running of these events please email [rleroy@papamoacollege.school.nz](mailto:rleroy@papamoacollege.school.nz)

#### Winter Sports Coaches and Managers

Winter Sports are rapidly approaching. If you are interested in becoming a Coach or a Manager of a Winter Sport Team (basketball, netball or hockey) please contact Mrs Richelle LeRoy via email [rleroy@papamoacollege.school.nz](mailto:rleroy@papamoacollege.school.nz) for an information pack.

We are looking forward to another awesome year in sport with you.

Mrs Caitlin Tarr  
Sports Director



**Lower Middle School – LMS Y7&8**

We have had a wonderful start to 2016 in the Lower Middle School! With over 200 new Year 7s joining our LMS whanau, we are preparing for an exciting year.

Our year 8 students have done an incredible job acting as mentors and tour guides for the new students. Scavenger hunts and quiz shows have been happening all around campus ensuring that the new students become familiar with their school. An upcoming big event on our school calendar is our LMS camps which begin in three weeks time with each learning commons heading over to Narrows Park in Hamilton for a three day adventure experience.

We also look forward to meeting parents, caregivers and whanau on our Y7 & Y8 Orientation Afternoon on Thursday 11 February from 3.30pm-4pm. This is an opportunity for you to visit your child's learning commons, see the spaces that they are learning in and meet the staff responsible for the programmes. We look forward to seeing you then.

Thank you for such a supportive start to our new year.

Ms Catherine Neidhardt  
Lower Middle School  
Deputy Principal

**Upper Middle School – UMS Y9&10**

Welcome to the Upper Middle School for 2016, in particular to those students who have joined us from other schools, both in New Zealand and other parts of the world. We also welcome Michael Scott, our new Science teacher based in Awa Learning Commons, who comes to us from Albany Junior High School in Auckland.

Year 9 and 10 are important years in your student's education as they help set up the skills and habits needed to be successful in NCEA and the world beyond school. We focus on encouraging students to develop as independent learners, ready to face the challenges of a future that at this stage we can only imagine.

Your Upper Middle School Leaders of Learning Commons are Jenna Mackay in Awa, Marcie Hintz in Moana and Chris Parsons in Motu. Jenna is also our year 10 Dean, and this year we also welcome Jeroen van Wijk as our year 9 Dean.

We look forward to keeping you up to date with events on the UMS calendar throughout the year.

Mrs Belinda Develter  
Upper Middle School  
Deputy Principal

**Senior School**

A very warm welcome to new and returning senior school staff and all the senior students for 2016. It was magnificent to see all the new year 11 students on Tuesday in their white shirts looking extremely smart.

NCEA is a major focus for our students and we must congratulate them on their very pleasing results from last year. The purpose of the senior school is to ensure every student is preparing well for the next step on their career journey.

The leadership team for the senior school for 2016 is Cath McCready - Deputy Principal, Senior Leaders; Ken Kilkeny Year 11, Katy Thorne Year 12, Pip Leslie Year 13 and Jo Neal - Careers Advisor. It will be an extremely busy year and students will need to be organised to ensure that they meet deadlines and get involved in all of the awesome opportunities that will come their way.

Mrs Cath McCready  
Senior School  
Deputy Principal



Our catering contractor that ran the Campus Café, finished their contract mid January. We are currently in a transition stage and have arranged for another contractor (who also runs a successful canteen in another school) to provide a short-term service on campus.

With a change of contractor, it is a good opportunity to review the purposes and service delivery for the Campus Café. At the end of 2015, we surveyed parents/caregivers on their views about the Campus Café and whether there were people interested in being involved in a working group. We thank those of you who shared your views and provided suggestions. During term 1 we will continue with our review process and aim to develop a mid-term plan that may be influenced by our next phase of campus development.

In the interim, students will not go without! The Campus Café service is now back up and running.

