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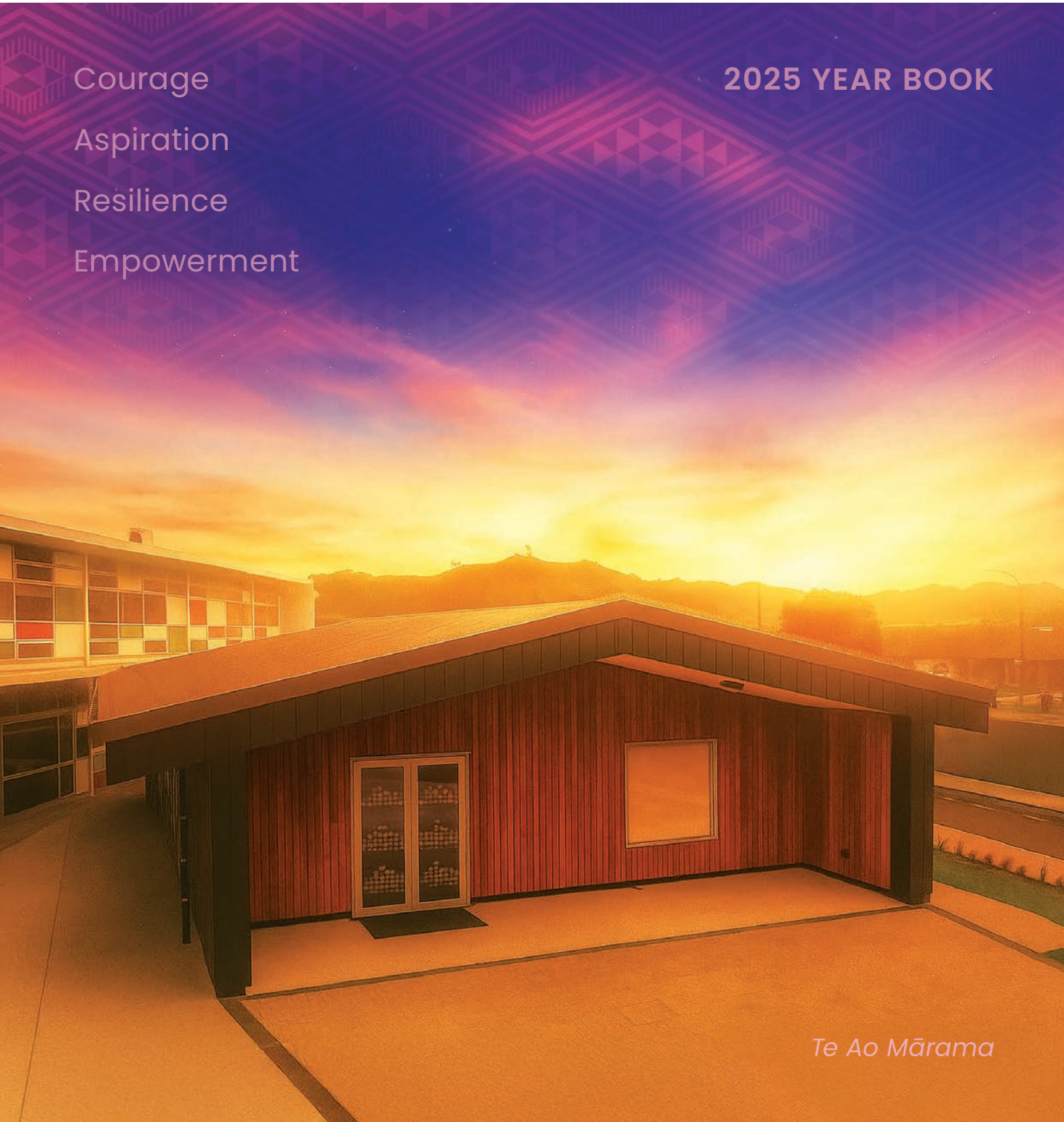
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2025 YEAR BOOK



Te Ao Mārama

MEMORIES

forever replaying
in our minds.



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Our vision for the future is to Embrace Opportunities and Create Excellence in everything we do. 2025 has been a wonderful reflection of our vision.

Proudly, we have achieved 3 years of sustained and meaningful progress since our collective agreement to re-imagine what our school could achieve given a new vision, new values and new direction for Pāpāmoa College. I thank our boards – past and present for setting foundations, I thank our staff for their care and expertise and I thank our young people for rising to the new challenges, and responding so positively to higher expectations and standards across the school.

We are quietly anticipating that this year's NCEA performance will surpass last year's, making an incredible dream run of 3 years of NCEA improvement in all levels of that qualification. Currently we are already placed within the top 2/3 of highest academically performing secondary schools within our Tauranga region.

I pay tribute to a few but want to acknowledge the learning journey of all. Every student makes progress every year. Every student is on their own pathway of learning. For some, the path has more bumps than others, some students have paths that can seem mostly uphill, others are zooming along at breakneck speeds on slippery slopes without caution and there lies the challenge for us as educators, leaders and governors. Keeping up with them to ensure their needs are always met is indeed a challenge, but one we thrive upon and one that makes this job of ours so professionally rewarding. I take the opportunity to reflect on the people who walked beside our students supporting them every step of the way, I acknowledge our students but praise our 'community' our parents, grandparents, whanau, aiga, staff and friends of the school for the collective and unselfish desire to support the school and students be the best it can be.

I am proud of our staff and I acknowledge my colleagues throughout the school for the incredible energy they bring to their role every day, from teaching through to our amazing support staff, the senior leadership team, my associate principal, Mr Pere Durie and my executive assistant, Linda Horscroft.

On behalf of our students and wider community thank you for your care and commitment. We have a number of staff who will leave us at the conclusion of the year and I take this opportunity to thank them all for their contribution and wish them well.

I was privileged to attend the Y13 and leavers graduation. It was so exciting to see early indications of where our



students will land in the future. Our future is in good hands and we not only see that in their future careers plans but also in their minds and hearts.

Our students have also played their part in helping us function so smoothly, the college student leadership teams, waka leaders, cultural, sports, and academic leaders, students who coach teams, sit on committees, and the many others who supported the school in a variety of important ways, I thank you for your contributions.

I want to conclude by acknowledging our Y13 student leavers. Thank you all for helping to shape the school to be a better place. No doubt, you have developed life-long friendships with not just your peers but the staff and we will treasure those memories. I speak on behalf of all of the staff – it has been a privilege to walk and work beside you for the last 7 years. Your academic success isn't what defines you. Your sporting or Culture or Arts success isn't what defines you. What defines you is your commitment to a set of values – people will not always remember what you taught them, but they will remember how you made them feel. My challenge to all leavers is to strive to define yourself through a set of values such as courage, aspiration, resiliency and empowerment – be role models for our communities, - be role models for each other.

Go forward with confidence, head up shoulders back and live the life that you and your parents imagined for you! On behalf of the staff, know that we are proud of you and thank you for everything you leave behind that has made us 'better than before'. Farewell to you all.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Iva Ropati', written over a white background.

Iva Ropati
Principal

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

My Journey as Student Representative



My time on the Pāpāmoa College Board has been such a rewarding experience. Being able to represent students and contribute to decisions that shape our school has given me a whole new perspective on how much work goes into making the college run smoothly. I've learnt how important it is to listen to different voices, balance perspectives, and think about what will benefit our community as a whole.

Through my role, I've participated in conversations about student opportunities, school development, and strategies for maintaining a supportive atmosphere where everyone can succeed. Meetings haven't been the only goal; it's also been about understanding the wider picture of the college's future and contributing to that vision.

I'm grateful for the support I received from my fellow board members, students and staff, which allowed me to feel comfortable in the role I was given. It's definitely been a venture that's grown my confidence and leadership skills, and I'll carry those lessons with me long after leaving.

Jade McGregor
Student Representative

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM



Left to right: Linda Horscroft, Claire Mulcahy, Ben Ormsby, Pere Durie, Iva Ropati, Sarah Brell, Shea McEvoy, Sunny Misevska, Nick Leask and Pip Tinning. Absent: Nathan Rillstone



FACILITIES

Our Campus, Reimagined

Celebrating the completion of a four-year building journey

Nathan Rillstone

Made it! This year has seen the completion of a four-year building programme on the college site. We saw the official opening of our brand-new learning commons for Rangataua and Te Waiū, as well as the refurbishment of our old administration block into our dedicated pastoral area for our Deans; Te Tokā Tu Moana. We also had the former technology block converted into a dedicated space for Te Ao Māori and Languages, Te Pākura, with the teams moving into these spaces in Term 2. We celebrated the finale to the Ministry-led build programme with the opening of our Whare in April, Te Ao Mārama, a celebration that was attended by over 300 of our community and whānau.

Most of our Year 7–10 students have only known the college as a partial construction site in the years they have been here. Now they get to reap the benefits of a modern campus with some of the best facilities of any school in the Bay of Plenty. Although buildings are only spaces and we know

that it is the magic that happens inside that is important, as Winston Churchill once said, “We shape our buildings; thereafter, they shape us.”

We also covered our playing courts in artificial turf in March, creating netball, basketball and pickleball courts as well as a hockey training court. Our junior playground continues to take shape, with more work planned for 2026. We continue to plant native trees and shrubs around the site, enhancing our connection to our whenua and creating opportunities for our rangatahi through ‘garden to plate’ initiatives.

It is such a nice feeling to finally get our campus back after all of the construction work over so many years, and although we will always have projects on the horizon, we look forward to finally having our ākonga and kaimahi enjoy the campus that was envisioned for them so many years ago.



