



PAPAMOA  
COLLEGE

# CONNECT

## Message from the Principal

Kia Ora

It is incredible to think that we are nearly at the end of term one.

The vision for Papamoa College is to *Develop successful people, who value relationships and community, and are life long learners and we are well on our way to achieving this.*

The focus for term one, has been to make sure we establish effective student learning programmes, determine the level of student achievement, and lay the foundations for a strong and positive culture to flourish at Papamoa College. To this end, the staff and students have been very busy.

Fostering a sense of identity and belonging takes commitment and effort from all those involved. Just like the two men on the television advertisement who believe "good things take time," I too appreciate that the important work of relationship building and culture development takes time and sometimes patience.

When we reflect on what has occurred over the term, a lot has happened: the learning timetable and routines have become second nature for both students and staff, the whanau system and student leaders are in operation, athletics and swimming sports have been held, the sporting programme has included trials and team selection, formation of the Kapa Haka group, ICT Student Group, Student Council, School Choir, Visual Art Group, Dance Group, Parent Whanau Group, and Parents and Friends Group, etc.

On another note, it has been disturbing to view the media images of some students at other schools treating each other with extreme violence. In my view, this violence is assault and should be dealt with as such. The Board of Trustees is reviewing their processes for dealing with bullying and harassment.

At Papamoa College, we do not condone any form of harassment, bullying or violence. We have used this opportunity to continue talking to students about appropriate ways of relating to each other and what to do if someone bullies them. In brief, students need to tell bullies to stop the behaviour. If the behaviour continues, they need to tell someone they trust. This could be a friend, student leader, teacher, parent, or coach. It is important that someone else knows about the bullying, so that it can be stopped. As a community we all have a responsibility to support each other and eliminate inappropriate behaviour.

Thank you for your support over a great first term!

Regards

Steve Lindsey



Bethany Millar & Ella Paulsen  
on Hair and Hat Day

## What's Happening?

### Official Opening

The official opening ceremony for Papamoa College is on Friday 15 April 2011. This occasion will mark the official opening for the school and will be attended by the Minister of Education, Minister of Health, Mayor of Tauranga, Ministry of Education officials, local education experts, Board of Trustees, parents of students and other invited guests.

Parents of students are welcome to join us to celebrate the opening of Papamoa College. The ceremony will begin at 12pm in the gymnasium and concludes with a light lunch.

If you are planning to attend, we ask that you let Reception know (542 0676) so that we have numbers for organisational purposes.

### End of term one details

The last day of term one for students is Friday 15 April and due to the official opening celebrations the day will finish at 1.30pm. Students will also receive their progress report to take home. The school office will be closed for the holidays and re-opens 8am on 2 May.

### Crazy Hair and Hat Day

The highlight of last week was the Papamoa College Crazy Hair and Hat Day which was held on Friday 1 April. It was the result of a week of intensive planning and promotion by the student whanau leaders who also managed and judged the event. Apart from having fun, the day was arranged as a fundraiser to support the Christchurch earthquake victims and resulted in students and staff donating over \$240 to the cause.

A wide range of artistic masterpieces were modelled, demonstrating that creativity is alive and well at Papamoa College.



## School Life

### Learning Themes

The learning theme for term one has been Life's Rich Tapestry. This has meant that the integrated and inquiry learning has focused on identity, inclusion, diversity, resilience, relationships, and hauora – local and national.

The learning theme for term two is based around leadership. We are also focusing on developing thinking skills using De Bono's six thinking hats – objective, intuitive, negative, positive, creative and process.

### Student Council

The recently formed student council is made up of 15 student representatives from the five learning commons. The purpose of this group is to discuss aspects of campus life, problem solve issues, and feedback to students on school wide initiatives.

Members include: Annelise Bond (8AWA), Briarn Carrington (8MOA), Mason Claydon (7/8MAU), Ryan Coulter (9TAT), Navpreet Dhailwal (9MOA), Maddison Goodwin (7TAT), Sasha Henderson (7TAT), Gianluca Heuberger (8TAT), Faraz Mohammad (7MTU), Abigail Orr (7MAU), Ashley Riddell (9MAU), Bradley Souness (9MOT), Shevana Tane (7MOA), Vernon Beckham (7MOT), Yang Yong (9AWA) and Principal Steve Lindsey.

