

## Message from the Principal

Kia ora

I wish to extend my gratitude and thanks for the many messages of support and offers of assistance that the school has recently received, as a result of sadly losing one of our students. It is in times like these that community and connections with people matter and are needed. Despite dealing with a difficult situation the students have supported each other and reached out to staff as well. We will continue to provide the necessary pastoral support to students for as long as it is needed.

You may have experienced the descent of thousand of students into the region due to the AIMS games during the week of 5-9 September. With over 180 Papamoa College students involved this year, it has been our largest number of competitors to date. It was good to be able to see our students making the most of their time and representing the school well. A consistent message that is relayed back to the school about the students is that they play hard, play by the rules, and display great sportswo/manship. There will be a SportsTalk published very soon with accounts, photos and results etc.

With the term at a close it is worth being reminded that Senior School students are fast coming to the near end of their academic courses. In term 4, Senior School students have less than 4 weeks of school, before they are on exam leave in mid November. Senior School reports will be issued on the last day of this term - Friday 23 September.

Regards

Steve Lindsey  
Principal



Our Physical Education Team attended and presented at the National Physical Education & Health conference held at Palmerston North Boys High School recently.

The conference is designed to get Physical Education & Health teachers from around



New Zealand together to share ideas and network.

Papamoa College Physical Education & Health Team received the Outstanding Physical Education Award – this is awarded to the department that has demonstrated Excellence in Physical Education.

“We are all humbled by this achievement and will continue to strive to be better each day.” Nick Leask – Learning Area Coordinator – Physical Education

## What's Happening

### Term Dates

**Term 3:** July 25 - September 23

**Term 4:** October 10 - December 14

### Community Survey

As part of our commitment to continuous improvement, we will provide you with an opportunity to provide feedback on how we are doing. A link to the Community Survey will be emailed out to you early next term.

### Y7 & Y8 Athletics Day

Thursday 13 October is a fun filled day of Athletics events for the Y7 & Y8 students. Parents and Whanau are encouraged to come along to watch.

### Sports Awards Evening

Wednesday 26 October 7pm in the Theatre. This is a great opportunity to celebrate all our sporting successes from the year. All are welcome to attend.

### Senior School Prizegiving

Wednesday 2 November in the Gymnasium from 1pm. Parents and Whanau of Y11, Y12 & Y13 students are most welcome to attend. Senior Students will be dismissed from school at the conclusion of the prizegiving.

### NCEA Begins

Exams begin on Wednesday 9 November and conclude on Friday 2 December. Copies of the NCEA exam timetables are available on our website, NZQA website and at Reception.

### Uniform Shop Days

Uniform shop days are held in the Theatre on the following dates:

**Saturday 17 December 2016**

10.00am – 3.00pm

**Saturday 21 January 2017**

10.00am – 3.00pm

**Monday 23 January 2017**

2.00pm – 7.00pm

**Please note:** All 2017 Y11 students will need to purchase the Senior Uniform

# Advanced Winter Skills Camp

The advanced winter skills camp this year was set to be a great trip with a weather forecast of clear skies, little wind and a lot of snow on the mountain. With a small group of four students and three teachers our plan was to stay at Tukino mountain lodge on Friday night, climb up to the Whangaehu hut in the morning then ascend up to the crater summit of Mt Ruapehu. Our first challenge was to get to the hut. Deep snow and ruts in the mountain road made it difficult to get to the lodge, luckily we had snow chains which saved the day. After a brief stay at the lodge we were packed up and climbing the snowy ridges of Mt Ruapehu. Part way up we set up two ropes to practise snow anchors called t-slots and snow bollards to abseil off.

By lunchtime we were at the Whangaehu hut, where we left most of our gear. We put on our crampons for the big ascent, dropped into the glacier valley and started the 600 metres to the crater. It took an hour to get up to the crater lake edge. It was a tough, relentless slog but the view at the top was spectacular. Seeing the surrounding peaks, the lake, the flat crater and the dome shelter was worth the hard climb from the bottom. Soon we were dropping back down the glacier and in the hut with a warm cup of milo. There were some exhausted people in the hut that night.

