

2016 Masquerade Ball

The Papamoa College Ball was an outstanding success this year. It is a credit to the Ball Committee who worked hard to create a wonderful evening for everyone. With a Masquerade theme and gourmet ham buffet, it was an evening to remember for all.

Attendees arrived in and on many different types of transport including a fire engine, bus, truck and a jet ski.

Prize winners included Bobby Aujla as King, Taylor Faulkner as Queen, Megan Williamson as Princess, Brad Audas as Prince, Dyson Delahunty and Katelin Houghton as Cutest Couple and Ethan Broomhead and Ariana Ili received the prize for Best Transportation. The venue at the Tauranga Racecourse was beautifully decorated and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Mrs Sarah Cowie
TIC Ball



What's Happening

Term Dates

Term 2: 2 May – 8 July

Term 3: 25 July – 23 September

Term 4: 10 October - 14 December

Mid Year Academic Awards Assemblies

These assemblies will be held on the following dates in the Theatre.

Lower Middle School Y7-Y8

Wednesday 6 July at 12pm

Upper Middle School Y9-Y10

Thursday 7 July at 12pm

Senior School Y11-Y13

Thursday 7 July at 2pm

Parents/Whanau are very welcome.

Parent Student Conferences

These conferences will be held over the following 2 days:

Wednesday 27 July 2.00pm – 7.30pm

Thursday 28 July 2.00pm – 6.00pm

School will finish early for all students on these two days at 12.35pm.

Enrolment Information Evening

Wednesday 17 August from 6.30pm – 8.00pm in the Theatre. This evening will cover general information about what Papamoa College has to offer and how the 2017 enrolment process works for new students.

NZQA Fees

All Year 11, 12 & 13 Students will incur a NZQA Fee of \$76.70. This needs to be paid by Wednesday 31 August. If paid after this date a late fee of \$50.00 may apply.

Staff Only Day

Friday 2 September is a Staff Only Day. School is closed for instruction on this day.

Reminder:

Please refrain from contacting students on their phones during the school day. If you need to get a message to them, please phone Reception on 5420676.

PB4L is Back IN ACTION...What is PB4L?

The Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) School Programme looks at behaviour and learning as a whole school as well as from an individual child's perspective.

The Positive Behaviour for Learning framework, otherwise known as PB4L School-Wide, is helping New Zealand schools build a culture where positive behaviour and learning is a way of life. PB4L is based on the Positive Behavioural Interventions and Supports (PBIS) framework developed at the University of Oregon in the 1990s. It is now in 600 schools nationwide.

PB4L takes the approach that opportunities for learning and achievement increase if:

- The school environment is positive and supportive
- Expectations are consistently clear
- Students are consistently taught desired behaviours
- Students are consistently acknowledged for desired behaviours and undesirable behaviours are responded to in a fair and equitable way.

The PB4L staff team are: Moira Lomas, Kylie Price, Katy Thorne, Erin Farrell, Jane Kay, Kat Daniela and John Ferguson.



Lower Middle School



This year the Lower Middle School disco was held on Thursday 2 June. Our theme was 'Through the Decades: 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s. I think this disco theme was really fun and creative and you had a range of outfit ideas to choose from, for example you could be a hippie or a Grease character.

The D.J. Matt Naylor from Addictive D.J.'s was awesome. He chose songs relevant to the theme, but also some newer songs.

We had a wonderful time at the disco and know everyone else did too. It was fantastic to see everyone participating and having a great time.

Charlotte, Carian, Alyssa, Zak, Brooklyn & Holly
Lower Middle School Leaders



Y7 Trademark

Monday 7 June all Year 7 students participated in a fun event called the Year 7 trademark - PCT (Police Competency Test) challenge.

Students had to work as a team of four to get through a series of challenges, beat the clock and earn points for their whanau group.

The winning Whanau group on the day was Wawata, second place went to Kaha, third place Rawe and lastly Ngatahi. It was a great event with students and teachers having awesome afternoon watching their teams overcome obstacles and be part of a team.

Mrs Kylie Price
Whanau Staff Leader



2016 Stage Challenge

It has been an exciting time for Performing Arts at Papamoa College. We had Stage Challenge and RAW performances over two nights, Thursday 16 and Friday 17 June. Over 100 students with a dedicated team of staff have been working and practising hard to produce some spectacular dance performances.

RAW involved Years 7 & 8 in the theme of "I've Got the Magic in Me" showing how everyone can make a difference in this world with a little kindness and a touch of magic. Stage Challenge RAW gained five awards of excellence for their moving Performance, Soundtrack, Visual Enhancement, Excellence in Drama and in Concept.

Stage Challenge OPEN involved Year 9 to 13 students in the theme of "Dia de Los Muertos- The Day of the Dead Festival" exploring this fun Mexican tradition through a love story showing that death leaves a heartache no one can heal, but love leaves a memory no one can steal.

Stage Challenge OPEN came 2nd overall in the region and received eight other awards of excellence for; Concept, Visual Enhancement, Costuming and Character, Set Design and Function, Stage Crew, Stage Use, Performance Skills and the School Initiative award.

We are all very proud of our students' efforts and want to thank all staff, students, parents and friends who helped to make Stage Challenge a success this year!

Mrs Gayle Spence
Learning Area Coordinator
Performing Arts



Stage Challenge RAW



Amazing Talent

Joel Wishart Y12 Art Design student is a finalist for a nationwide digital illustration competition offered by the Animation College, called "Light and Dark Secondary School Character Competition".

This competition aims to find some of New Zealand's most talented young illustrators and offers the chance to win amazing prizes to set them up for a great creative future.

It was open to high school students from years 11-13 nationwide. Entrants must design a character depicting two contrasting emotions; one light and one dark.

Joel submitted an entry depicting "Serenity" and "Rage" and has made it into the top 20 final entries from a total of 400 submissions! Well done Joel, what a great achievement!

Mrs Helen MacDuff
Learning Area Coordinator - Visual Arts



Sore Throats

An untreated sore throat (strep throat) can lead to rheumatic fever. Rheumatic fever is a serious preventable disease which may cause permanent heart damage.

Get a sore throat checked right away. Don't ignore it!

Your child can make an appointment at student reception to see the school nurse, if they have a sore throat that does not settle after a few days.

Woody Vahey
School Nurse



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, the parent/caregiver needs 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 you 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.

We need your help!

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