

Message from the Principal

Kia Ora

Growing Connections

We are all aware of the rapid growth and development that is occurring within the Papamoa Community. We are also aware that Papamoa College is expanding as a result of our growing community. With a student population of just under 1200 we continue to receive a constant stream of new enrolments each week.

Papamoa College is an exciting learning environment and a very busy campus. I would like to acknowledge and thank the many parents, caregivers, friends and supporters that the students and staff receive considerable support from.

There are numerous supporter groups across the school that consist of people who volunteer their time and energy to support the school. Some of these include: The Parents and Friends Group, a range of Sports committees, Sports teams coaching and managing staff, Cultural groups.

We also have many individuals who also provide assistance in areas such as; exam/assessment reader/writer support, student reading support, library duties and support, administrative duties, classroom teacher support, uniform sales, attendance on class trips/camps, visitors and speakers in class, work placements for students etc.

If you are involved or have been involved in any such activities to support the school, we thank you very much. It takes a community to grow its young people and it is exciting to be part of an active and growing Papamoa Community.

There may be other opportunities that you may be thinking that could be useful for the school to tap into.

- You might work in or have connections within the business community in and around Papamoa
- These businesses might be able to provide discounted products/services
- There may be particular sponsorship and funding streams that we might not know about that might be suitable to explore
- Certain individuals and/or groups may have time/resources to assist us.

Please let us know if you or others may be able and willing to assist the school. You could contact your child's teacher, drop us an email at enquiries@papamoacollege.school.nz or come in and see us.

Of course not all offers of support and assistance may be appropriate for the school, but we certainly want to make sure we make the most of the opportunities that are before us.

Thank you again for your ongoing support of the students and staff, and we look forward to continuing to work with you.

I hope term 2 has started well for you.

Kind Regards

Steve Lindsey
Principal

thank you!

What's Happening

Term Dates

Term 2: May 1 – July 7

Term 3: July 24 - September 29

Term 4: October 16 - December 11

Vaccination Information

Thursday 8 June at 9am the vaccination team will be at school to run an information session with all year 7 students regarding the upcoming Boostrix vaccinations. Parents/Whanau are welcome to attend this 20-minute session in the Theatre.

Y12 & Y13 Ball

Saturday 17 June 7.00pm - 11.00pm. This year's ball is being held at Eagle Ridge Lodge in Ohauiti, Tauranga with an Oriental theme.

NZQA Fees

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

Lost Property

If your child has misplaced something at school they can check Lost Property, which is located at Student Services. Please remember to name your children's uniform and belongings.



Recycle for Sight

If you have any spare/old reading glasses at home that you would like to donate to a good cause, the Papamoa Lions Club have a collection box at Reception. Please donate your usable glasses and help a child read and learn.

Awa Camp

Camp Awa was an amazing opportunity to get out of our comfort zones and meet the other Awa students of 2017.

The 23 and 24 March the students of Awa were faced with many challenges within camp, among them was a 5km return hike to the trig at Papamoa Hills, watercolour painting, creating whanau chants and the ultimate lego challenge. It is safe to say that slingshots was the favourite activity.

The students of Awa were also faced with the responsibility of setting up their own tents and cooking their own meals for the duration of the stay.

We came back to school having grown our relationships and with a new respect for the parents who cook our meals at home.

Written by Kerryn Macquarie and Hayley Dawson - 9AWA1



Enviro Challenge

On 31 March a team of eight Papamoa College students went to Rotorua to participate in the enviro challenge.

For the enviro challenge we had to partake in multiple activities. This included making a sculpture out of recyclable objects, a debate and a presentation. This year we produced a video presentation on worm farms, as that was our focus topic for this year. As a school we have one worm farm that is currently in Puke Learning Commons and our aim is to get another couple to be placed within the school.



We also hope to get food scrap bins. This means that as a school we can stop producing mass amounts of food waste and the waste can be given to the worms and turned into vermicast (which is fertiliser) and it can then be put into Kaka St gardens and be used to help the vegetables grow.

Our environmental council put in a lot of hard work and filmed our video after lots of dedicated practice. We welcome any knowledge and advice from parents of Papamoa college students.

Please feel free to come and talk to our enviro council.

Morgan Burt
Y12 Student

Digital Citizenship and the Modern Teenager



It is pleasing to see an increasing number of students taking advantage of the opportunity to bring their own devices to school to support their learning. Some parents may be surprised to know that some of our students have been attempting to circumvent our network safeguards by accessing sites called VPN's or Virtual Personal Networks. VPN's allow students to bypass our network filtering and access the whole internet.

The issue is that by their nature, VPN sites are difficult to manage as there are large numbers of them and new ones come online all the time. Our network filters are maintained by the Ministry of Education's N4L service which is very active but can only blacklist identified sites. Unfortunately, as they blacklist one site another comes up.

In reality, network filtering is only part of the solution. The greatest protection we can offer is for all of us to educate our students on how to be good digital citizens. A large number of our students now carry smartphones in their pockets, on which they can use the public 4G network to access any content they wish. Similarly, they can access any content on their device when at home. We work hard to educate our students on the appropriate use of their device, and in this regard, most students are responsible users. Some just need reminders.

