Paeroa College

College Comment

Wednesday, 4 April 2012

Principal's Comment – Grant Aitken

Next term is also shaping up to be another busy term and winter sports teams are already well into their practice schedules. Last Friday, our Motocross Team headed to Rotorua to take part in the annual Western Heights Sports Tournament. The team once again performed well and went mostly without incident. Congratulations to Cameron Robertson who gained a second place in his division. Also, last Friday 3 of our 4 Basketball Teams travelled to Rotorua to compete in the basketball component of the Western Heights Tournament. The teams were the senior and junior girls and the junior boys. This tournament is a pre-season opportunity for our teams to play schools from around the North Island that they would not normally have a chance to meet in competition. My thanks to the staff and parents involved, you are having a positive impact on our students.

Tomorrow is catch up day for the school which means those Year 9 and Year 10 students who have failed to meet their AMPS requirements will need to be here. This includes students for poor attendance this term, failure to bring their tools of learning to class and not handing in work for assessment. Senior students are also part of the catch up process and those seniors who are required to return to school have been informed by their teachers. Students who have missed assessments, have re-assessment opportunities or have learning concepts they need to complete or review, will be required to be at school on Friday. If they choose not to attend, the consequence could be that they are not eligible to be entered into that course for NCEA.

Next term we move into winter uniform, although some students appear to have made that transition already. Please be aware that canvas shoes are **not appropriate** and only black leather **lace up** shoes will be allowed for boys and girls. Students arriving at school at the beginning of Term 2 in the wrong uniform are likely to be sent home.

My thanks to those parents who came along to parent/teacher interviews last night to discuss the learning progress of their children. These opportunities are of great benefit to our teachers as it gives them a chance to meet you and to speak specifically about the learning needs of your child and what you can do to support this.

This has been a very busy term and many of our students have been involved in a wide range of activities. Many opportunities exist for our students in learning, sports and cultural areas and it is wonderful to see so many of them participating.

Today we hosted Katy Hutchison who was a guest speaker talking to the whole school about teen issues around peer pressure. She spoke from a real life experience and her message was very clear on the negative aspects of drug and alcohol use.

Finally, I would like to wish our Senior A Netball team all the best as they head off to the Cook Islands next Tuesday for a series of games against Tereora College and club sides on Rarotonga. The Cook Island Netball Association has been outstanding in helping with organising discounts for accommodation and transport, and I am sure the girls will have an amazing time.

To all students, have a safe and happy holiday. Term 2 starts on Monday April 23rd.

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Easter

Who was the Easter Bunny?

Wanted and Needed!

Girls' Football

We urgently need a Coach for the Girls' Development Team. If you are able to help either as a Coach or a parent helper, please contact the school. We have enough girls interested to create two teams, we just need your help to support them

Boys' Football

The team urgently need a Manager or an Assistant Coach. If you are interested and able to help please contact Mr Morrison or Mr Naidu at the college.

Easter

The Easter Bunny hopped into the College today. Along with the Bunny were friends Josie, Mikayla, Lisa and Vincent. The students and staff were happy recipients of fantastic Easter goodies. Thank you bunny and friends. This was another fundraiser from the Year 13.

Sport Updates

North Island Secondary Schools' Athletics

A group of students represented Paeroa College at this meeting.

***Servarna Waterman* came 3rd in the IG Discus with a throw of 33.08m. To achieve this result at this meeting is exceptional.**

Connor Thorpe came 10th in the IB Discus with a throw of 37.45m.

Morgan East came 10th= in the SG High Jump with a height of 1.75m.

Well done to you all. There was some tough competition, especially from Auckland.

BMX

Chelsea Watton will be competing this Easter at the New Zealand National BMX Championships in Rotorua. This year is a new challenge for Chelsea as she will be racing against women 17 years and over, instead of only her age group. We wish her well. Hopefully all that extra training will pay off with another good result.

Netball

Senior A played our 2nd game in the Thames Valley League last Friday. We played Cobra's Red in a very good game with a full time score of 53-33 to us. The girls played great throughout the court with ***Sarah Nicol*** earning Player of the Game through her great holding and amazing shots. (Georgia Smith)

(This newsletter was created with the help of Nirvana Nathan.)

Study Link

New Zealand's most popular student website turned eight on 1st March. Studyit www.studyit.org.nz began supporting NCEA students on March 1 2004. Studyit is a free, safe and successful online support site developed and managed by CWA New Media, a business unit of Learning Media.

Studyit has everything needed to get achieve, merit and excellence, written in student terms, as well as fourteen very active forums where expert teachers answer student questions at night, in the weekends and during holidays.

Recent feedback from Studyit students includes:

•I got straight E's in maths, thank you very much for all your help on this website, it really helped me

•I just wanted to say a huge thanks for all the help I received from Studyit for my level 1 papers last year (I got 100% excellence!)

•Studyit made a huge difference to the way I approached the exam! I tried to make my answers biologically detailed but concise even though I was really stressed for time.

•Seems that all us Studyit users found the exam went incredibly well even though 3 News said it was really hard. I think this just goes to show the positive impact of Studyit on our performance

•I went into the exam feeling a lot more confident knowing that I had prepared as well as I could - and a great deal of that preparation could not have been done without Studyit. It was so great to have such quick replies to all my questions, even on weekends and holidays. Studyit gives students more confidence!

Coming up:

April

- **Wed 4th & Thu 5th Safety Course for all Automotive and Employment Skills students from 8.45am until 3.05pm. Students can wear mufti.**
- **Thu 5th Catch Up Day**
- **Mon 23rd School starts**
- **Mon 23rd Yr 9 Option 2 begins**
- **Tue 24th ANZAC Assembly**
- **Tue 24th AUT visit**