Left to right: Jayden Holdaway, Ava Buchanan, Cove Keenan and Renee Thomas

HEAD STUDENTS 2025

Leadership, Laughs & Memories

Our Head Students reflect on their growth, challenges and unforgettable moments

Ava

Head Girl

As this chapter of my life is coming to a close, it's hard to put into words just how special this year has been. Being Head Girl of Pāpāmoa College in 2025 has been such a huge honour, and a journey filled with challenges, growth, and unforgettable memories. This year wasn't just about wearing a badge or standing on a stage; it was about representing our school, our values, and most importantly, our community.

This year has been filled with some of the most amazing memories. From screaming my heart out on the sidelines at Athletics Day, to speaking at the opening of our school's new whare, to supporting our amazing team of leaders as we all stepped into our roles. Every moment has reminded me of the strength of our college's community and the power of coming together. Some of my favourite memories include seeing our team of leaders step out of their comfort zones

and work together to create such a special group, being a part of our Cultural Night and embracing our school's diversity, and simply sharing laughs with each other during our weekly leadership meetings.

To the next group of leaders, my words of wisdom are simple: stay true to yourself. Year 13 goes faster than you think, and it's easy to get caught up in comparing yourself to others, but don't. You are your own authentic person; focus on who you are, what you value, and the goals you want to achieve. Work hard for the things that matter most to you, because that's where your real growth lies.

This role has changed my life and taught me that leadership isn't about being perfect or having all the answers; it's about showing up for others, listening, and giving your best even when it's hard. It's not always easy, but it's incredibly rewarding. I am so grateful for the chance I had to grow through this role, and I know the next group of leaders will find their own strengths and discover their own paths.



Cove Head Boy

From the first time I struggled to do up our iconic orange tie to this very moment, when I'm writing this reflection on the year that's been, I've started to understand the two words everyone had repeated to me at the very beginning: "time flies". I knew the last 200 of my schooling days would flick by just as quickly as the previous six years have done, but I wasn't prepared for the experiences, opportunities, and emotions that this one would bring.

I should've known, though, the second I stood up at my very first assembly and, for reasons I still can't fully explain, announced something about my big nipples to the entire school. From that moment on, I figured: if I can survive that, I can probably survive anything this year throws at me.

There were a lot of highlights, but the one that stands above all was having the honour of speaking at the ANZAC Dawn Parade. Representing Pāpāmoa College and our community in such a significant moment is something I'll never forget. It reminded me that leadership isn't just about what happens inside school walls, but how we carry ourselves beyond them.

If there's one thing I'd tell the next group of leaders (and honestly, every student still here), it's this: throw yourself

in. Don't wait until you're ready, because you never really are. Join the things, take the stage, laugh at the awkward moments, and don't hold back. From day one, I felt like I had been thrown into the deep end with no swimming practice, and you may too, but honestly, that's how growth happens. So be present. Enjoy Mr Ropati's shocking jokes, the nerves before speeches, even the boring stuff, it all matters.

I owe a huge thanks to my fellow head students, Ava, Jayden, and Renee. We've grown a lot together this year, and I'm proud of what we achieved as a team. Thanks for sharing the laughs, the stress, and everything in between.

Finally, to Pāpāmoa College... thanks for having me.

It's been a cracker.

Renee Deputy Head Girl

My time as a head student has filled my cup with so many great memories, learning experiences, and challenges. All of my experiences help me to be a better person and use my leadership skills more wisely, which makes being in the role of Deputy Head Girl so special.

When I was shortlisted for the role of a head student, I remember confidently repeating the school's values in my



interview. Those four values of ‘CARE’ have significantly guided our school to lead us in better directions, as well as helped me personally to achieve higher and greater success.

One of my favourite memories from this year when ‘CARE’ has been reflected is when the student leaders went on the Year 9 camps. It was so wholesome to see the younger students have fun, learn, and overcome the challenges of being away from home. It reminded me how much I’ve grown as a person during my time at Pāpāmoa College.

The Year 9 camps were a great opportunity for me to connect with the Mataatua students and allowed us leaders to change our leadership styles to connect with younger perspectives. I feel that, since our school ranges from years 7–13, it is important to acknowledge all ages and what they have to contribute to making our kura to make it better.

Representing my family and myself in this role has been a great privilege. To the next person: I know you’ll be fantastic! Stay authentic, be yourself, and stand up for your beliefs.

Jayden

Deputy Head Boy

As the year begins to come to an end, I start to reflect on my time here at Pāpāmoa College. No matter how you started, we have all made it, the Class of 2025. Through all the

challenges we faced, I know we will be ready to take on the world.

Looking back on the last seven years, I cherish the lessons I’ve learned from my peers and will carry these memories with me into the future. I remember being a nervous Year 7, so anxious that I missed part of the welcoming ceremony because I felt unwell. Now, as Deputy Head Boy with a long list of achievements behind me, I couldn’t be prouder to see how much we’ve all grown. I cherish the many memories I have made from *The Wizard of Oz*, to holding the Te Kani Shield for almost all of our rugby season, what our school has accomplished and what it has lined up for the coming years has me excited to see how far our students will go.

Some words of wisdom for the next round of students coming through: “Keep your eyes on the horizon.” There will be times where you get bogged down, you get overwhelmed, and everything feels like it’s going to fall apart. It won’t. Just focus on the goal and how you’re going to get there. The little things will sort themselves out. Once you look back, you will truly get to appreciate the work you and your peers have done.

Being your Deputy Head Boy for 2025 has been an honour and a privilege, and whoever wears that blazer next will continue the momentum that Pāpāmoa College has behind it. Good luck to our student leaders of 2026.

STUDENT LEADERS 2025

Matakana Island Camp

Matua Pere Durie

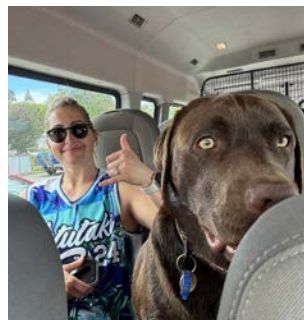
The Year 13 student leaders were an eager and adventurous group of students. In order to harness that energy, they embarked on an overseas excursion to grow closer and develop their teamwork and leadership. Matakana Island in January is a pleasant and basic camp opportunity perfect for supporting the needs of the group.

It was clear there was more than enthusiasm; there was talent across a wide range of areas. Preparing kai and putting down a hāngī was a chance for some to show their culinary skills. Keira and Alex were stars at peeling potatoes and Hima and Camryn ensured the kūmara were ready for cooking. Carlos and Cam made sure no garlic survived and Arjon taught how to chop wood. The tropical climate saw the rain come down but that didn't stop Malaelua and Jayden getting amongst it and making sure the baskets of food made it onto the pit of heated rocks.

There was no sitting around while the cooking happened. It was off to the Sports Club for a series of challenges and exercises devised by Mrs Mackay and Mrs Needham. Using collective foot power to raise a bucket of water without spilling any was a difficult but not impossible task. In a battle of the sexes, the girls rose to the challenge while the boys failed miserably.

The Mud Run was a leveller with everyone getting dirty, but ended in a swim in the ocean to cool off. The hāngī was perfect and planning and waiata practice helped grow cohesion. That evening, Mr Ropati walked the team through his experience in leadership and the students were given an opportunity to put their learning into practice. In a series of role plays, Tayla Stowere and Keira Smith showed how they roll at parties and Taylah Medeiros and Tavita Iapo showed how strict they would be as parents. Carlos Ammon and Cove Keenan displayed impressive dance moves but it was Ilai Walker who took the title for best performer. On the singing stage, Taylah Medeiros and Arjon Marsden were worthy competitors but it was the staff band who took out that contest with the fly spray harmonies being the icing on the cake.

The 2025 student leaders were great role models and committed to making Pāpāmoa College a special place. From the reviews and presentations in assemblies to the fundraising and performances to ANZAC services and BBQs and councils and creating oversized cheques, there was nothing they could not achieve. Individually they were good. Together they were great.



JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL 2025

The Next Generation of Leaders

Nick Leask

2025 marked the beginning of our Junior School Leadership Council and an exciting new step in developing future leaders within our kura. With a strong Senior School Council already established, we recognised the importance of nurturing leadership skills earlier, giving our Junior School students the opportunity to grow in confidence, take initiative, and make their voices heard.

The council is made up of 20 Year 8 leaders and 20 Year 10 leaders, each contributing under the kaupapa of Sport, Arts, Culture, and Community. Our leaders have embraced



opportunities to take on key roles in school-wide events, support transitions, strengthen connections with our contributing primary schools, and lead Junior School assemblies.

These students have set a strong example, inspiring the next generation of leaders to step forward with courage. We look forward to continuing to work alongside them as they grow and develop throughout their time at our college.

KAUPAPA

Kaupapa Toi: Arts Council

Elizabeth Proudlock

2025 has been a remarkable year for the Arts thanks to the energy, creativity, and leadership of our student arts team. Together, they have shaped a year rich in opportunities for expression, performance, and celebration.

The year began with arts assemblies, a chance to shine a spotlight on the creative spirit of our school. These gatherings not only celebrated talent but also reminded us of the role the arts play in shaping identity, building confidence, and bringing people together.

Arts Week followed with a burst of colour and energy, as students were encouraged to try something new, whether it was picking up a paintbrush, joining a music jam, or exploring drama. The week showcased the courage of learners willing to step outside their comfort zones, and the generosity of those who shared their skills for others to enjoy. It was great to see our leaders joining in!

Later in the year, Pāpāmoa College theatre came alive with *Pāpāmoa's Got Talent*, a vibrant event where our student leaders hosted and supported performances from contributing primary schools. This was a true highlight, showing how the arts can build bridges between schools,



age groups, and the wider Pāpāmoa community.

The grand finale of the year was our Celebration of the Arts evening, a showcase of excellence and achievement across every discipline. From music and theatre to visual art and dance, the night captured the depth of talent and hard work of our students, while acknowledging the dedication of our leaders who made it all possible.

