Paeroa College

College Comment

Thursday, 6 September 2012

Principal's Comment – Grant Aitken

I hope that staff and students are rested after mid-term break last week and have resumed their focus on teaching and learning. Practice exams are approaching quickly and start on Monday September 17th. These exams will help to prepare students for the external exams which start in November. All senior students will have study leave during the exam period and only attend school when their exams are taking place.

Our tournament teams are away this week. Senior A Netball are playing at North Harbour and have played 4 of their 6 games so far, their competition finishes on Friday. Our two Senior Basketball teams are in Rotorua and the First XI Girls' Football team are in Papamoa. These teams could not compete without the amazing support from the parents who are coaching, managing and supporting. The school is very grateful for this involvement.

Respect is a word that is used a great deal, but I think that some of our students are unsure what it means. This idea of respect is taught and modelled at home by parents and caregivers and reinforced at school. It is important students learn about the appropriate use of language and how to treat and care for people worse off than themselves. Students need to learn how to accept differences in people and how to understand and accept the laws that govern all our behaviours. Respect needs to be taught and learned, but all of us need to respect and understand ourselves first. If respect is valued and modelled in the home, it is what the students grow up observing and respectful behaviours become ingrained. Praise is a very important tool for building self-esteem and self-confidence and should happen at a very early age. We need to find opportunities to praise our students every day.

This week our professional learning on Wednesday afternoon was looking at our style of report writing. The focus on the next set of senior reports due out in Term four, will be on learning and the next steps that students need to take to improve their levels of achievement. Reports need to be constructive in their comments, identify students' strengths and areas for improvement, and what they need to do to improve.

Last Tuesday was our annual junior speech competition. My thanks to Mr Ron Tyrrell from Paeroa for volunteering to judge this event. To those students who presented their speeches in front of their peers, my congratulations. This takes courage and determination.

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Senior Exams

Senior Exams will start on Monday 17th September until Friday 21st September with the exception of Wednesday 19th September which will only have the MCAT exam for 11A.

Good luck to all the seniors. These exams will enable you to discover the weakness in your preparation for the real exams starting on Monday 12th November.

English Revision for Year 11 and Year 12
Every Wednesday at Period 5 in D1

Congratulations

Rowan Porter passed her New Zealand Association of Modern Dance Intermediate exam with distinction and has again been nominated to attend the 2012 NZAMD Scholarship being held in Wellington on the 9th, 10th and 11th November. To be eligible for nomination, you have to display the highest quality of performance and achieve over 95%. Congratulations, Rowan for an amazing achievement.

Sports News

By the way, congratulations to Sean Carroll, Jehd Komene-Cook, Nick Keepa, Johnson McKain and Jordan May for their selection into the **Thames Valley U16 Representative Team for rugby.**

Development Rugby

Please return all shorts and socks that you have to the Student Centre by Friday as the Girls' Team need them.

Year 13 Phys Ed Camp

Will be held from Tuesday September 25th to Thursday September 27th.

Students will be participating in Tongariri Rafting, Hot Pools and Skiing or snowboarding. This camp is worth 3 credits and will cost $200.00 per student.

Thames Valley Secondary Schools' Rugby

Girls' 10 a-side 1st XV Grade Draw
Wednesday 12th September
Round 1
Waihi v Paeroa @ Waihi College 4.30pm
Saturday 15th September
Paeroa v Hauraki Plains @ Mercury Bay Rugby Club 10.30am

To obtain an up to date report of the achievements of our tournament teams, head to our home page and click the Facebook link. Mrs Meek has loaded all results and some excellent photos onto this Facebook page.

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Studylink

Studylink will be presented to those students who are nearly 18 or are 18 and wanting to further their studies. This is an oppourtunity to find out about Student Allowances and Student Loans.

The School would like to encourage parents/caregivers along for this morning (Monday 10th September 2012 from 9am until 11am).

If your child was planing to obtain a loan from the bank, I am sure that you would want to be informed. Student loans can reach $60 thousand dollars for some courses. The School encourages and urges you to come along for this informative morning.

Day Camp Leaders Required

The annual Day Camp is fast approaching and again leaders are required. This camp is run by OSCAR with the help from Paeroa Community Support Trust.

Leaders are required to be over 14 with a keen interest in helping to run events and enjoy being with younger children. Events such as hiking, team building skills, hut building and cooking over open fires makes this a fun camp.

There will be a training day for Leaders on 16th September at the Skate & Leisure Centre starting at 10am until 2pm. Lunch will be provided. To be a leader you must attend the Leaders' Training Day.

This gives you a chance to meet other leaders and to reflect on last year if you where there.Cost of having four days of fun at camp, plus learning valuable skills in leadership, will be $30.00 each.

Application forms are avaliable at the Student Centre. Further information can be obtained by phoning Mel Budge 027-216-3194, 07-862-9129 or email johnbudge@xtra.co.nz

Coming up in September:

- Monday 3rd until Friday 7th – Tournament Week
- Friday 7th – Year 9 Option 3 ends.
- Monday 10th – Year 9 Option 4 begins
- Monday 10th – Studylink
- Thursday 13th – NISS Shooting Competition at the Thames Gun Club (Neil Castledine Memorial Shoot)
- Friday 12th – Year 12 Food BOP Polytech Class Assessment.
- Monday 17th – BOT Meeting
- Tuesday 18th – Restaurant Diva
- Wednesday 19th – MCAT Exam (11A)
- Friday 21st – TV Golf