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Acting Principal's Message

Kia ora tātou katoa

Term 2 is well underway and our campus has already seen some exciting events. The inaugural Lower Middle School Book Week started off the term in an incredibly positive way with staff, students and the community all becoming part of our celebration of literacy. Our annual Cross Country event also took place with our students demonstrating high levels of commitment and skill. It is wonderful to see the numbers of whanau that are coming along to support our students growing each year. The Pink Shirt Day was yet another successful event that promoted a very strong anti-bullying message to our community. Senior PE and Health camps have also occurred. Year 7 & 8 students performed very well in the Fresh Moves Dance Festival this week and students across the school are still preparing for their upcoming performances in the Raw and Stage Challenge. In total, over 170 Papamoa College students and 20 staff are involved in these performing arts events.

Student Transport Safety

I wish to celebrate the hundreds of students who travel to Papamoa College in a safe and considerate manner every day. We have over 250 bicycles and scooters being ridden to school on a daily basis with the majority of our students wearing helmets and making wise choices. However, we have had a few members of our community express concern over students who are not crossing roads at the correct location or have been seen disregarding road rules by not wearing helmets on their bicycles. If your child travels to school via scooter, skateboard or bicycle, please help support the work our staff are doing by discussing the use of helmets and how to avoid potentially dangerous situations on the way to and from school. Last week our Lower Middle School has had Constable Dennis Bidois and the Travel Safe team present at assembly.

Over the next few weeks, applications will be available for students who may wish to join the Travel Safe student group who will assist in raising the awareness of safe travel practices for all students.

Papamoa College Future Growth

As we know, the Papamoa community is growing at an exponential rate. With many new families moving to the Bay of Plenty area, schools all along the coastal strip have been experiencing an increase in student enrolments. The Papamoa College Board of Trustees and staff are in the process of future planning to respond to the growth in the area. Exciting times are ahead and offer us the potential for further development in many areas of the school. More information to come later in Term 3.

The Power of "Yet"

In our whole school assembly in Week 2, I asked our school community to think about a challenge that they are currently facing and to reflect on their perspective relating to that particular challenge. Instead of viewing their situation as something that is negative and a roadblock to potential success, one simply needs to add the word "YET." Every time you hear a voice saying "You are not ready/capable enough/able to handle this..." Add YET: "I am not _____ YET."

These concepts of Fixed and Growth Mindsets are based on the work of Carol Dweck, a Stanford University psychologist. Dr Dweck's 11-minute TED Talk, "The Power of Yet", gives a brief introduction to these concepts. If you are interested, please find the clip at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J-swZaKN2lc>

I hope the beginning of term 2 has been a positive start for your child and I look forward to meeting more of our Papamoa College parents, caregivers and whanau at our school events over the next few months.

Catherine Neidhardt
Acting Principal

What's Happening

Term Dates

Term 2: May 2 - July 8

Term 3: July 25 - September 23

Term 4: October 10 - December 14

Y12/Y13 Ball

Saturday 11 June 7.30pm – 11.30pm at Tauranga Racecourse. The theme is Masquerade.

Stage Challenge

Years 9 to 12 are entered in Stage Challenge and will perform on Thursday 16 June 2016.

RAW Performance

Years 7 & 8 students will perform in the Stage Challenge 'RAW' competition on Friday 17 June 2016.

Parents & Friends Group Fundraising!

We are holding the Annual "Easy as Pie" sales in June. We offer a wide variety of pre-ordered Oxford pies to families of the College and wider community. Pie orders will be taken from 06 – 17 June; pies will then be delivered on 24 June. The orders can be collected from the boardroom. "Easy as Pie" is a winner for all families! Families are able to stock up on these great winter warmers in their freezers. They provide a quick and easy dinner for a night when you're rushing in from winter sports or for a lunch when you need a great tasty belly warmer on a chilly day. Oxford Pies are made to order in Hamilton and come highly recommended by all those who have purchased them. Look out for the order forms coming home soon!