Across the year, our Arts student leaders have organised, prepared, performed, and inspired. They have shown maturity, creativity, and an unwavering commitment to their peers and the arts. Their mahi has ensured that the arts remain not just a subject area, but a vibrant heartbeat of Pāpāmoa College.

Kaupapa Hākinakina: Sports Council

Nathan Harris

This year our rōpū grew with the establishment of Year 8, Year 10, and Year 13 leaders. We kicked off the year by planning our goals and identifying what we wanted to accomplish. We felt that students were *whakama* about participating in sport during lunchtimes, our presence on social media was limited, and there weren't many opportunities for our respective hui waka to compete. What we did love, however, were the Teachers vs Students games.

We put forward a proposal to allow coaches of the respective codes to have access to our Instagram page. The aim was not only to recognise and celebrate player performance but also to get more students engaged through fun activities such as the "Goosey Challenge". After giving access to our coaches, our average monthly views grew from 5k to an incredible 279k following the AIMS Games. This showed us just how powerful social media can be for promoting not only performance but participation as well. Since then, we've noticed more students bringing balls to school, throwing them around between classes, and using our sporting spaces more actively.

We also launched a "Give it a Go" programme, introducing activities such as Capture the Flag and Ripa Rugby.

Even though we played on Field 2, turnout was strong, particularly among Year 7 and 8 students.

Teachers vs Students was once again a major highlight. The biggest moment wasn't just the teachers winning, but the unforgettable volleyball showdown where Kayla Van Wijk had the perfect setup for the "spike of doom". But standing in her way was none other than the gatekeeper himself... Daddy Bear (who ate my porridge), Mr Van. Leaping through the air like a bald eagle, he blocked the spike with a move that will go down in history. If anyone had been DJing, "Put Your Hands Up for Detroit" would've been blasting. The crowd, the fans, and even the canteen staff were left stunned by this iconic moment. From there, it was all over, with the Teachers taking out the Summer Series 3-0.

Sports Leaders

- **Seniors:** Tayla Stowers, Jade Kahika, Arjon Marsden, Jade McGregor
- **Juniors:** Ella McCormack, Leigh Shaya Tuhua-Mohitaka, Jordan Brown, Penny Irvine, Cooper Ngaporo, William Chugg, Guy Rees-Jones, Emily Barback, Theo Manderson, Sammy Aitken

Kaupapa Ahurea: Cultural Council

Jacki McGrath

This year has been massive for us as Kaupapa Ahurea leaders; full of whakatipu, pushing our boundaries, and finding out what leadership really looks like.

We've learned that leadership isn't just about wearing the jacket (though we wear it with pride), it's about stepping up, being brave, and taking action. From leading Junior School Assemblies that were creative, fun and a little nerve wracking at times, we showed maia and toa. We welcomed new whānau into our kura with manaakitanga, and we worked hard to make sure our contributing school ākonga were hīkaka and excited to start at Pāpāmoa College.

One of our highlights was heading to Waikato Young Leaders' Day. Being surrounded by so many other young leaders gave us fresh ideas, motivation, and reminded us that leadership is also about lifting others up.

Back at kura, we got to be part of some amazing celebrations. Our Cultural Evening was such a special night,

bringing together and honouring the different cultures and ethnicities within our school. It was an evening full of kotahitanga and whakanui and of course kai!

Looking back, 2025 has taught us that leadership is action, not position. It's about walking the talk, saying yes to challenges and opportunities, empowering others, and believing in ourselves. We're proud of what we've achieved together, and even more excited about where our leadership journeys will take us next.

Cultural Leaders

- **Seniors:** Ilai Walker, Cairo Kahotea, Malaelua Matusi, Tavita Iopa Tavita
- **Juniors:** Jasdeep Kaur, Manawa Wharearere-Palmer, Rafaela Porto, Bethany Samuelu, Maria Toesoliga, Naiah Lealuga, Bella Harley, Layla Clarke, Keira Taute, Georgia Goninon



Kaupapa Hapori: Community Council

Lian Soh

This year, our Community Council has shown what it means to be leaders who make a difference both in our kura and the wider community. From fundraising for emergency services to restoring native habitats, our leaders have worked together to create lasting, positive change.

Building on the mahi of previous leaders who established this kaupapa, the Community Council continued its partnership with the Trees for Survival programme in Te Puke. This year, students planted over 900 mature native saplings and are already preparing more for next year. While leadership roles change from year to year, projects like this remind us that true leadership creates something that endures, quietly growing in the background and making a lasting impact on our environment and community. The Council is now exploring ways to work with other schools to enhance waterway health in Te Ara o Wairakei.

Alongside these projects, the Council supported school-wide initiatives such as welcoming Year 6 students during orientation, hosting assemblies, and encouraging volunteering. Their mahi showed that leadership isn't about doing everything alone, but about inspiring others, building connections, and working together.

Here's what some of this year's Community Council had to say about their experiences:

Poppy Plank reflected on the Trees for Survival campaign,

saying, *"Taking part in the planting showed me how replanting native trees can create long-term positive effects. It felt special to know we were helping restore habitats for native species."*

For Camryn Adlam, leadership has been about teamwork: *"Leadership is about encouraging others and working together towards a shared goal. One of my highlights was creating opportunities for students to give back through environmental projects and volunteering."*

Sakura Azuma highlighted the joy of welcoming new students: *"I loved helping at the Year 6 orientation, it was rewarding to welcome new students and be a role model. It also taught me patience, teamwork, and how to guide others."*

And for Lily Van Greunen, assemblies were a chance to grow in confidence: *"Hosting assemblies pushed me out of my comfort zone and helped me grow in confidence. I hope next year's leaders create more activities with junior students, like lunchtime projects in the school gardens."*

Coumminty Leaders

- **Seniors:** Poppy Plank, Carlos Ammon, Keira Smith, Camryn Adlam
- **Juniors:** Ella Packer, Brooklyn Keen, Sakura Azuma, Reeve Percy, Markus Heywood, Sophie Hewitt, Hayley Holland, Kyan Percy, Lily Van Gruenen,

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING

Learning, Laughing, and Growing

Danielle Wilson

The ESOL department continues to thrive and grow at Pāpāmoa College as our community welcomes new students from around the world.

The ESOL programme aims to develop our students' English language skills in reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Through a variety of activities, students build confidence and fluency and, over time, use those skills across the curriculum to achieve in the mainstream.

It's hard for many of us to imagine what it would be like to arrive in a new country where we don't speak the language; to enrol in the local high school, dress in the school uniform, and arrive on the school grounds armed only with a map and the hope of a buddy. I have so much admiration for the students in ESOL, every one of whom has experienced this discomfort and found the courage to keep coming back. As their English develops, they go on to make friends, sit assessments, and achieve within our school system. Their resilience, persistence, and ability to laugh at themselves are what I love most about working with these students.



SUPPORT STAFF

Our Kura's Unsung Heroes

While students and teachers take much of the spotlight during the year, there's a legendary crew working tirelessly (and often hilariously) behind the scenes to keep our kura ticking.

Karen, Odette, Liz and Pip are basically the school's superheroes, minus the capes, although we wouldn't put it past them to rock one if needed. Whether it's patching up scraped knees, handing out plasters like they're gold, or finding that form you swore you handed in, these four are front and centre every single day. They are part nurse, part detective, and part magician. Honestly, if you've ever seen them juggle three phone calls, a sick bay patient, and a lost lunch all at once, you'll understand why they deserve their own Marvel franchise.

The Property Team: Bryce, AJ, Wiremu, Tawhai, Josh,

and Nathan are the dream team who make sure the school doesn't fall apart, literally. From fixing things that mysteriously just broke to keeping our grounds tidy and safe, these guys are everywhere at once. You might see them zooming past with tools, hauling furniture, or fixing that door that everyone has slammed at least once. They're like ninjas: silent, efficient, and suddenly appearing when you least expect them. Without them, the school would resemble a jungle crossed with a demolition site.

Together, Reception, Student Services and the Property Team keep us patched up, safe, and functioning. They're the unsung heroes who don't just keep the wheels turning; they replace the wheels, clean them, repaint them, and then hand you a plaster when you trip over them. So here's to our support staff: thank you for your patience, humour, and endless mahi. The school wouldn't survive without you.

LIBRARY

A Hub of Connection

Karen Manning

Our Library is more than just a place filled with books; it's a hub of curiosity, creativity, and connection. This year has been full of class visits with information literacy lessons, resource exchanges, and events. At lunchtime, the Library attracts close to 100 students daily, yet it maintains a calm and welcoming atmosphere. We've had so many memorable moments; here are just a few highlights from an exciting year in our Library.

Book Launch of *The Last Journey* by Stacy Gregg

The Library hosted a live Google Meet with author Stacy Gregg. She presented her latest work, *The Last Journey*, an engaging adventure that weaves together themes of friendship and environmental kaitiakitanga. Attendees were given an exclusive preview of the first chapter prior to the book's official release.

Author Visit – Des Hunt

Author Des Hunt visited our Year Seven and Eight students. He spoke to all students throughout the day, with a selected group of 35 students attending an extension writing workshop in the Library. This session was very well received, and the students were deeply engaged with his valuable tips on how to improve their writing.

Back-a-Book Video Trailer Competition

Layla Clarke entered the Back-a-Book competition, which involves creating a video trailer for one of the finalists in the NZ Book Awards for Children & Young Adults. Layla created



Scan here to watch Layla's trailer for *Bear* by Kiri Lightfoot.

a trailer for *Bear* by Kiri Lightfoot... and she won! Scan the QR code above to watch her outstanding video.

Student Librarians

This year, our dedicated team of Student Librarians kept the shelves organised, and their hard work has made a real difference. Our appreciation goes to Tori Breidahl, Ashley Britton, Isabel De Melo Luna, Christian Duffy, Naomi Evelyn, Georgia Gonionon, Hayley Holland, Jasleen Kaur, Chhavi Kudecha, Lemia McIntosh Reardon, Jenny McMaster, Bella Rowe, Christiaan Schoeman, Molly Sattler, and Katelyn Tame.

