

## From the Principal

Kia Ora

### Sale of Student Uniform

Since the beginning of the school (2011) we have sold the student uniform through Reception and Student Services. We have done this to maintain control over the uniform sales and price to our customers.

As you can appreciate, providing uniform for approximately 1200 is a big undertaking - with administrative staff and their many supporters having done a fantastic job to kit out the students. Unfortunately, the job now is too big and takes up too much time.

Uniform Group who manufacture the school uniform items will soon be selling the uniform from a purpose-built building that will be situated at the front of the school. The same convenience and ease of purchase will continue to be provided for parents and students. Additional services include online ordering and personalised student accounts.

Despite the fact that the school will not be selling the uniform we believe that parents and students will still be well served and have their uniform purchasing needs met.

Hand-over will occur at the start of December 2017 with more information provided to you soon regarding the change over details, times and processes.

Until then . . . it is business as usual from Reception and Student Services for all student uniform sales.

Regards

Steve Lindsey  
Principal



## Cycle Plan

Tauranga council have created a schools' competition to get feedback on how we can make Tauranga easier and safer for people on bikes. From **18 September -5 November** you can go online to give feedback - [www.tauranga.govt.nz/cycling](http://www.tauranga.govt.nz/cycling).

They have some awesome tools on their website to help you provide feedback on how to make it easier and safer for people to ride bikes around Tauranga. All feedback counts, so whānau, parents, grandparents, neighbours and friends can go online or go and see the team and tell Council where there should be cycle lanes, or bike routes improved, even if you don't ride a bike, what you think is important.

The schools that get the most feedback win prizes! Everyone who provides feedback is in with a chance to win a bike worth \$1000. There are two bikes up for grabs.



## What's Happening

### Term Dates

**Term 4:** October 16 - December 8

### Sports Awards Evening

Wednesday 25 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

Thursday 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.

### Y7 & Y8 Athletics Day

Wednesday 8 November is a fun filled day of Athletics events for the Y7 & Y8 students. Parents and Whanau are encouraged to come along to watch.

### NCEA Begins

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

### Middle School Prizegiving

Friday 8 December at 9.30am in the Gym. All parents and whanau are welcome to attend.

### Whanau Points to date...

NGATAHI - 96

WAWATA - 90

RAWE - 89

KAHA - 89



## THANK YOU! Parents & Friends Group

We would like to acknowledge and thank the Parents & Friends Group for the fundraising efforts over the last year.

We also need to say a big thank you to our community for supporting the Parents & Friends Groups fantastic efforts with the many events you have attended, raffles purchased and pies eaten.

The photos shown here are a few of the items purchased for the students and school.

# THANK YOU!



Bike Racks



Skateboard Stands



Lectern



Gazebo's



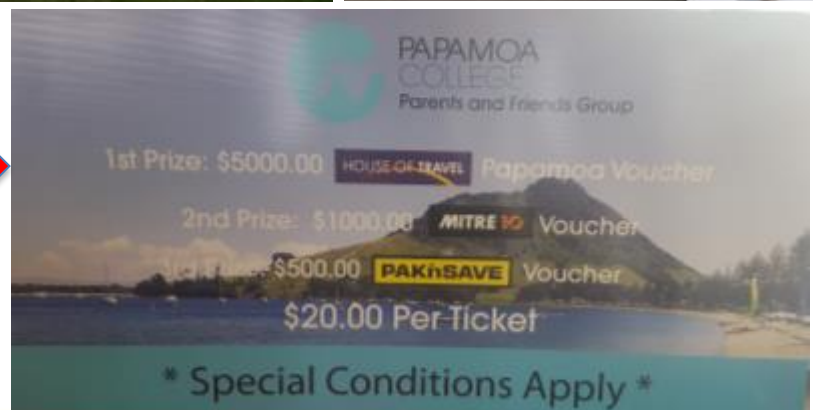
Scooter Racks

Parents & Friends Group are now fundraising to go towards a new school van.

Check out the fantastic prizes in this raffle!

Don't miss out! Get your tickets in term 4 from Reception... Drawn at Middle School Prizegiving

**ONLY \$20 Per ticket**



## Lower Middle School Speech Finals

On Thursday 7 September, 14 students from the Lower Middle School (LMS) had an opportunity to show their presenting skills on the big stage in the LMS speech final for 2017. It was a great competition and the audience was thoroughly entertained throughout the morning. The students competing had already won their class and learning commons competitions, so the level of speaking and presenting was very high.

The topics ranged from the serious "Teen Suicide" by Tayla Douglas, to the inspirational "Why Wait" by Jessica Arlund and to the hilarious "The Unfairness of Pluto being demoted as a planet" by Seth McEwen.

It was a really tight competition and every speaker did fantastically well, but there had to be winners. The year 7 winner was Olivia Tilby- Adams with a speech about "The lies kids tell their Parents", and the year 8 winner was Elvie Fox with a speech on "Gender Inequality". These two students will represent Papamoa College at the WBOP speech finals in week 10. Good luck and we look forward to the results!