## Parents Corner

### Progress Report and Conferences

All students will receive a progress report to take home on the last day of term one. This report provides information about how your child has settled into school life this term. Assessment data is not included in this report but will be available for the first Parent Student Conference which will be held in week two of next term.

The Parent Student Conferences are an opportunity for the student, parent(s) and teacher to discuss specific learning and achievement, as well as setting future learning goals and the next steps for development.

The conferences are 15 minutes long and bookings will be made online. Information that outlines this process will be included with the progress report.

### BOT Elections

The upcoming Board elections will be held on 8 July. If you are a parent of a current student you are eligible to be elected to the Board of Trustees. Board meetings occur once a month. Please consider becoming involved with the governance of the school. More details will follow in term 2.

### Parent Donation and Fees

At the start of term 2, you will receive a fees statement that will include the fees and parent donation for 2011. The Board of Trustees have set a Technology Fee of \$60 to cover the cost of materials used in the Technology learning programme. The Parent Donation is \$100 for one student, \$160 for two students or \$200 for three students or more. This money will be used for the co-curricular programme of the school. We thank you in advance for supporting the school in this way.

### Student Whanau Groups

Part of our citizenship programme includes the student whanau system. The goals of the whanau system are to create school unity and a healthy environment of competition. All students are allocated to one of four whanau groups and meet with their whanau group every day 3.

Through a process of nomination and interviewing, 8 student leaders have been appointed to lead the whanau groups.

Whanau Group	Colour	Student Leaders	Staff Leader
Rawe (Strength)	Blue	Victoria Rhodes-Carlin Connor Millar	Miss Watts
Kaha (Excellent)	Yellow	Cassidy Parer Melanie Hayden	Miss Miller
Wawata (Hopes/Desires)	Red	Lauren Gibbs Damon Kuha-Heaps	Mrs Remus
Ngatahi (Unity)	Green	James Oliver Indiah Reid	Mrs Stensness

Whanau groups are busy preparing banners and chants for their group to be used in the whanau competitions throughout the year.



Part of being a good citizen is about caring for our environment

**Entertainment Book Fundraiser**  
An excellent opportunity to eat, see and be active around the Bay of Plenty at discounted rates!

From 20 May each Papamoa College student will receive an Entertainment Book to bring home for their family to view. Each book can be purchased for \$55. The deals inside are valid from May 2011 to June 2012!

If students wish to sell additional copies they are able to collect extra books from Reception. Any Entertainment Books not sold will be collected at the end of the fundraising event at no cost to the student if all coupons are intact.

Entertainment Books make outstanding gifts for people in the Bay of Plenty area and proceeds of the fundraiser will go towards sunshades at Papamoa College.

# Sports Talk



Talita Lagas

### Athletics

A team of 12 students represented the college at the BOP Secondary School Athletics Competition on Tuesday 8 March. Congratulations to the following students:

BOP Athletics Representatives	Results
Connor Miller	2 <sup>nd</sup> Discus
Kirstie Parsons	2 <sup>nd</sup> 800m
Nicki Clay	2 <sup>nd</sup> Discus
Talita Lagas	3 <sup>rd</sup> High Jump

The Intermediate Schools BOP Athletics championships will be held on 30 November. Students who have been selected to compete will be notified closer to the time.

### Swimming

Congratulations to all those students who competed in our swimming sports on Friday 25 March. It was cold and wet day, but the swimming competition was great.