Thank you for your commitment, your eye for detail, and for your service to our school community. You've helped make the Library a welcoming place where students want to come.

COUNSELLING TEAM

Supporting Our Students and Community

As the year comes to a close, we'd like to extend a huge thank you to everyone in our community for another fantastic year. The Pāpāmoa College counselling team is here to support our students, their families, and our staff with their mental and emotional health and wellbeing.

Our team, consisting of Maggie Anderson, Jim Browne, Nicola Simpson, and Jane Kay (Guidance Director), brings a wide range of experience and specialised skills to the table. We're



passionate about helping our students succeed and thrive both inside and outside the classroom.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you or your whānau need support. We wish you all a safe and happy holiday break and look forward to seeing you in the new year.



LOWER MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP

Conquering Lakes Ranch

The Lower Middle School had a fantastic camp experience at Lakes Ranch, where Year 7 and 8 students immersed themselves in a huge range of activities. The three-day adventure was packed with fun, challenge, and unforgettable moments.

Teamwork was put to the test, and a lot of splashes were made, during raft building, while students also honed their focus with archery. The serene lake provided the perfect setting for kayaking and paddle boarding, offering a chance to glide across the water. The water slide brought plenty of laughs, and the hot pools were a welcome spot to relax after a day of activities. When temperatures soared above 40 degrees, the cooler pool was a much-needed retreat for everyone.

Beyond the water, the students enjoyed a variety of other experiences. They embraced friendly competition with a series of sports, unleashed their creativity with mandala making and newspaper fashion, and stretched their minds with dramatic flair and various brain challenges. The students were also well-fuelled for their adventures, enjoying some truly great kai throughout the camp.

The epic camp concluded with the ultimate challenge: conquering the legendary mud run. It was the perfect way to cap off three days of camaraderie, laughter, and pushing personal limits.

Check out the awesome piece of writing by Olivia Cantlon (78RAN1) on the opposite page.



Check out all the action from the LMS and Year 9 Camps



Lakes Ranch Milestone

Water droplets sparkled under the glistening sun as warm, refreshing water splashed against my leg. My friends and I – Natalia, India, and Amelia – were all piled on the stand-up paddle board, three at a time. We had to race to get it instead of a kayak, but we were so glad we did. It was so worth it! We paddled as far across the man-made lake as we could. I sat at the end with my feet dangling in the water, watching another group struggling to build their rafts.

Suddenly I heard, “Cannonball!” and water splashed everywhere, soaking me. When I looked up in shock, I saw Natalia’s head bob out of the water with a huge grin stretched across her face. I splashed her with my foot jokingly and paddled away. It was so funny watching her grin fade as she doggy-paddled after us. We lifted her back up (or tried to) but the whole paddle board flipped over since we were all on one side.

Once we were all back on, we couldn’t help but crack up laughing. After that, we had a contest to see who could do

the best jumps. Most times when we tried to get back on, it would tip over. Soon, more girls wanted to join because they could see how much fun we were having — but we ended up sinking under the weight. I felt bad for the paddle board having to carry us all, but snapped out of it when I heard Mr Cave call us in.

We all did one final jump, then sadly paddled back across the lake. The main thing I remember from that rotation was all the laughter, and the water I swallowed, which tasted surprisingly fresh. I wouldn’t change a single thing – not one person, not one moment, not one bit. I’m so glad I could be there that day at Lakes Ranch because I loved it.

Olivia Cantlon
Student, 7/8RAN1



YEAR 9 CAMPS

Adventure, Connection & Growth

Our Year 9 students headed to Matakana Island for a series of unforgettable camps. Across all waka, the focus was on teamwork, resilience, and connection with plenty of laughter, mud, and memorable moments along the way.

Mataatua

Rochelle Bishop & Matua Ben Jackson

Mataatua Year 9 students embarked on an incredible camp adventure to Matakana Island, and what a fantastic time they had! This immersive experience offered a unique blend of cultural exploration and thrilling outdoor activities in the stunning Bay of Plenty.

The journey began with a fascinating cultural introduction to the island, where students connected with the rich Māori heritage of the region. This provided a powerful backdrop to their island adventure.

Adding to the excitement, the camp included both a farm stay and traditional camping. Students got hands-on experience with mud runs and connecting with others. The camping portion allowed them to connect with the natural beauty of Matakana Island, sleeping under the stars and enjoying the island's peaceful atmosphere.

Whether they were exploring the island's landscapes, participating in team-building exercises, or simply enjoying the camaraderie of their classmates, the Year 9 Mataatua camp was undoubtedly a resounding success, creating lasting memories and fostering personal growth.

Tainui

Matua Anaru Taute & Abdal Al Chanti

The mighty waka of Tainui headed off to Matakana Island for two nights of intrepid camping. The cohort of students represented the school and their waka extremely well, with impeccable behaviour and respect to our hosts. The students enjoyed the rustic living of pitching their own tents and cooking their own meals on a portable gas stove. Noodles were a popular choice on the menu of many, but some refused to give up lavish dining, whipping up gourmet nachos and burgers. The mud-run was more of a mud-trudge, but the students came alive at the pier, showing off some impressive bombs. A slew of activities organised by the camp crew meant the students were facing an electric fence obstacle course, a water-pipe transportation challenge, and everyone's favourite, the 'stack-the-blocks-by-using-a-multi-person-lasso' game. This was followed by an impromptu volleyball tournament with Team Teachers outlasting Team Student Leaders in the final to claim the inaugural Matakana Cup. A rousing haka to mihi our hosts concluded what was an enjoyable and inspiring camp.

A big shout out to our student leaders Cove, Tayla, Cam, Tavita, Corlene and Keira, who were outstanding role models to our young Tauira. Some Year 9 students who stood out were: Kane Biddle for seriously stepping outside his comfort zone and thriving, Oaces for filling the nights with his guitar strumming, and Sadie for her leadership in the activities.



Takitimu

Rhett Snell & Alex Leaf

Our Year 9 camp on Matakana Island was an epic time of getting back to basics, learning about our amazing whenua, and having fun. We caught the ferry over to the island in the morning, before making our way up to our campsite. After this, akonga participated in a mud run which ended with some manu's off of the pier. After this, we returned to camp for some kai followed by a game of Spotlight.

Day two was full of a variety of activities and games which tested student's brains and brawn, as they competed for points. It ended with a tasty hangi, while different teams performed their pre-prepared skits. Our student leaders Alex Tilby-Adams, Taylah Medeiros, Carlos Ammon, Ilai Walker, and Jade McGregor did a fantastic job helping things to run smoothly, and supporting Matua Shane to ensure the camp ran without a hitch. A big mihi to all of them, and our Year 9 Takitimu students for making camp a fantastic experience.

Te Arawa

Dan Groot & Nicole Needham

Our Year 9 Te Arawa camp at Matakana Island was an incredible experience, offering students the chance to disconnect from the distractions of cellphones and materialistic things. Away from shopping malls and social media, the students embraced the simplicity of camp life, cooking their own meals in groups, sleeping in tents, and using a long drop toilet!

The camp encouraged teamwork, as students worked together to complete fun activities, while also fostering personal growth through the challenge of living with less. It was a time to connect with each other, learn more about ourselves, and enjoy the beauty of nature, all while developing resilience and a deeper sense of community. The camp reminded us all of the value of simplicity and the strength that comes from stepping outside our comfort zones.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Around the World at Pāpāmoa

Kerri Turangi, Sarah Snell and Kris Jansen

It's been a busy and exciting year to date for our International Team at Pāpāmoa College!

We have welcomed over 70 students from a wide range of countries (Japan, Korea, China, Vietnam, Thailand, Italy, Chile, Germany, Tahiti, Denmark, and Canada), creating a diverse international whānau within our kura. This year, we've focused on giving our students fantastic learning experiences both in and outside the classroom. From engaging with the NZ curriculum to celebrating culture and exploring the natural beauty and history of our region.

We have designed and implemented a new subject this year called Aotearoa (AOT). This subject combines the best of OED, NZ History, and Māori Culture into one. It is specifically for our senior international students and has definitely been a favourite among them.

We've also strengthened our relationships with overseas partners, hosting visiting groups from Japan and Thailand, along with agents from all over the world. Behind the scenes, our homestay network continues to grow, with many wonderful local families playing a huge role in making our students feel right at home.

The team is incredibly proud of what we have achieved so far in 2025, and we are super excited for what's to come!

Become a Host Family

We're looking for warm, welcoming families to open their homes to new international students in 2026. By hosting, you'll give students a unique opportunity to experience our culture while enriching your own family life. In return, you'll have the chance to share your traditions, form lifelong connections, and inspire a global perspective within your household.



Interested in hosting?

Scan the QR code to complete the Homestay Application Form and take the first step in joining our host family community.





MANA WAKA

Mana Waka 2025

Matua Pere Durie

This year's Mana Waka competition was keenly contested, with Alex Tilby-Adams, Ryder Fowler, Cam Day, and Himawari Ochiai serving as the Waka leaders. Tākitimu were the overall winners from 2024, so they were a big target for everyone else. New staff leaders Anaru Taute in Tainui and Rhett Snell in Tākitimu were also keen to make their mark on the competition.

Term 1 saw the annual Athletics Day, which featured the 8-person relays, Hundy Hikoi, as well as individual athletic events. Mai Moana was a chance for the best athletes on the Ocean to showcase their skills in fishing, swimming, waka ama paddling, and of course, doing the best bombs. The Haati Haka was shifted to this term. Tākitimu raised funds for the Pāpāmoa Surf Life Saving Club, and attendance all added to the mix. After all this, Te Arawa took the lead.