RECYCLING

If you have any recyclable cardboard/paper, there are recycle bins located in the back carpark of the college (next to the Caretaker's shed). This is collected and the funds raised from this goes to the Parents & Friends Group to support the end of year Academic Prize Giving.

Lower Middle School

It has been an exciting start to the term for the Lower Middle School with our inaugural Book Week kicking off the term. We have had wonderful challenges throughout the different learning commons and reignited our love of Reading.

We have had many students also trial and express their interest for the New Zealand AIMS Games which will be happening during term 3, from the 4th-9th of September. Students are encouraged to keep listening to the notices for further trials as they come up.

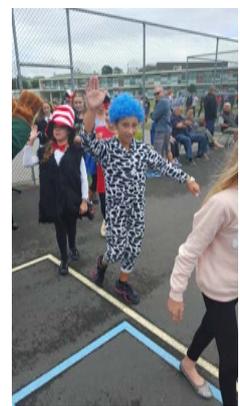
On Friday 20 June, we had all of the contributing school's year 6 students join us for an orientation day where they got to be a part of our school for the day. This was a great day with lots of excited students!

Our theme for the term is 'The Rhythm of Life' and will see your students learning through a variety of riveting inquiries based on Science, Technology changes throughout time and the beauty and complexity of cultures. It will be an exciting and engaging term of learning for our students.

Miss Karla Wesselink
Acting Deputy Principal



Book Weeks
Character Day



Lower Middle School Book Week

The first Lower Middle School Book Week has been a huge success. The aim was for students and teachers to share their love of literacy, or to rekindle it. Teachers have been reading their favourite childhood stories to different classes during Admin, storytelling in our 'cave around the campfire,' and the daily quiz has been challenging the students to extend their knowledge of books.

Author Denis Edwards came to share his ideas and to inspire our budding authors. He judged our book cover competition, where students had recovered his book *Killer Moves*.

The Grand Finale was Thursday's Literacy battle followed by a character dress up parade. Thanks to those friends and whanau who came to read their favourite stories with our students.

The buzz has been fantastic as students discuss stories they have heard, their favourite authors and realise they are never too old for a good story.

Reader Writers Volunteers Required

Some of our senior students require assistance when completing NCEA assessment.

This will generally involve reading questions to the student and/or writing their answers as the student dictates them.

This is a great opportunity to become more involved in the college and support individual students to achieve to their potential. All you need is a little spare time and a reasonable level of literacy. Timing is flexible and there is no weekly commitment required. Full training is provided for this voluntary position.

If this sounds like you, please phone Debbie Frost at the college or email dfrost@papamoacollege.school.nz

Can you Help?

Upper Middle School Update...

We take this opportunity to congratulate and introduce our Upper Middle School Student Leaders for 2016 - Las Filo, Joseph Olsen, Sophie Priddy, Nathan Wansbrough, Caelum Rogers-Hall and Alex Scott (as pictured). The school takes the appointment process for leadership positions very seriously. Students had just over a month to complete the UMS Leader application form. This required them to share their leadership experiences and skills as well as ideas that they have for our school.

Mrs Mackay then completed an initial processing of this information. Leaders of Learning Commons and teams then voted on who they thought would represent their learning commons and the UMS the best. This was definitely the most challenging part of our process as the standard of applicant was very high. Names were then sent to Mr Lindsey for final approval.

The names of our leaders were kept secret until an assembly toward the end of Term One where the final outcome was announced. The successful students received leadership badges and a school tie.



Las Filo
10AWA1



Joseph Olsen
10AWA2



Sophie Priddy
10MOA2



Nathan Wansbrough
9MOA1



Caelum Rogers-Hall
10MOT2



Alex Scott
10MOT2

Upper Middle School Learning Commons Updates

Awa Learning Commons - students are studying 'From Ape to Man' - Migration, Aborigines & American Indians. In English, year 9 students will look at short stories while year 10's look at speeches. Students in Maths will be studying Algebra & Number while in Science they will be learning about Acids & Bases, the human body & Genetics. Our inquiry focus is on our school-wide term theme of the Rhythm of Life, utilising skills that will help our students with NCEA.