### BOP Intermediate Swimming Representatives

19 students represented Papamoa College at the BOP Intermediate Swimming Competition on 31 March. Congratulations to the following students:

Swimming BOP Representatives	Result
Arnet Tolofua	3 <sup>rd</sup> 100m Free 1 <sup>st</sup> 25m Free 1 <sup>st</sup> 25m Back 2 <sup>nd</sup> 75m IM 2 <sup>nd</sup> 50m Free
Mitch Cowdrey	1 <sup>st</sup> 25m Free 1 <sup>st</sup> 25m Fly 1 <sup>st</sup> 25m Back
Girls Relay Team	2 <sup>nd</sup> 100m Free



# Sports Profile



Sport: Wrestling  
Name: Merinda Bramley  
Class: 9MOT

**Achievements:**  
Merinda is an expert in her sport.

She recently competed at the Auckland Secondary Schools Championships and North Island Secondary School Championships, placing first at both competitions, bringing back 2 gold medals to the Bay. Merinda has her sights set on making the Olympics when she is old enough and her coach is positive that she will make it with her hard work and commitment. Well done Merinda!

### Key Sporting Dates: Competition starts dates:

- 7 May 2011  
Netball  
Hockey  
School Boys Rugby
- 9 May 2011  
Basketball Intermediate Competition
- 11 May 2011  
Basketball Secondary Competition

13 April 2011  
BOP Secondary School Swimming Championships  
(Selected students have been notified)

School Cross Country will be held on 21 June 2011

28 August – 2 September 2011  
Aims Competition  
Information regarding trials will be available shortly.  
Keep checking the daily notices.



Girls Relay Team  
Placed 2<sup>nd</sup>!

## Points to remember

Spend up big at Palm Beach Plaza!  
Cash for Schools – April Holidays  
The school with the most registrations and money spent at the end of the holidays will receive \$1000 cash. A customer from that school will be drawn at the same time and they will win \$500 shopping vouchers.

The second placed school will win \$750 and the customer will win \$300 shopping vouchers.

The third placed school will win \$500 and the customer will win \$200 shopping vouchers.

Parent Whanau group

The next meeting for the Parent Whanau group is on Monday 11 April at 7pm in the staff lounge. All welcome.

New Website

The new website is coming!  
We apologise for the delay with the launch. This week we have had professional photographs taken to be included in the website. We thank you for your patience.

Visitors to Campus: If you wish to visit the College in non-teaching hours to see your child's teacher or another staff member, please remember to sign-in at school reception. For the safety of both our school community and our visitors, it is important we know who is on the school site at any given time. Please help support keeping our students and community safe by following this process.

Bike Helmets

A large number of students are riding bikes without a bike helmet. As the roads leading into campus are extremely busy, we have been encouraging students to wear their helmets during their travels to and from school. If your child does travel by bike to school, please ensure that they have a helmet available to them and that they understand the risks they are taking if they are not wearing it. Further information about the potential damage of riding bikes without helmets will be shared with students in their classes over the next few weeks.

SNAP

Papamoa College have formed a community partnership with the NZ Police and SelectaDNA to reduce property offending. Our school will be added to an international database to beat burglary and stop the trade in stolen property. For more information visit the website [www.snap.org.nz](http://www.snap.org.nz).

## Emergency procedures

Over the last month we have been talking with students about the procedures we should all follow in the event of a natural disaster or emergency situation on campus.

We have established procedures in conjunction with guidelines from the Ministry of Education, NZ Police and Civil Defence, to ensure that students and staff are safe and secure. The table outlines procedures we follow in the event of an emergency.

Our first priority is to ensure that everyone on campus is accounted for. Once this has occurred our crisis management plan will be implemented.

In the event of a crisis situation we will endeavour to record a message on the school telephone and website to provide relevant information.

Parents /caregivers collecting children from school must report to the main entrance at the bridge (by Reception). We will only release students into the care of an identified parent / caregiver.

### What to do in an emergency

Emergency Services  
Ring 111  
(1 for outside line)

<b>Fire Explosion</b>	Activate alarm. An automated message will tell you to evacuate the building.	Evacuate to the assembly area on the field.
<b>Earthquake</b>	Get under a table or strong structure. Cover head and face. Orientate towards the centre of room. Once shaking is over, evacuate to the assembly area.	
<b>Tsunami Flooding</b>	Intermittent bell will ring.	Move upstairs to first floor. Make way to your learning commons. (Moana assemble in Performing Arts)
<b>Lockdown</b>	Verbal message will be communicated.	Move inside. Remain quiet and stay in the centre of the room.



The school recently practised the emergency evacuation procedures.