Term 2 saw the Matariki Masters, with its mix of Dart Masters, Lego Masters, and Kai Masters all coming into play. Too Much Talent was again a crowd favourite. Cross Country was also a major event across the year levels. Mataatua raised funds for the local Fire Service, who are looking



to invest in an ATV for easier beach responses. Mataatua dominated Term 2.

Term 3 featured the Super Seven Quiz, e-Sports, and the adventure race 'Maunga to the Moana'. This term, Tainui raised funds for the local charity Youth Encounter. As always, attendance was added into the mix. At the end of the term, it was Tainui who won the sum total of these events.

The final term was a short one but saw Te Arawa engage the community through a hāngi fundraiser for Kura Kai, another local charity. With attendance being a feature for each term, it meant every single period attended by every single student contributed to the success of the Waka.

Congratulations to all the students of the College, who collectively raised over ten thousand dollars for four local charities. At the end of the year, it was Te Arawa who came out on top. Well done to Waka leader Himawari Ochiai and all of the students. On behalf of Te Arawa, Hima was presented with the Te Pae Tāwhiti taonga at the end-of-year assembly.

Mataatua

Rochelle Bishop & Matua Ben Jackson

Mataatua has had an incredible year, marked by impressive achievements and a strong sense of community. The waka truly came alive in Term 2, winning the overall title and demonstrating the collective effort and dedication of every member. Participation levels have been consistently high across all waka events, a testament to the enthusiasm and commitment that define Mataatua.

The Year 9 camp on Matakana Island was a major highlight, full of activities that pushed everyone to step out of their comfort zones. It was a fantastic opportunity for new friendships to form and for our waka to grow closer.

Beyond the competitive spirit, Mataatua showed its heart through a successful fundraising campaign for the Pāpāmoa Volunteer Fire Brigade. This initiative highlighted our waka's commitment to giving back to the community.

A huge part of this success is due to our exceptional waka leaders: Renee Thomas, Poppy Plank, Cairo Kahotea, Jade Kahika, James Ferns, and Ryder Fowler. They are, without

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a doubt, the best Mataatua waka leaders we have ever had. Their passion and leadership have been truly inspiring, setting a new standard for what it means to lead. A special shout-out must go to Cairo Kahotea, who has consistently gone above and beyond, embodying the spirit of Mataatua in everything she does.

Tainui

Matua Anaru Taute & Abdal Al Chanti

*Tainui, Hoturoa, challenge us now!
Taniwha on every bend, we show you how!
He piko, he taniwha, now is the hour,
Kōwhai, yellow, we've got the power!*

2025 was Tainui Waka's redemption year. It began with a hiss and a roar, with the Kōwhai Krew taking out gold in Athletics. Our young taura put on a class act for the Hāati Haka competition, led by the students of Te Pākura.

In the Too Much Talent event, Ace Maxton and his band stunned the audience, while the young trio of Ivy, Terēhia, and Rylee gave us harmonies from the heavens. In the Matariki Masters event, Cove and Cam became aeronautical engineers and built some of the most advanced paper planes Mr Groot had ever seen, while Layla Clarke anchored the Lego-building wing of the team.

The Maunga to Moana team of Isla, Abigail, Summer, and William burned more calories than Santa on Christmas Eve, with Summer taking out the Flags section of the competition. Tainui Waka then went on a run, winning the

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Super 8 Quiz and the e-sports competition, with Crash Team Racing whizz Michael Snell dominating the field and leaving organiser Mr Rhett Snell regretting his choices.

Some highlights of the year included an awesome Year 9 camp and some epic fundraising events, including a colour run and a bake sale for the charity Fulfilled.

A special thanks to our amazing Year 13 leaders: Cameron, Cove, Tayla, Tavita, Keira, and Corlene, who were the heart and soul of this epic waka. Up the T's!

Tākitimu

Rhett Snell & Alex Leaf

Tākitimu has had a memorable year, defined by determination, resilience, and a strong sense of teamwork. While results in events such as the Super 7 Quiz and Crash Team Racing e-sports didn't always fall our way, the enthusiasm and effort shown by our students never wavered.

The highlight of the year came in Term 3 with an outstanding victory in the prestigious Maunga to Moana competition, showcasing the incredible athletic talent within Tākitimu and dedication and perseverance of our students.

Throughout the year, Tākitimu has been well represented across a wide variety of events, from Athletics Day to Year 9 Camp. Crash Team Racing was a particular highlight, where our skilled digital athletes competed fiercely through round-robin matches, semi-finals, and a hard-fought final. While the ultimate result wasn't what we had hoped for, the teamwork, passion, and commitment on display were something to be proud of.

With more opportunities still to come, Tākitimu enters Term

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4 with confidence, spirit, and determination to finish the year strong. The Green Machine continues to roll forward, powered by the energy and pride of every student.

A big shout-out to our leaders who made this Tākitimu year the best: Carlos Ammon, Jade McGregor, Alex Tilby-Adams, Ilai Walker, and Taylah Medeiros.

Te Arawa

Dan Groot & Nicole Needham

With back-to-back podium finishers up for grabs, Te Arawa have battled it out in this year's Mana Waka School Competition. We have nabbed a couple of top spots for different events and have come close on others, finishing second... third... and fourth.

With a strong chant and a visually striking flag created by our Tauria, we hit the ground running during full school athletics, where Te Arawa students represented their colour and waka with speed, precision, and immense pride! The heat was no match for Dazzling Dan and Shimmering Shay as they lit up the 100m track in the teacher vs student relay race, which was easily a highlight of the year for spectators.

Students threw themselves enthusiastically into a wide variety of activities through Terms 2 and 3; surfing, surf casting, quizzing, e-sporting, paper-plane engineering, and cross-country, just to name a few.

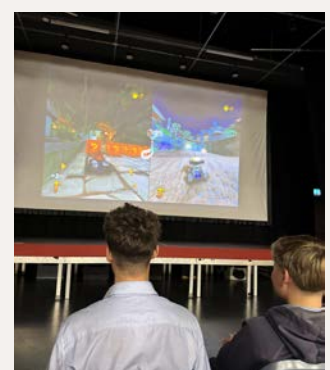
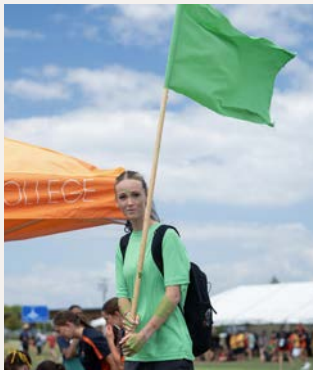
With Term 4 on the horizon and a hāngi fundraiser in store, we are looking forward to finishing our 2025 Mana Waka competition off strong, ensuring our students, staff

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members, and wider community are well fed with good, hearty kai. A big thanks to our amazing tuakana for all your hard mahi this year: Ava, Camryn, Himawari, Arjon, and Malaelua.

Up the Te Arawa Mako!





LOWER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Maunga

Tracey Gibson, Tessa Kent, Simon Street
& Rebecca Collins

*We started the year all sleepy and slow,
Half the class forgot where to go.*

*Math was rough, but it made our brains tough,
English was exciting, and we got good at writing.*

*Athletics Day brought memories,
along with fun accessories.*

*Camp was chaotic, messy, and wild,
We scared each other, then laughed and smiled.*

*We raced, we tripped, we played all day,
and lost our shoes along the way.*

*We learned of traditions from cultures so bright,
Dances and stories that lit up the night.
With each step and rhythm, respect grew strong;
Together we cherished where we all belong.*

*Now summer is here, we've made it alive,
Somehow, we managed, we even survived.*

*So here's to the chaos, the laughter, the cheer;
We'll never forget this brilliant year!*



Step into a day in the life of our
Lower Middle School students.



LOWER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Puke

Deb Cornelius, Karla Spicer, Shay Barclay, Jacqui O'Donnell & Hayley Foster

What an epic year it has been for Puke in 2025! What a dream team of Year 7 and 8 students, making us proud at every turn. The year began with an incredible start at camp, where our students embraced every challenge with energy and determination. From team-building activities to outdoor adventures, they showed resilience, courage, and positivity. A highlight was the mud run – our Puke crew gave it everything, working together as a team and proving just how strong they are when united.

Throughout the year, our students continued to shine in both academics and sport. We were thrilled to celebrate Louie Bowman placing 1st in the Year 7 Speech Finals and

Harry Fouhy achieving 2nd place in the Year 8 competition. These results reflect not just talent, but the hard work and dedication our students put into their learning.

In Term 3, Puke proudly had 55 students participate in the AIMS Games, competing across more than 15 different codes. They gave it their all, showed amazing sportsmanship, and had the time of their lives. Our student leaders also stood out, stepping up with responsibility and leading like legends whenever the opportunity arose.

Another special highlight was our Cultural Evening in Term 3, where we came together to celebrate the richness and beauty of our cultural diversity. It was a wonderful reminder of the unique strengths each student brings to our community.

Above all, we are proud of how our students have looked after one another. They have been kind, supportive, fun, understanding, courageous, and empowering.

We wish our Year 8s all the very best as they move on to new adventures in 2026. We know our Year 7s will continue the Puke legacy with pride.



LOWER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Rangataua

Simone Donaldson, Leanne Blow, Anne-Marie Kendall & Shaun Cave



This year has been one of growth, excitement, and new beginnings for our learning commons, Rangataua. A highlight was the long-awaited move into our brand-new building, a modern and inspiring space that has given us a true sense of identity and pride. With this move came a new name: from Tahuna to Rangataua, a change that reflects our connection to our environment, our unity, and the way we move forward together.

One of the most memorable experiences of the year was our camp at Lakes Ranch in Rotorua. From outdoor adventures to teamwork challenges, it was a chance for us to step outside the classroom, build resilience, and strengthen the bonds that hold our commons together.

