



PAPAMOA
COLLEGE

19 August 2011

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Message from the Principal

Kia Ora

Welcome back to term 3.

It has been a difficult time for everyone following the death of Pascal Blade (9 Maunga). He was a special part of our school and will be sorely missed. We thank you for the care and support you have shown to the school and especially the students. It has been a time of honest and heartfelt sharing, with students unifying to remember Pascal and celebrate his life. Our thoughts, prayers and support continue to go out to Michelle and Keith Service, Pascal's parents.

Thank you to those of you who attended the Parent Student Conferences in week 2. Once again they are a valuable time to discuss your child's learning progress.

As mentioned previously in notices home, we are excited to have new staff start this term in the Pastoral Care area. We welcome Jane Kay - Guidance Counsellor and Woody Vahey - School Health Nurse. Both are available for students to access throughout the school day.

You will receive information very soon regarding the student learning programmes for next year and more specifically the option structures for year 9 and 10. We are currently finalising our staffing profile for next year, which will in the end dictate what courses will be on offer.

We are also well underway with meeting prospective students and parents for 2012 enrolments. The recent enrolment information evening was very well attended and included a guided tour of the campus by our student whanau leaders. It was great to meet potential students and parents who were finding out about how learning operates at Papamoa College.

I am really looking forward to the upcoming Year 7 and 8 AIMS tournament during 29 August - 2 September. Over 110 students are involved who are representing the school in Hockey, Netball, Cross Country, Multisport, Swimming, Waterpolo, Rugby, Squash, and Football. With all teams practising hard we are sure that Papamoa College will be very competitive on the 'playing field'. We encourage you to support the students during the tournament if you are able to.

Regards

Steve Lindsey

Message from the Ministry of Health

The measles outbreaks in Auckland and Waikato are mainly affecting unimmunised school children.

By 8 August, 175 measles cases had been reported this year, including 19 who needed hospital treatment. Most cases were in the Auckland region, although 24 cases were reported in Hawke's Bay this year. In the past week, 12 cases have been reported in the Waikato region, mainly around Te Awamutu.

Measles symptoms

Measles is a highly infectious disease and is more serious than many people realise. Symptoms include fever, cough, red eyes and a runny nose, and then a rash which develops after about three days. Complications can include middle ear infections, pneumonia, and, more rarely, encephalitis or brain inflammation. About one in ten people infected, need to be hospitalised.

The best measles prevention is the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine which is free for all New Zealand children.

What's Happening?

Arts Festival Event

'A Night with the Stars' on 5 & 6 October will be Papamoa College's first show in our theatre. A collection of the visual and performing arts will be displayed in a night of entertainment on stage. Tickets will be sold soon from Reception at \$10 adult and \$5 per child. Admission includes, an amazing art exhibition and a show of dancers, singers, instrumentalists actors and lots more. We would love to have on board any volunteer costume sewers, back stage helpers, ticket sellers, or businesses who are able to help promote the event. Please contact Ms Proudlock in Tatahi Commons if you are able to help in any way.



Mid-Year Reports

All parents should have received a formal report on the last day of term 2. We are always looking at ways to improve our communication with parents and would greatly appreciate your comments on the format and content of the report that you received. Please feel free to provide us with feedback by accessing the school website and clicking on the "News and Events" tab.

Parent Help

Are you able to assist us on any of the following dates?

31 August & 1 September - Enrolment afternoon

17 September - Community Open Day

5 & 6 October - Arts Festival

If you can help, please contact Reception with your details.

Parent and Friends Evening

We will be holding a parent and friends event during week 9 at the end of this term.



Outdoor Pursuits



On Saturday 2 July a group of students, teachers and a parent ventured out on the school's very first overnight tramp to the Pinnacles. After a two-hour drive to Thames and up the Kauaeranga valley, we were ready to start our ascent up the billy goat track.

Students were overwhelmed with excitement as we crossed the river and headed up the ridge, but soon enough, the strenuous hike up the steep track was starting to take its toll, and smiles were starting to morph into grimaces.