The next day we packed up our gear, cleaned the hut and headed back to Tukino. On the way down we found a great abseil on Margarets leap. A 30 metre iced waterfall. It was a pretty scary abseil which challenged most of us but we all made it down with skill. After a short walk to the car we were off to the hot pools to soak our tired, sore muscles.

I would like to thank Mr Scott and Mr Wood for all their help, as well as say a special thanks to the boys who came away on the trip. You guys were awesome!

Mr Thomas  
TIC Winter Skills Camp



## 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 in the Food Technology room 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



# Year 9 Technology

During term 2 and 3, students in year 9 Technology were again out in the community learning new skills, whilst helping and making a difference. Students met with the head teacher of Papamoa Kindergarten, who described needs they had for the centre. These included needing improvements to a play area, outdoor toys, bench seating and a play "hide".

Students modelled ideas before showing them to the kindergarten staff. The teachers had suggestions for improvement. After some more discussions students were ready to plan their build. They calculated the amount of materials that needed to be ordered, before building a new slide, a giant wooden glockenspiel, a maimai, a play kitchen area and some shelving. The focus of the project was on discussing requirements with a client, problem solving, presenting ideas to clients, project and time management and working to specifications. Our bigger picture is also to use technology to help others.

The kindergarten staff and parents were in awe at the maturity, skills, organisation and independence of the college students. We are going to continue to work with Papamoa Kindergarten, as well as other clients in Term 4.



Mr Wright  
Technology Teacher



Glockenspiel



# Sweet As Kiwi Quiz Night

Thank you Papamoa! With your support the Papamoa College Sweet As Kiwi Quiz Night was a fantastic night!

Over 20 teams were entertained and put to the test by "Jono" (Scott McCoullough). Congratulations to team "No Eye Deers" for taking out the competition and winning the quiz. "The Delinquents", came in second, winning a tie breaker over "The Icons". "The Enchanted Forest", came as a native forest, and won best dressed team!

Kath Sargent  
Parents & Friends Group

Check out the school website for the full article and more photos!



Team Shortland Street



Team Enchanted Forest



Team 4 Square

# Sports

## Basketball

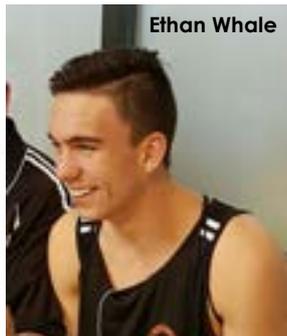
Congratulations to the Papamoa College Senior Boys, White Team for coming 3rd overall in their grade for College Basketball Tauranga.

Its been a tough battle this year as every year the competition becomes fiercer. Every player stepped up and pushed themselves throughout every game, they worked and supported each other well throughout the season. They represented Papamoa College with pride and honour and did not disappoint, by bring home the Bronze.



Basketball Senior Boys White Team

Congratulations guys, and thank you to Mikaere Dirske (coach), Mike Brown (assistant coach), and our parents for the on-going support every week.



Ethan Whale

## Swimming

Congratulations to Ethan Whale Y11 who competed in the New Zealand Secondary School Swimming Champs at the start of September.

Ethan had a fantastic meet and came away with six personal bests. Ethan has also qualified for National Age Group Champs in March 2017.



## Rugby by the Beach

Papamoa College in conjunction with the Bay of Plenty Rugby Union hosted the inaugural 'Rugby By The Beach' competition in August. The tournament was designed by Papamoa College Physical Education teachers and 1st XV coaches Nick Leask and Craig Budd who saw an opportunity to create a tournament for co-educational 1st XV players. "Its been great to have the chance to compete against teams from other regions" - Craig Budd. The tournament went for 3 days and included 300 players and coaching staff from 7 schools in the North Island.

The Papamoa College 1st XV went through to win the tournament with a thrilling 16-5 score over Inglewood High School in the final. Teams are already signing up for next years' tournament and there are many schools on a waiting list.

We received great feedback and some teams said that they preferred our tournament to others because it is cheaper to get to and involved great rugby.

Nick Leask  
TIC Rugby



Tamanui Pungatara

## WELL DONE

A HUGE congratulations to Tamanui Pungatara (9AWA1) who has made the U13 Western Bay of Plenty Representative Rugby Team.

The Awa team are so proud of our Tamanui!!



Tamanui Pungatara