We were also incredibly proud of our sporting achievements at the 2025 AIMS Games. More than 60 of our students represented our school across a wide range of codes, showing skill, determination, and sportsmanship. Their success on such a big stage was a credit to their hard work and commitment.

Cultural Evening in Term 3 was another shining moment. Rangataua was in the spotlight, showcasing our stunning modern korowai, embodying both tradition and contemporary pride. It was a powerful symbol of our shared heritage and the strength of our collective spirit.

As we look back on this year, Rangataua can be proud of the journeys we have taken, the challenges we have embraced, and the community we continue to build. Together, we have created a year full of memories, achievements, and the promise of even more to come.





LOWER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Tātahi

Daniel Robertson, Kim Remus, Sarah Jacob & Tony Richardson

We have had an awesome 2025 in Tātahi. From camp, to cooking, to celebrating amazing successes.

Term One saw us all off to Lakes Ranch for our three-day camp. From scary stories on the Burma Trail, through to the incredible displays of drama in the lip-sync competition, this was an awesome experience to start the year. With friendships created, fears conquered, and limits tested, we knew we were in for a great year.

Science was the focus of Term Two, exploring innovation through land yacht competitions and the wonder of chemistry and physics via many experiments. We finished by investigating possible solutions to everyday problems, such as repairable dance shoes.

To celebrate the cultural diversity of Pāpāmoa, Term Three was all about getting to know the traditions and uniqueness of the 30+ ethnicities in Tātahi alone. This culminated in the Cultural Evening, where we showcased the variety of foods that we all connect with through culture, traditions, and celebrations. Our ākonga did amazing mahi to create selection of treats for our guests to feast on.

Term Four is always one for celebrating our year's achievements, while looking forward and beginning to prepare for 2026. Along the way, we explored our local environment and the living world it harbours, through understanding ecosystems and how all living organisms rely on each other in order to survive.

We have been amazed at the curiosity and wonder that has captured our ākonga this year as we have traversed a wide variety of learning opportunities.

We would like to thank all the whānau who have supported us throughout the year, especially those who have given their time to make events possible. Tātahi 2025 has been brilliant, lets make 2026 incredible.



LOWER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Te Waiū

Whaea Jacki, Warwick Ogilvy, Natalie Smith,
Natalie Van Dyk & Logan Wright-Webb

*In Te Waiū, the year began,
With Lakes Ranch camp, a brilliant plan.
Kayaks glided, the mud run tough,
Hot pools steaming, the laughs enough.*

*On the Burma Trail through night's embrace,
We pushed our limits, found our place.
Friendships blossomed, bonds held tight,
A camp that made our spirits bright.*

*In Term 1 we paused to see,
What tūrangawaewae means for me.
A place to stand, to ground, to grow,
A home in school where roots can show.*

*Then Term 2 came, refreshed, renewed,
With science challenges to pursue.
Beyond horizons, minds took flight,
Designing, creating, with ideas afloat.*

*We became scientists, bold and free,
Innovators shaping what could be.
Solutions born from questions deep,
Discoveries ours to hold and keep.*

*Then winter called in Term 3's chill,
With AIMS Games testing heart and will.
On fields and courts we gave our best,
With teamwork shining through each test.*

*Culture too was brought to light,
Stories shared both day and night.
We learned that what's below the skin,
Is where identity truly begins.*

*Term 4's joy came rushing fast,
Celebrations, moments made to last.
Together laughing, strong and true,
An epic year at Te Waiū.*

*So here's to students, every friend,
A year of learning without end.
Fun, discovery, hearts in sync,
2025 was gone in a blink.*

LEARNING THROUGH SPORT

Year 7/8 Sports Camp

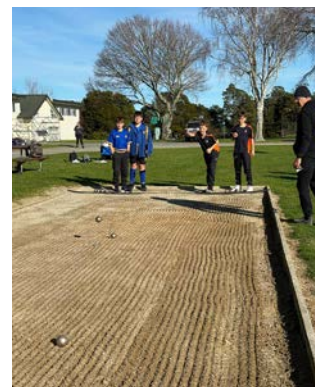
Jenna Mackay

In Term 3, two teams consisting of a total of 67 students headed across to Matamata to compete in the Y7/8 Sports Camp. At around 11am, the camp buzzed to life as we rolled into Totara Springs. The weather was stunning, but during the mornings and nights we experienced the Waikato cold.

Throughout the week, students threw themselves into a huge variety of sporting codes with energy, determination, and loads of fun. Swimming, athletics, pickleball, longball, rugby 7s – you name it, that sport was there! Whether it was their top sport or something new, all athletes gave their all, working as a team and representing our kura well.

Team Mangōpare came fifth overall, winning netball, tennis, and croquet. They also met their new rivals, the Makos, as both Pāpāmoa teams played off in the girls' volleyball finals. The court was intense and tensions were high as both teams gave it their all. In a nail-biter, Team Mako pulled away with the win, 44–42, to end Thursday night.

Overall, it was a great week with many highlights. Everyone gave it their all and were tired upon their return to school the following Monday.



A massive thank you goes out to Mr Andrew Jacob for his help throughout the week and to Mrs van Dijk for teaching both teams the cheer and being there on Thursday to support. An awesome occasion that created many awesome memories.

Year 10 Sports Camp

Jenna Mackay

A group of 34 Year 10 Learning Through Sport students eagerly competed in the Junior High Sports Camp at Totara Springs in May.

Our students played sports from 9:30am through to 10pm each day. Minor sports included activities like rock climbing, croquet, pétanque and archery, all the way through to netball, touch, basketball and volleyball. They also took part in larger events such as swimming, athletics, cross-country and triathlon, giving every student a chance to challenge themselves and develop new skills.

Our students were absolutely outstanding, showing the perfect mix of skill, smarts, and determination to claim victory. Pāpāmoa College were the overall winners and were thrilled to bring home the cup! We are so proud of their fantastic achievements, the way they fought for every point, and their resilience throughout the competition.





King & Queen Of The Hill

Jenna Mackay

On Wednesday, 18 June, our Year 7 and 8 Learning Through Sport students took on the challenge of climbing Te Rae o Pāpāmoa, competing for the titles of King and Queen of the Hill. The event celebrated not only their athletic ability but also their perseverance and commitment to the wero.

Spectators and kaiako were inspired by the determination on display, especially from the Year 8 students who carried an additional 5kg weight during their ascent. Their willingness to push beyond their comfort zones was truly commendable. The race even saw a new record set in the Year 7 Boys' category, making it a memorable day for all.

Year 7 Girls

1st	Emma Hansen (25:56)
2nd	Harper Wakefield (30:35)
3rd	Hope Uipo-Tagaloasa (30:45)

Year 7 Boys

1st	Louie Bowman (21:19 – New Record)
2nd	Zac Arnold (22:03)
3rd	Zach Willis (22:12)



Above: Year 7 & 8 winners Emma, Eva, Louie and Hugh

Year 8 Girls

1st	Eva McCormack (26:17)
2nd	Neve Lynch (28:17)
3rd	Anaka Els (31:12)

Year 8 Boys

1st	Hugh Mackay (23:43)
2nd	Ben Goninon (27:26)
3rd	Percival Santauro (31:29)



On Tuesday, 16 September, it was the turn of our Year 9 and 10 Learning Through Sport students, who raced to the top and back down again.

This time, the challenge was intensified: Year 9 students carried an additional 5kg, while the Year 10s carried 10kg. The resilience, grit, and determination shown throughout the event left everyone impressed.

Both events were a fantastic display of athleticism and spirit. They left many asking the ultimate question: How fast could you make it up and down Te Rae o Pāpāmoa?

Year 9 Girls

1st	Drew Heatley (29:00)
2nd	Lucy George (32:59)
3rd	Olivia O'Carroll (33:01)

Year 9 Boys

1st	Noah Miyamura-Brown (22:56)
2nd	Zak Dawson (26:32)
3rd	Mason Paige (27:16)

Year 10 Girls

1st	Mia Withers (30:55)
2nd	Summer Steed-Thornton (33:33)

Year 10 Boys

1st	Dante George (26:05)
2nd	Kyan Percy (26:41)
3rd	Zac Abbott (27:59)



Above: Year 9 & 10 winners Noah, Dante, Mia and Drew

LEARNING THROUGH SPORT

The Longest Day

Jenna Mackay

On Tuesday, 8 April, 140 Learning Through Sport students from Years 7-10 took part in The Longest Day at Mount Maunganui.

They braved wild weather to participate in a range of activities, including running around Mauao with a 10kg weight and working as a team to the summit.

We were impressed by their team work, communication, enthusiasm and resilience. Our older Y9 and 10 students also impressed us with their leadership and hard mahi throughout the day.

Left: Tehila makes running up Mauao with an extra 10 kg look effortless.



Learning From Legends

A group of thirteen Year 8 and 10 students from our Learning Through Sport programme recently had a life-changing experience. They travelled to Rotorua for an inspiring event focused on 'Leading with Character', where they heard from some of New Zealand's greatest athletes: Richie McCaw, Dan Carter, and Dame Sophie Pascoe.

The speakers shared powerful insights that deeply resonated with our students, emphasising that success is about more than just winning. They learned to celebrate the small wins, to always put the team first, and to remember that their success is a shared journey, built on effort, focus, and teamwork.

One of the most memorable moments came when Dan Carter offered our U14 team some simple but powerful advice for their upcoming grand final: 'Do the basics right.' It must have been the perfect pep talk, because they went on to win the championship with a massive 55-5 victory. Students also went home with rugby balls and kicking tees to remember the day. We're excited to see how the lessons learned from these legends will continue to shape our students' character, confidence, and leadership in the future.

Left: Richie McCaw shares his wisdom with our students.