Snack time was at the head of the valley; we were treated to fantastic views of the surrounding native bush, vertical rock bluffs and waterfalls. We made good use of the home baking and sweet treats, and then into the mid section of the climb. By this time, students had found their pace and were used to the soreness of carrying heavy packs and negotiating their way up tracks, steep steps, rocky slopes and clay ruts. The terrain was mixed and challenging.

When students arrived at the hydro camp, they knew it was a short one-hour tramp to the hut, and were keen to finish the job, so despite the weary legs and five hours of hiking, we walked on. As we broke out above the tops, we had amazing views of the Coromandel coastline, the expanse of the bush line from east to west, and massive vertical rock cliffs all around. With the Pinnacles and hut in sight, it wasn't long before we were resting in our tents and preparing dinner.

Unfortunately the weather took a turn for the worse and any plans to climb the Pinnacles were dashed.

In the morning we were greeted by rain and strong winds, hindering our ambition to go higher before the return. Then with sore shoulders and tired backs, we packed up the tents and made our way down the web creek track in the rain. Despite the misfortune of the weather, spirits were high and we were all admiring the views down the Kauaeranga valley.

We had walked over swing bridges, crossed streams and rivers and talked about future adventures. Soon we arrived back, and celebrated our success of getting to the hut, and the experiences we had along the way.

Mr Mark Thomas
TIC Outdoor Pursuits



Science Fun



This term, 9 Motu are looking at components of Forensic Science for their Inquiry.

Recently they studied the systems of the human body and their functions. This was concluded with dissections of the heart, liver, kidney, cross sections of bone and brain.

Some students made their own microscope slides from the organs and examined these in more detail.

A special thanks to Dave and his butchery team at Pak n' Save in Papamoa for donating the dissection material.

Ms Katrina Lemon
Teacher 9MOT



Pastoral Care



My name is Jane Kay and I am really happy to be taking up my role as the Guidance Counsellor at Papamoa College.

I grew up in Te Puke, trained to be a teacher in Hamilton and completed my Masters in Counselling at Auckland University.

I am married to Andy and we have three children Josh, Ella and Ruby aged 25, 21 and 18 years. I look forward to providing counselling support and pastoral care for the students, staff and families at Papamoa College with the various issues we all encounter both at school and home.

Thank you for the warm welcome I have received and feel free to contact me by phone 542 0676 ext 721 or email jkay@papamoacollege.school.nz



Kia Ora, I am Woody Vahey and I am the School Student Health Nurse here at Papamoa College.

Why do we need a student health nurse?

Beause healthy kids learn better!

My role is to support family/whanau and teacher in keeping their kids healthy, by providing a supportive, confidential, and free service, that all students can access during school time.

The emphasis will be on prevention and health promotion, focusing on healthy nutrition and exercise, oral health, smoking/alcohol/drug prevention/quitting, sun smart guidance and healthy relationships.

My main aim is to have a positive impact on health and wellbeing at Papamoa College.

Pascal Blade

19 Januaray 1995 – 06 August 2011

We are now into our first week without Pascal. He was a huge part of our life here at the college.

While his passing has been extremly sad, I come to school every day remembering the good times that we all had together and all the positive experiences that Pascal had here. I also remember the impact he had on both the students and staff who worked with him.

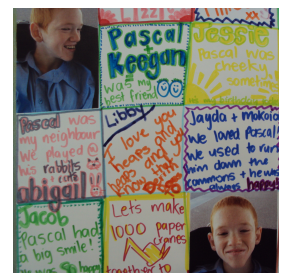
There was nothing that phased Pascal. He was very patient and always willing to try new things.

It was also a pleasure to work with Pascal's mum, Michelle, who helped and guided us so that the outcomes for him were positive and appropriate. We couldn't have done it without Michelle's support and the support of Keith, Cassandra and Jayden.

I am immensely proud of our students at the college who honoured Pascal last week in such a fantastic way. They set up a memorial to Pascal in our lobby and it grew and grew throughout the week. It showed me how much Pascal was loved and valued, and what amazing students we have.