The risk that the internet poses to our children is now part of their lives. The most effective thing we can do to protect them is to educate them on being responsible citizens in the digital world, as we do in the real world. If you would like more information on how to protect your child while using the internet please access the helpful hints provided by Netsafe (<https://www.netsafe.org.nz/resourcesengageparentscommunity/>) or scan the QR code provided. Alternatively, please come along to a parent information evening on student owned devices, that we are holding in the theatre on Thursday 25 May at 6.00pm.

Tracey Gibson
ICT Coordinator

Mike King's Korero

On Wednesday 10 May, Papamoa College welcomed the comedian and mental health advocate Mike King. He spoke to a whole school assembly about the challenges he has faced with his own mental health and the strategies he has put in place to help overcome these challenges.

He approached this task with great energy and humour which the students really responded to. His talk concluded with a Q & A session where our students impressed us with their sensitive and honest approach. Mike offered students the opportunity to speak with him personally after the session and many of them came to him to express their gratitude for the personal nature of his message. Many of them said it was the first time they had heard someone expressing their feelings about their own mental health and that they found that helpful. Students left with a leaflet of resources that outlines ways young people can support themselves and each other.

In the evening, Mike presented again to a group of around 120 members of the wider Papamoa community, repeating the message from the morning session but focusing more on the ways adults can respond to the mental health needs of their children. This session had a big impact on many of the people who attended, and they too were able to pass that message on to Mike directly afterwards.

Mike's charity, Key to Life, has many helpful resources on their website, keytolife.org.nz Mike's contact details are on the site and he welcomes direct communication from young people and those who care for them.

Belinda Develter
Deputy Principal



Parents & Friends Group

Parents & Friends Group Fundraiser OXFORD PIES

This is a very popular fundraiser with a selection of yummy pies and cakes available. Start making some space in your freezer to stock up for the winter!

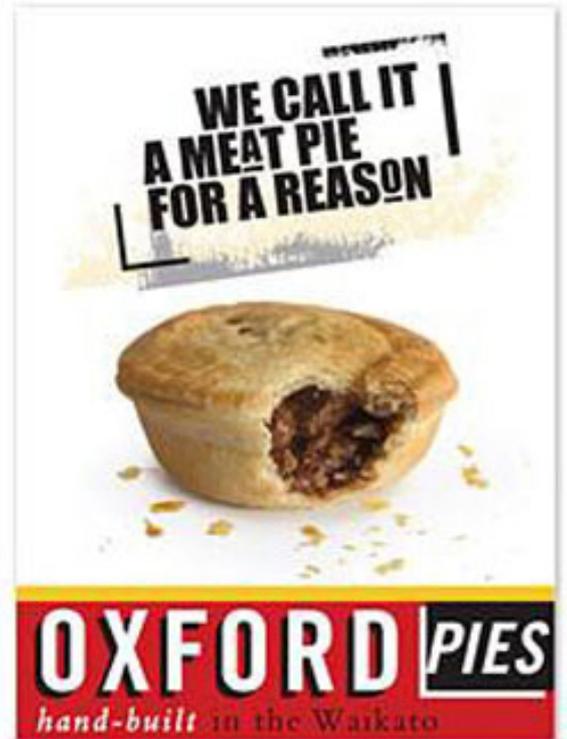
Order forms will be sent home with your child on Friday 19 May for your Oxford Pies order. There will be a drop box at Student Services for your order form and money, which is due back at school on Friday 9 June. Extra order forms will be available at Reception.

Delivery from Oxford Pies to Papamoa College is on Thursday 22 June. Your order needs to be picked up from the Theatre on this date between 2.00pm and 4.00pm. Please put this in your diary.

Reminder: When you place your order, please make sure payment is attached. If your name is on the order form, payment will be the parents/ caregiver's responsibility. If your child/ren are selling door to door please make sure a receipt is issued. These will be attached to the order forms. Any payment shortfall will be parents/caregiver responsibility.

Thank you in advance for getting behind our fundraiser. All proceeds are going towards outdoor furniture.

If you require further information please contact us via email: parentandfriends@papamoacollege.school.nz



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Pink Shirt Day

Papamoa College will be celebrating Pink Shirt Day (PSD) 2017 on Friday 26 May.

Please support us by wearing **PINK** and bringing a gold coin donation to Speak up, Stand together and Stop bullying.

Pink Shirt Day is led by the Mental Health Foundation to promote wider awareness and understanding of bullying and strategies to stop bullying for good. It is an annual campaign that encourages New Zealanders to stand together and take action against bullying.

Pink Shirt Day at Papamoa College will be organized by the Big Brothers Club Peer Support student group and supported by the Tauranga Youth Development Trust with activities including music, dance, games, information tables and a sausage sizzle over lunchtime.

Money raised through PSD will be donated to Mental Health Foundation, community agencies and BBC Peer Support group to promote strategies to stop bullying.

Jane Kay
Guidance Counsellor



Pink Shirt Day Tees

purchase for your child online at www.mrvintage.co.nz



25% of sales is donated to the Mental Health Foundation.

Enter the promo code 'papamoa' for a \$5 discount

Sore Throats...

If the young person in your care complains of a sore throat that does not seem to go, PLEASE get them to ask Student Reception for a nurse appointment for a throat swab.

Some sore throats are caused by a bacteria that can lead to rheumatic fever. Rheumatic fever can lead to heart damage.

The good news is these throat infections can be easily treated.

Keep well.

Woody Vahey RGN
School Health Nurse