ARTS WEEK

Performing Arts Week

Elizabeth Proudlock

Performing Arts Week was a festival of creativity, bursting with colour, music, movement, and imagination. It offered a stage for learners to showcase their talents and inspired many to dive into new art forms they'd never tried before.

Lunchtimes became buzzing hubs of energy, with crowds gathering daily to watch and take part in events. From the rhythmic sounds of our bands to spirited karaoke sessions where students sang their hearts out, every day brought something new. Theatre Sports kept audiences laughing, while the art exhibition offered a quieter moment of reflection.

One of the week's most talked-about events was the face-painting competition. Teams of two, a painter and their model, were given just 25 minutes to design a face that told a story. Rather than superheroes or cartoon characters, the challenge was to create a piece of living art that communicated an idea. The results were spectacular,

revealing just how much creativity can be expressed on a single canvas.

The college was also privileged to welcome a roster of visiting artists who shared their expertise. Rob McGregor, a highly respected local artist, not only exhibited his own works but also guided students in hands-on lessons. Vocal powerhouse Sophie-Maude inspired budding singers through vocal workshops and a songwriting masterclass before dazzling audiences with a special lunchtime performance. Meanwhile, Ashlee, a renowned hip-hop dancer, taught students the foundations of hip-hop in a high-energy workshop that had everyone moving.

By the end of the week, the verdict was clear; Performing Arts Week was a triumph. It not only celebrated the incredible creativity within Pāpāmoa College but also gave students the courage and opportunity to step into the spotlight and try something new.



TE HONONGA ART EXHIBITION

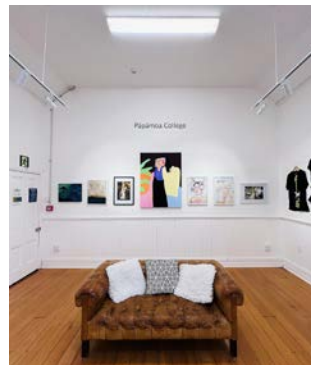
My Matariki Connections Exhibition

Whaea Tania Lewis-Rickard

This year marked our third Te Hononga: My Connections school-wide art exhibition. The show celebrated the creative voices of our students through the theme 'My Matariki Connections'. Guided by our school's pou values: *Toitū te Whenua, Toitū te Moana, Toitū te Tangata, and Toitū te Tiriti*. Students' artworks reflected connections to the land, the water, and to people.

We had an outstanding display of diverse and imaginative artworks from Year 9 digital whakairo, painting, mixed-media collage, fabric art as well as photography and visual storytelling. There was also an excellent turnout from our Year 8 Toi students, who created contrast artworks featuring patterns and kōwhaiwhai that were symbolic to them. Contributions from our international students added another rich layer of perspective. Each piece was a unique reflection of the creativity, culture, and connectedness that bring our vibrant Pāpāmoa College arts community to life.

We are once again thankful to the team at the Incubator Creative Hub and The People's Gallery at Historic Village Tauranga for their continued support.





DANCE NZ MADE

Dancing to Success

Janelle Reid

What an incredible year it's been for our dance students who showcased their amazing talent at the Dance NZ Made Competition. Competing against schools from across the region, our students delivered some truly spectacular performances and brought home some impressive wins.

Our dance teams absolutely owned the stage, with both our Year 7–8 Hip-Hop team and Year 11–13 team, *HOME*, earning 1st place and being crowned Tauranga Regional Champions. The Open Team also put on a stunning show, securing 2nd place with their routine, *No Remorse*. The dedication of our students and the incredible choreography by Ms Reid were recognised with two Excellence in Choreography Awards for both *HOME* and *No Remorse*.

The individual and duo categories were just as successful:

- **Year 8 Solo:** 1st Place, Jade Harley
- **Year 9 Solo:** 3rd Place, Lucy George
- **Year 10 Solo:** 1st Place, Bella Harley, 3rd Place, Mia Withers
- **Year 11–13 Duo:** 2nd Place, Cienna Boyd-Zame and Samantha Aitken

Special congratulations go out to Jade Harley and Bella Harley, who were nominated to compete at Nationals, and to Isabel Rees-Jones, Jade Harley, and Gisele Champness for receiving Golden Ticket Awards.

With so much success this year, we can't wait to see what our talented dance students will achieve next year at Dance NZ Made!




DRAMA

Drama Students Take Centre Stage

Nicole Sarah

This year in Drama, students explored new skills, collaborated in creative ways, and embraced the challenges of live performance.

Students focused on myths and script work, building confidence in characterisation and storytelling. Year 10 students explored rehearsal conventions and devising, developing ensemble skills and learning how to shape original work for the stage.

For seniors, the year was filled with rich and varied texts. They studied *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, New Zealand plays *Astroman* and *When Sun and Moon Collide*, and prepared for external assessments by analysing National Theatre *Life of Pi*. These works allowed students to explore drama elements and respond critically, while also applying skills in performance and interpretation.

A highlight of the year was the school production of *The Wizard of Oz*. Many senior students took on lead roles and backstage responsibilities, contributing to an unforgettable showcase of talent and dedication.

2025 has been a year of growth, creativity, and achievement in Drama, with students at all levels embracing opportunities to learn, perform, and share their voices.



DESIGN

Bold by Design

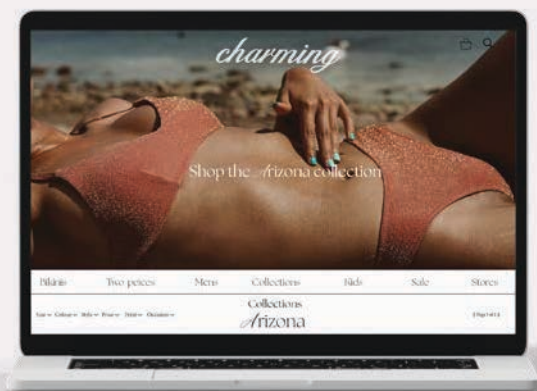
Jess Sarah

2025 Design showcased imagination, individuality, and refinement. Our senior students have grown into thoughtful designers, using typography, image, and composition to explore identity, culture, and contemporary style. Each project reflected the idea that good design is more than aesthetics, it's communication with intent.

Year 12 students began by re-examining the foundations of design through the lens of Bauhaus and Constructivism. Their posters and brand identities balanced geometry with emotion, precision with experimentation. From fashion branding and floral stores to conceptual exhibitions and music-festival design, students learned how to merge personal interests with visual storytelling. Many found freedom in the creative process; discovering how a grid could coexist with chaos, and how simplicity could still feel expressive.

For the Year 13 cohort, the challenge deepened. Their work evolved into complete brand systems, from sustainable fashion labels and surfwear identities to conceptual plant stores and surreal visual campaigns. They pushed beyond conventions, combining surrealism, photography, and motion-inspired layouts to build sophisticated visual languages. Experimentation with tone, proportion, and symbolism showed a maturing understanding of how design can hold meaning while remaining elegant and resolved.

Across both year levels, what stood out most was courage. Students took risks, developed their own style, and used digital tools: Photoshop, Illustrator, and AI experiments, to bring complex ideas to life. Each folio captured not just technical skill but the voice of its maker: ambitious, reflective, and forward-thinking.



JUNIOR ART

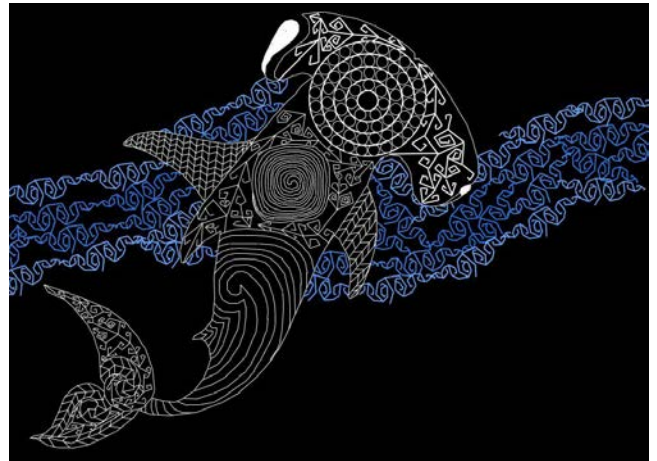
Creative Foundations

Nicole Sarah

In 2025, the Arts programme took an exciting new direction. In the past, Year 7 and 8 students completed short rotations across Dance, Drama, Music, and Visual Arts. This year, we introduced dedicated 7TOI and 8TOI courses, giving students the chance to immerse themselves more deeply.

Year 7 students focused on performance and confidence through drama and dance, using movement, gesture, and storytelling to develop their creativity and self-expression. Year 8 students explored pattern and rhythm through music and visual arts, learning to compose, experiment, and refine their ideas through both sound and image.

These full-term courses provided students with stronger foundations, clear curriculum links, and the time to develop well-rounded ideas and processes. As a result, students now move into Year 9 with greater confidence and a stronger grasp of the Arts.





PAINTING

A Year of Colour and Courage

Jess Sarah

This year, senior Painting students explored how creativity, courage, and storytelling come together through art.

Year 11 artists began their journey with *Te Ara Manu – The Path of the Bird*, exploring identity, nature, and mythology through drawing, design, and paint.

Guided by artist models such as Bill Hammond, Robin Slow, Nigel Brown, and Darcy Nicholas, they learned to weave their own stories of whakapapa and belonging. From Olivia Swainson's precise symmetry to Eduarda Espindula Coan's fusion of Brazilian and Māori motifs, Madeline Treanor's dreamlike layering, and Brooke Jackson's flowing compositions, each student took flight in their own creative direction. Their work reflected not only technical skill but a growing confidence in expressing personal ideas.

In Year 13, students pushed their skills and ideas further, learning that creativity truly takes courage. Through techniques like grisaille, glazing, and alla prima, they explored how tone, structure, and colour can shape emotion and meaning. As they gained confidence, their work became deeply personal; exploring themes of identity, culture, and story with maturity and purpose.