I want to personally thank all staff, students and parents who have helped us all through the past few difficult weeks. I am fortunate to be part of such a great community here at Papamoa College.

Ms Maureen Verstegen
SENCO



Sports Talk

Papamoa College is being represented well across the Bay of Plenty in various sporting codes. As the year has gone on we have shown other schools our competitive nature through the results we have gained.

On 20 August Harbourside Netball is entering into their semifinal rounds. Currently our teams are placed in their grades as follows:

- 9B - 1st
- 8A and 7C - 2nd
- 7A and 7B - 3rd
- 9A - 7th

In Water Polo news, Melanie Hayden has been selected for the Tauranga U16 Water Polo team.

In Swimming, Melanie Hayden, Sophie Hayden, Ariana Ili and Arnet Tolofua have progressed through to the Bay of Plenty regional swimming championships at the end of September.

Well done to the students and teams. We wish them luck in future competitions.

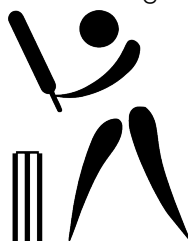
We are fortunate to have Len Reid working with our Rugby League boys every Friday lunchtime, in preparation for an up coming interschool tournament. Any boys who are interested in taking part need to bring their mouth guards and PE gear for the Friday sessions.

Sports beginning soon

Volleyball is starting up this term with lunchtime clinics, whanau volleyball competitions and trials for school teams.

Touch Rugby is beginning later this term. Students need to put teams together and look on the Wave page for sign up details.

Cricket is due to start soon, students will need to get their names to Mrs Cowie so that she can get a team organised.



Starting week 4 of this term, Bay of Plenty Sport is running a Team Up programme on Monday lunchtimes at school. The emphasis is on participation and getting active. Students will need to watch the notices for further information.

It is important that students listen to the notices carefully and attend all meetings so that they don't miss out on getting involved in sports teams.

Sports tracksuits are available for purchase through Reception. They are \$135 and we have a selection of sizes to try on.

Student Lateness

Unfortunately a number of students are arriving at school late. It is important that students arrive on time to school. Lateness, not only affects the learning of the individual, but also interrupts the learning of the class. We would appreciate if parents could ensure the students arrive in time for class (before 8.40am) each morning.

Student Achievements

World Vision 40-Hour Famine

Last term we successfully participated in the World Vision 40 Hour Famine. To help raise funds we had a movie showing at lunchtime and an energetic group of year 9 girls made fresh popcorn to sell.

Additionally, 27 of our students got sponsors and completed a famine challenge of their own. A special mention must be made to Cassidy Parer who raised \$135.00, Wynona Robinson who raised \$141.00 and also Daria Atkins who raised an unbelievable \$238.90.

Due to the enthusiasm and compassion of students at our school we raised a fantastic total of **\$1385.00**. This is an amazing effort for our first time.

It will be exciting to see what we can achieve next year for this valuable cause.

Mrs Sharee Mckenzie
Learning Support Teacher

Knitting Club



'Mission without Borders' is the College Knitting Club. They have been frantically knitting patches for quilts to be sent to overseas orphanages in the Ukraine, Albania and Russia. A special thanks to Mrs Naylor who has been relentless in supplying patches on a daily basis! - We would be grateful for any wool donations.

Mrs Jenna Mackay
Knitting Club

ICAS Science Exam

We had a number of students who were involved in the ICAS exams, and they have had some very pleasing results.

Congratulations to Jacob Hartwell year 9, in achieving High Distinction (top one percent) and Loredana Kint year 7, who achieved Distinction (top 5 percent).

Mathsmind 2011

We had a team of 4 students compete in the Bay of Plenty Mathsmind Competition on Thursday 18 August. They came away with a fantastic result, achieving 3rd place against other secondary schools in Tauranga.

Well done to Jacob Hartwell, Renee James, Ross Callaghan and Jarrod Marshall.

