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Invaluable life skills

Traffic whizzes by on a crisp morning as Zack stands by the bus stop outside school. Every Monday morning Zack catches bus number 30 to Palm Beach Plaza. He does this because for just over a year now he has been doing work experience at Paper Plus. This year this work experience counts towards his Future Directions class.

Zack has a great eye for detail which serves him well in this job. He is in charge of finding out of date magazines amongst over 200 different publications. As you can imagine this is no small task. The job is made even sweeter because he gets to look over WWE magazines!

Another part of his job is to keep the stationary, novels and toys in order. He often finds that after the weekend the toys can be well out of place.

Initially Zack was supported in his role but now he has come so far that he just gets dropped at the door and picked up. I have seen his communication skills improve along with his time-keeping skills. Zack now follows instructions and will ask for clarification if needed.

Neville and Keri are the owners of Paper Plus at Palm Beach Plaza. They have taken on a couple of our students and have been amazingly supportive and understanding. A huge thank you to these two. Without people like them our students would not have the opportunity to gain invaluable life skills.



Article by Kelly Heron
Specialist Teacher in Learning Support

Traffic problems again - The gates will be closed

We have previously communicated to members of our community that there are concerns for student safety at the end of the school day. This is due to people who collect their children at the end of the day, and use the front of school car lane, the staff carpark, and also drive on to the grassed area at the side of the school. It has been very disappointing to see people driving in a dangerous manner while on campus and continuing to park on yellow lines and in front of hazard traffic cones. We feel it will only be a matter of time before one of our students (or visitors) is injured.

We are seriously considering closing the front school gates for a period of time around the end of the school day to prevent cars coming onto campus. Therefore if you collect your child by car after school, please ensure your collection place is off campus. This will mean that students will have to walk a short distance.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter. The safety of your child is important to us.

Steve Lindsey
Principal

What's Happening

Term Dates

Term 2: May 1 – July 7
Term 3: July 24 - September 29
Term 4: October 16 - December 11

Mid Year Academic Awards Assemblies

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

- Lower Middle School Y7-Y8
Wednesday 5 July at 12pm
- Upper Middle School Y9-Y10
Friday 7 July at 12pm
- Senior School Y11- Y13
Friday 7 July at 2pm

Parents/Whanau are very welcome.

Parent Student Conferences

These conferences will be held over the following 2 days:

- Wednesday 26 July 2.00pm – 7.30pm
 - Thursday 27 July 2.00pm – 6.00pm
- School will finish early for all students on these two days at 12.35pm.

Enrolment Information Evening

Wednesday 16 August from 6.30pm – 8.00pm in the Theatre. This evening will cover information about what Papamoa College has to offer and how the 2018 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 Thursday 31 August. If paid after this date a late fee of \$50.00 may apply.

Staff Only Day

Friday 1 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.



Art Festival

At the end of Term 1, Year 10 and Senior Visual Art students visited the Tauranga CBD and Art Gallery for the PARADOX Street Art Festival.

The festival is the first of its kind in Tauranga and is paradoxical in its nature not only by bringing street art into a gallery but also by internationally acclaimed artists turning the city into an outdoor gallery, adding to the city's existing display of street art.

"I like the idea that graffiti is usually associated with secrecy and looked down on, but at Paradox, it brought people together - I just like that community feeling." Calista Cristobal, Yr 12.

"Seeing the different ways that art can be portrayed, other than on a traditional canvas, really opened up my eyes as to how it can be an expression of ourselves and political aspects of society" Caitlin Kirton, Yr 12.

"It was brilliant! I liked Sofles work, because it was interactive and pleasing to the eye." Antonio Iolata, Yr 12.

The collection includes the most extensive assembly of the works of the acclaimed street artist Banksy, in the Southern Hemisphere. Some of the work in the gallery is interactive, including virtual reality. If you haven't checked it out, it's on until the end of June and is suitable for all ages.

Mrs Helen MacDuff
Curriculum Leader - Visual Arts



Senior School Update...

Term two is always extremely busy for the senior students and this year is no exception.

Many internal assessments are being completed and submitted across all three levels. In some subjects this means that the focus is now shifting towards learning for external examinations or completing projects or portfolios for the external part of courses.

Careers and future pathways is a continuing focus for many of the students with tertiary visits, interviews and mentoring, focussing on next steps for students to ensure an easy transition.