Mr James Allen  
Teacher – Puke Learning Commons



## Lower Middle School PBL

**SO  
SUPER  
AWESOME**

This term for PBL (Problem Based Learning) in Tatahi we were set with a task to be the change we want to see in the world. This was our opportunity to do something great for our community.

Azrael and I were paired up together but the only problem was we DID NOT think very alike which made it very difficult to come up with an idea. Eventually we agreed that homelessness in our community was a problem that we felt strongly about. I had also helped out one evening serving Kai Aroha dinners with my Mum in Greerton.

To raise money to buy sleeping bags for the homeless we decided to do a sausage sizzle. We raised \$223 and were able to buy 11 sleeping bags. On the 15 September, we surprised Whaea Tania and gave the sleeping bags to her to give out on Friday night at Kai Aroha.



By Jacob Watters and  
Azrael Cabusao 78TAT1



## Problem Based Learning (PBL)

Well Done!



This term for PBL in Tatahi we had to base our project around us 'Being the Change we want to see in the World'.

Once people go into retirement homes, their worlds become smaller and sometimes they lose touch with the outside world. We need to remember that retired people have had interesting lives, they have wisdom to share with us and we need to be respectful and kind to them too. We decided to spend time with the elderly and make sure they have company.

On Friday 8 September we went to the Metlife Care Retirement Village in Papamoa. We made them a delicious morning tea of muffins, cookies, caramel slice and chocolate cake. When we arrived Anne the social manager greeted us at the reception. When we walked into the lounge they had all gathered and were waiting for us. When we layed out our morning tea they all stood up and gathered round the table. We joined a table of elderly residents and had a good chat with a hot chocolate.



They were very interested in our school life and asked us lots of questions. They also said they loved our food and thanked us for it.

Ryan Lawson and Adam Levison 78TAT



### Message from Western Bay of Plenty Police

#### **Keep your bikes secure!!!**

We are seeing an increasing number of mountain bikes being stolen in the Western Bay of Plenty.

They are being stolen from a variety of places including schools, garages, front yards and public areas.

There are a few things you can do to prevent your bike from being stolen or if it is stolen assist Police to track it down

- **Lock** your bike securely when not in use. D-Locks are proven to be harder for criminals to crack. Kevlar coated cable locks are another robust option.
- **Record** your Serial Number (very important)
- Take a **photograph** of your bike
- **Upload** serial number and photo to [www.snap.org.nz](http://www.snap.org.nz). This is a Police initiative which makes it more difficult for thieves to on-sell stolen goods.
- **Report** to Police ASAP if your bike is stolen.

Regards Western Bay of Plenty Police

## Learning in Moana

This term has been a project focused juggernaut!

Creations have been growing from all areas of the learning commons as students explore double helix DNA, study the human brain, turn old skateboard decks into jewelry and build removable baffles for cars just to name a few.

We have set up a science explorers table which is a constant area of interest for students and adults alike.

Our 'must do' workshops have included learning about reproduction, film study, and creative writing, economics and a comprehensive math project which saw us marching to the beach to make our carefully designed 'sand cakes'.

A highlight of the term has been our day three block two school values focus. During this time, we have been developing our skills and knowledge in the area of our values; Excellence, Respect, Participation and Relationships. We do this through playing various games and activities.

We are excited to move into Term 4 where anything is possible!

Ms Marcia Hintz  
Leader of Learning Commons - Moana



Science Explorer Table



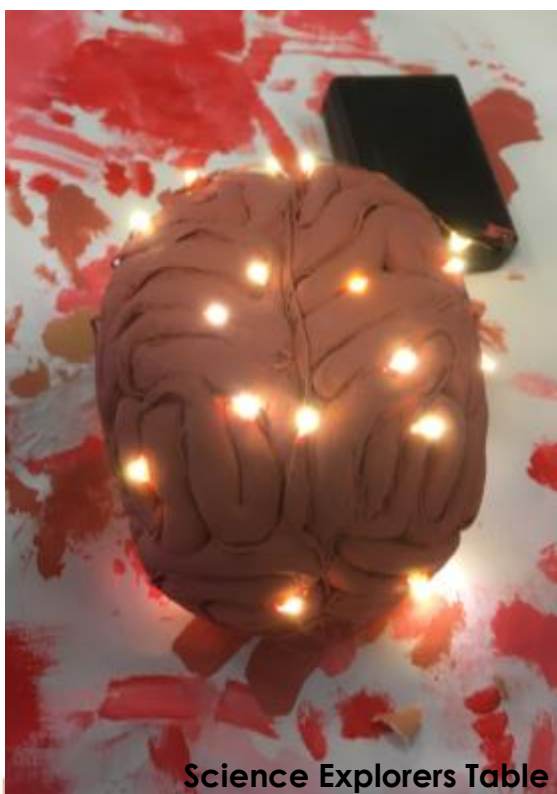
School Values Focus



Sand Cakes



School Values Focus



Science Explorers Table

### Our School Values

- Striving for Excellence
- Caring & Respect
- Actively Involved
- Strong Identity
- Accepting Challenges

Papamoa College will develop successful people, who value relationships and community, and are committed to learning for life.