Moana Learning Commons - has started hungry - hungry to learn! This term we are serving up a platter of human evolution, a bowl of DNA, a plate of algebra and a cup of creative writing. It's a real smorgasbord of tasty learning!

Team Moana are well represented across the Arts and Sports arenas this term. We have students practising hard for Stage Challenge, many involved in itinerant music lessons, and a mixture of Netballers, Rugby players, Waterpolo players, Hockey, Volleyball and Basketball players. Moana is a very busy Learning Commons.

A great success has been the use of Google Classrooms this year. It's highly accessible from any location, breaking down barriers to learning when students are unable to attend or have missed a class. It has been great to see that accessing learning from home is becoming 'just what we do' and it's even better to have it all available to families.

As a teaching team we are looking at improving our practice through teacher inquiry and targeted goals. Student voice is super important to us and we value all input. The students are encouraged to talk about their learning with us, question what we are doing and feed into our workshops.

Motu Learning Commons - sadly, Ms Yasmin Mahagna will be leaving us at the end of Term 2. Ms Mahagna has added much to the life in Motu with her sparkling personality and enthusiasm for her subject, Social Sciences. She plans to travel to London initially. We will welcome her replacement at the beginning of term 3.

On Friday 3 June Professors Roger and Annette Moore visited with a group of students from the University of North Carolina who are in New Zealand studying sustainability.

They were hosted for the day by 10MOT2 who accompanied them to our beach and completed some conservation work with the Regional Council. The remainder of the day was spent getting to know each other, exchanging world views and attempting to understand the American elections.



10MOT2 and students from University of North Carolina planting sand dunes.

Amazing Support!

The Whangai group had a very successful launch of their group recently. Parents and Whanau were invited to share dinner and some fun activities with the staff who volunteer to be support people for our students. Colin Reeder from Nga Potiki our local iwi and Paul Pou from Sport Bay of Plenty contributed to the evening. After discussions of the programme and dinner some fun games began. A great team building experience.



Sharon Murphy presenting the Kapa Haka students with poi



Whangai Group



Caelum Rogers-Hall

Te Rae o Papamoa Kapa Haka

He mihi nui tēnei ki a: (With Thanks to:)

Kui Sharon Murphy who tākoha 44 short poi and 44 long poi to Papamoa College Kapa Haka.

On behalf of the Kapa Haka students we wish to Thank Kui Sharon and her whanau for this wonderful gift.

Thanks also to Caelum Rogers-Hall Y10 who volunteered his Saturday to help a family move and donated his koha money to 2016 Kapa Haka Noho Marae. Ngā mihi nui ki a koe Caelum.

Whaea Melis
HOD Maori

NCEA

Even though we have just started Term Two students are being encouraged to look ahead. Last week all students were issued the external timetable for November that is published by NZQA. Please ensure that your appointments and holidays are not taken at this time. Information on payment for NCEA was also issued. Students are being encouraged to check their entries for their internals for each subject so that they can understand how many credits are available to them within each subject. Specific external entries will be confirmed later in the year.

Y9 Technology

Last term, students in year 9 Technology had the opportunity to work on a real project with a client to design and build solutions to their problems.

Students met with the Headteacher of Papamoa Kindergarten, who described needs they had for the centre. These included needing a new seating area, tool storage, new vegetable planting boxes and a new sign for the front. Students really rose to the challenge. They brainstormed, sketched and modelled ideas before showing them to the kindergarten staff. After some more discussions, students were ready to build. They calculated the amount of materials that needed to be ordered, before building the sign, seating area and planters to a high standard. We installed them in the last week of term. The students were a credit to the college. The staff and parents at the kindergarten were very impressed with their skills, maturity and commitment. Students learned how to work with a client and manage a project from beginning to completion.



The new sign

Mr Mike Wright
Teacher



Seating Area



Vegetable planters