Year 11 students have been involved in the Safer Driver Expo while the year 12 cohort have undertaken the 'Loves me not programme' which looks at positive relationships. All seniors have also had time with the 'Attitude' speakers who focus on health issues and how to access support.

The ball on Saturday 17 June is obviously a major focus for our year 12 and 13 students. The committee have done an amazing job getting ready for what will no doubt be a fantastic evening.

All three year groups will be undertaking their trademark events this term, with the year 13's having just completed their 'Three Peaks Challenge' which had to be postponed from term one.

Cath McCready
Senior School Director

Entertainment Books

Papamoa College is raising funds for Sports Gear. You can help by purchasing an Entertainment Book Membership, you will receive hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do and help our fundraising at the same time.

To order your 2017/18 book or digital membership securely online, please visit: WWW.entbook.co.nz/15672e0 or contact rleroy@papamoacollege.school.nz for more information.

Once ordered, books can be collected from the school reception. We thank you for your support.



Upper Middle School

Awa Learning Commons

Under the theme of *Survival of the Fittest* we have created learning experiences that rely on skills such as research, using evidence to support justifications, persuasive writing, speaking and being future focused.

In Social Studies we are placing prominent people from the past on trial in order to decide whether we think that they are a positive or negative influence on history. Ask your child about their thoughts on Cleopatra, Christopher Columbus, Napoleon or Genghis Kahn. In English we have been working on our speaking skills through poetry, prose, debates and speeches. Our Science material has been investigating states of matter, climate change and weather. In our Math classes we have been involved in a crime scene investigation and loads of Algebra and Number milestones. During our Citizenship lessons we have been thinking about our careers and what we would like our futures to look like. Ask your child about what they placed on their Dream Boards.

Jenna Mackay
Leader of Awa Learning Commons



GIVING BACK TO BUILD A BETTER COMMUNITY

Citizenship in Moana

As part of our Citizenship program, Moana Learning Commons has committed to performing a community service once a term.

This term we have engaged with Coast Care and the Dune Restoration program. On Thursday 1 June Moana students planted approximately 400 plants at Papamoa Beach with another 400 to be planted on Wednesday 28 June.

This is a valuable community service and one that we will all continue to benefit from in years to come.

Marcie Hintz, Jen Pratt, Kylie Price and Chris Keating
Moana Learning Commons Teachers

Moana Learning Commons

Moana's Module Learning comes from the idea that learning should be an experience that is real and holistic.

Student led Modules unpack a big idea or overarching theme, using research skills that are practised as the students learn through the process of inquiry.

Moana has been a busy learning centre, buzzing and alive with all that is 'Sustainable'. Concepts that are been explored range from saving the humble 'Book' to understanding the complexities around the 'Papamoa Population Boom'.

Students incorporate the core learning areas themselves and are working through a three-phase process that will see a comprehensive research portfolio submitted, supported by a formal written report and an oral/visual presentation highlighting their learning.

Marcie Hintz
Leader of Moana Learning Commons



Numeracy Noho Marae



The 34 students in the Whangai Program attend the Numeracy Noho Marae (overnight stay) at Romai Marae last Thursday 25 and Friday 26 June. A total of six Senior Math teachers saw the completion of one Internal Math Assessment worth 8 credits on the Thursday evening with another Internal Assessment delivered on the Friday. The hospitality was fantastic and the teachers and students enjoyed working together to solve contextual problems.

Well done to all our students who submitted their Math folders for Math and Numeracy credits.

Matej Benes
Curriculum Leader Mathematics

LMS Cross Country

Our Lower Middle School had the chance to shine at our Cross Country event on Wednesday 7 June 2017.

We are so proud of all our students for the incredible effort they put into their races. Every student who competed put their heart and soul into their races and gave it their all.

Our top place getters will be representing the school at the Zone Cross Country on Wednesday 21 June. We wish them all the very best.

Top 3 place getters in each year level are:

Year 7 Boys:

1st: Azrael Cabusao
2nd: Willem Koning
3rd: Seb Pearson

Year 8 Boys:

1st: Kel Iggulden
2nd: Sam Proctor
3rd: Luke King

Year 7 Girls:

1st: Jazmin Spice
2nd: Talitha McEwan
3rd: Cerys Adkins

Year 8 Girls:

1st: Hannah Lawson
2nd: Lilly Ellis
3rd: Jemma Sanders

Many thanks to all the parents and family members who came and supported on the day.

Karla Wesselink
Deputy Principal - Lower Middle School

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

