Paeroa College

College Comment

Thursday, 23 February 2012

Principal's Comment – Grant Aitken

This time last year we were reflecting on the damage and loss of life in **Christchurch** as a result of the earthquake. Now, one year on, the consequences of this natural disaster are still being experienced with scenes of houses being demolished and people still struggling to come to terms with the loss of loved ones. I was in Christchurch last weekend visiting my sons and the evidence of damage is still widespread across the city. There is however, an atmosphere of optimism and resilience among the people I met as they look to the future.

We need to celebrate our community's efforts in winning T**he Community of The Year** award for 2012. This is a fantastic achievement for a town our size and one I think is thoroughly deserved. The events over the past few weekends have required a huge investment from volunteers. These events bring a much needed boost to our town and provide excellent fundraising opportunities for a wide range of sporting and service groups. It was great to see so many of our students involved in some way with these events.

Last Friday, was our annual **swimming sports day** for the school. Competition started in the morning with the whole school making their way to the pool at lunchtime. Congratulations to Wyatt McCollum and Blaise Smith for breaking four records each during the day.

Last Monday, we were fortunate enough to have a visit from the **All Blacks' Roadshow** which is touring New Zealand over the next few weeks. After a short video, students were invited to have their photo taken with the Web Ellis Trophy. For most of our students, this was the first time they had seen the Trophy up close.

Photo of Shaun Davies getting the Web Ellis Cup ready to take on stage. Only if you wore gloves were you allowed to handle the Cup.

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Swimming Results

Champions

Junior Girls
1st-Miranda Hodgson; 2nd Madison Keepa; 3rd Demi Furze

Junior Boys
1st Bradley Jackson; 2nd Kell Geard; 3rd Conor Piahana.

Intermediate Girls
1st Blaise Smith; 2nd Rachael Tissingh; 3rd Bonnie Hodgson.

Intermediate Boys
1st Wyatt McCollum; 2nd Braden Hodgson; 3rd Nic Keepa.

Senior Girls
1st Danielle Aitken; 2nd Taylor Pennell; 3rd Vicky Tissingh

Senior Boys
1st Elliot Piahana; 2nd Morgan East; 3rd Corban Barker.

Records Broken
Two students have broken existing records from this years swimming sports. They are

Blaise Smith
100m Medley 1.24.46 (A Smith 2005, 1.25.00)
100m Freestyle 1.11.62 (A Smith 2004, 1.14.25)
50m Backstroke 37.97 (A Smith 2004, 39.43)

Wyatt McCollum
100m Backstroke 1.14.35 (W McCollum 2011, 1.22.22)
100m Freestyle 58.84 (W McCollum 2011, 1.02.81)
50m Backstroke 33.38 (I Steel 2008, 34.99)
50m Butterfly 30.13 (I Steel 2008, 31.72)

House Points from the swimming sports that go towards the House Shield
Maru 250; Ngakotu 465; Rapiri 216, Tara 67.

BOT Information

A warm welcome back to all our students and especially to the new families and our Year 9 students. The first Board of Trustees meeting for 2012 started with the re-election of Diane Watton as Chairperson. Congratulations Diane on leading the BOT so well. The BOT was updated on the busy start to the year at all levels of the school and in so many different learning areas. Swimming and Athletics sports days are being well supported. Some more records are sure to be broken!! The school itself is looking very smart with painting of buildings and a new fence going up over the holidays. Electrical maintenance within the Home Economics block has been done. And the students, too, are looking smart! It was good to hear that the senior students are leading the way in encouraging all to take pride in their school. 2011 NCEA results for our school were shared with the Board and it was great to see some excellent accomplishments. 2012 sees our school fully staffed and teaching programmes are well underway. Professional development of teaching staff and the BOT continues, so that constant up skilling will help make sure our school "provides quality learning experiences" (Charter 2012).The team from the Educational Review Office (ERO) will be here in Term 2 as part of their routine visits to schools. Next BOT meeting: Monday 19 March@ 7.30pm.All welcome.

General Notices

On Thursday 1st March, we will be having **class photos** and also **individual photos**. These can be prepaid and ordered from the student centre.

Reminder that there will be a **Year 9 parents' evening** held on Wednesday 7th March at 7pm in the school hall.

Athletics sports will be held on Friday 2nd March. Parents and caregivers are most welcome to come along and cheer for their child and their house. This is usually a fun day with close competition.

The Netball season is here again. We are looking at running trials next week for **Year 11-13** girls on **Wednesday the 29th of February 2.30-4pm**. For **Year 9-10 girls** the trial date is **Thursday March 1st 3.30-5pm.** If you are interested, you will need to register at the student centre before those dates and pay your $20.00 registration deposit. We look forward to a great season.

Year 13 Comment

This last week has been one busy week for our students at Paeroa College. With swimming championships last Friday seeing some students breaking existing records, to the athletic prelims on Tuesday determining if the contestansts quailfy for the finals on Friday 1st March.
Class Council is underway with two representitives from each form class gaining a big responsibility in discussing changes and issues around our school.
(Vicky Tissingh)

Street Parade

There will be a street parade on Friday starting at 5.30pm from the band rotunda on Railway Reserve. Go along and support the Best Community in New Zealand. Paeroa was the winner of the Mitre 10 Community of the Year Award. Further information phone Robyn Hills 027-612-3191

Coming up:

- **February**
- Thu 23rd Year 13 Geo research trip
- Mon 27th 3000m race
- Tue 28th TV Swimming
- Wed 29th 1500m race

- **March**
- Thu 1st Class Photos & Individual Photos.
- Fri 2nd Athletics Sports
- Wed 7th Triathlon & Yr 9 Parents Evening
- Thu 8th TV Athletics