Across both year levels, studios buzzed with experimentation, reflection, and risk-taking. From the first sketches to the final folios, every artist grew in skill and confidence. The resulting works are bold, thoughtful, and rich in narrative; proof that painting was not just about technique, but about finding one's voice and learning to see the world through an artist's eyes.



PHOTOGRAPHY

Through the Lens

Liselle van Maanen

Photography brought together creativity, collaboration, and great energy, always with music playing and ideas flowing. Students explored the art of visual storytelling, learning how to communicate emotion, mood, and meaning through photography.

They experimented with composition, lighting, and editing techniques, taking inspiration from a range of artists while developing their own unique photographic voices. Through a series of photoshoots, critiques, and reflections, they learned to think critically about their work and refine their ideas with purpose and confidence.

The result is a stunning collection of folios that celebrate individuality, growth, and the strong sense of community that defined this class.

PHOTO DESIGN

Design in Motion

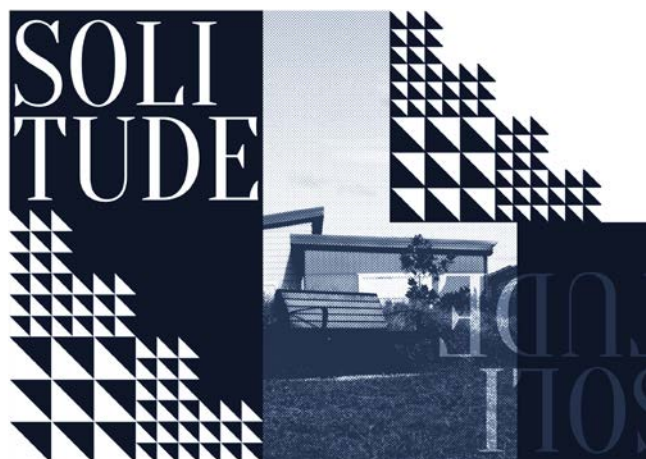
Liselle van Maanen

This year's Photo Design students brought creativity, collaboration, and good vibes to every lesson. The classroom was always buzzing with music, laughter, and the hum of ideas being shared and developed.

Students explored the fundamentals of design through projects inspired by Bauhaus, Swiss Design, and expressive poster making. They experimented with grid systems, composition, and visual storytelling to produce striking, well-considered work.

The class also created personal 'zines' that reflected their unique voices and interests; a true celebration of individual style and creativity.

As the year wrapped up, their folio boards showcased not only their design skills but their ability to communicate powerful ideas through imagery and layout. It's been an inspiring year full of growth, collaboration, and originality.





MUSIC

Amplified

Kat Daniela

This year, the Music Department truly struck a chord; celebrating achievement, creativity, and connection. Supported by our committed Itinerant Music team: Jillian Carey, Emily Flynn, Kimberly Jones and Cathrine Roberts; students have flourished on local, regional, and national stages.

Performances and Community Connections

Our students embraced every chance to perform, from intimate lunchtime concerts during Arts Week to professional gigs in Tauranga's live music scene. College Collab at Totara Street once again brought together young musicians from across the Bay, while Band and Deliver at the Jam Factory, and sets at Beach Bar and Pap House showcased our students' energy and talent.

Competitions and Achievements

Original songwriting remains a strength of our department. Congratulations to Taylah Medeiros, whose song *Nothing's Ever Gonna Hurt Again* was named a finalist in the national Play It Strange Peace Song Competition; her third national success. Her song will soon be professionally recorded and released as part of the Peace Song Playlist.

Smokefreerockquest Regionals at Totara Street were another standout. Indigo, our youngest band (Years 7–9), wowed the crowd with two original songs and proudly claimed the Musicianship Award. Their song *Mr Nice Guy* also won Best Original Song at Bandquest, helping them secure the title of Bay of Plenty's Best Band. Alongside them, Asylum, a collaborative group with Mount Maunganui College, represented us with dynamic original music and strong stage presence.

Classical music also shone brightly, with Rima Azuma named a finalist in the BOP Symphonia Rising Stars Concerto Competition. Rima performed Grieg's *Piano Concerto in A Minor (2nd movement)* with the orchestra in July; a remarkable milestone for a young pianist.

At the Tauranga Performing Arts Competitions, Georgia Henzler added to our accolades with multiple awards across her categories, showcasing the depth of talent within our music community.

Creativity and Collaboration

Student creativity extended beyond competitions. Inspired by Taylor Swift's *Eras Tour*, students formed *Sunkissed*, a tribute band featuring Cybele Chapman, Stella Riley,



Taylah Medeiros, and James Ferns. Their Totara Street performances captured the spirit of collaboration and fun while strengthening students' professional experience. It was also a joy to see James Ferns starring in *Jersey Boys* with Tauranga Musical Theatre.

Celebrating Success

This year's music journey has been filled with harmony, achievement, and inspiration. With such dedicated students and staff, the future of music here looks brighter than ever.



CAREERS

Inspiring Futures

Brad Miller

It's been another exciting and productive year for the Careers Department at Pāpāmoa College, with students engaging in a wide range of opportunities to explore their future pathways.

More than 50 students took part in Futures Academy trades courses, completing weekly off-site learning in areas such as Primary Industries, IT Support, Build a Go Kart, and Hospitality.

Our Future Industry Training (FiT) classes were another highlight. This year, we welcomed Nicole Needham to the FiT teaching team. She has worked closely with her students to develop work-readiness skills and pathways into employment. More than 75 senior students completed work experience placements across industries including Early Childhood Education, Police, Real Estate, McDonald's, the JNP Pilot Programme, Welding and Fabrication, and Construction. These placements provided invaluable insight into the world of work, building both confidence and capability.

Throughout the year, the Careers Department also facilitated industry visits, giving students the opportunity to step inside local businesses and talk with professionals



about their career journeys. Students visited organisations such as Bay Radiology, Adventure Helicopters, Infrastructure Pathways, and Page Macrae, and attended career expos that encouraged them to broaden their horizons and consider a wide range of career possibilities.

For our senior students, we continued to provide extensive support with tertiary planning – hosting university liaison visits, assisting with open days, and offering guidance on scholarships, courses, and accommodation applications.

Our Year 7 and 8 students also had the chance to explore future pathways. A dedicated careers day helped them reflect on their interests, skills, and strengths, and connect these to potential careers. Over 50 students took part in the STEAM-ED Robotics programme – a hands-on, problem-solving course introducing key STEAM concepts. Students also enjoyed the Inspiring the Futures event, where local community members shared their career stories, opening young minds to the many possibilities ahead.

As the year draws to a close, we're proud of how our students have embraced the opportunities available to them. The Careers Department looks forward to continuing to inspire and support students.

CAREERS

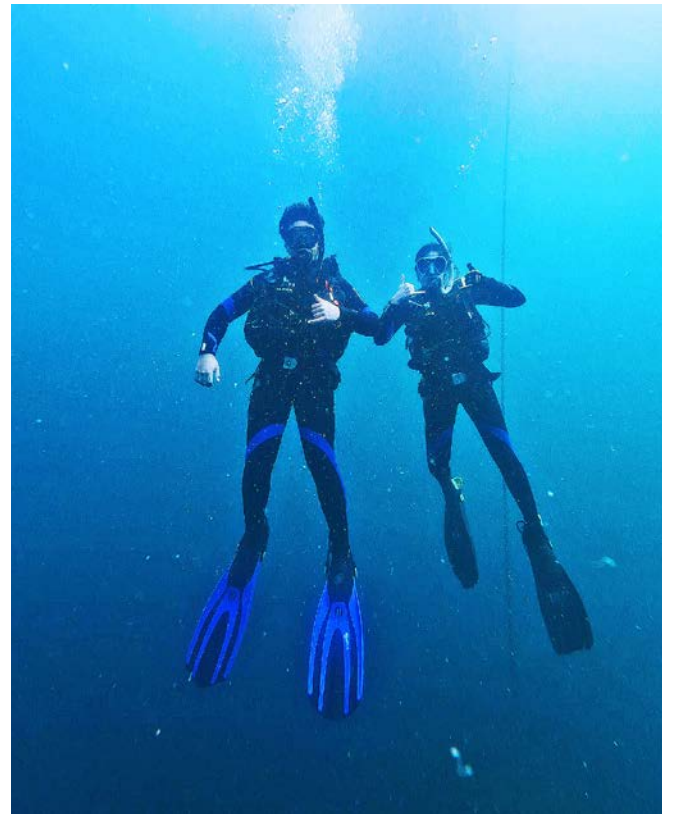
Futures Trades Academy: Building Skills for Tomorrow

Brad Miller

This year, 54 senior students took part in the Bay of Plenty Futures Trades Academy. Year 12 and 13 students were involved in weekly off-site learning across a range of trades, including Primary Industries, IT Support, Diving, Mechanical Engineering, Hair and Beauty, and Hospitality. Courses were delivered through providers such as Toi Ohomai, EmployNZ, ETCO, and Hair to Train.

Students committed to both practical and theory-based learning while continuing with their school studies. This opportunity allowed them to gain valuable skills, industry experience, and insight into career pathways beyond school. Their efforts reflect the determination and maturity required to succeed in trade-based learning.

The Careers Department congratulates all Futures Trades Academy students on their commitment and success. These learners have built a strong foundation for their futures, and we look forward to seeing where their pathways will lead.





Left: Author Des Hunt visits Pāpāmoa College
Above Students at the annual Auckland Writers Festival

ENGLISH

A Year of Words, Wisdom, and Wins

Luke McFarlane

2025 was a year of experiences – one where our students consistently embraced opportunities and created excellence. It began with our first English Scholarship in recent years being awarded to the talented Carly Woolrich, an outstanding accomplishment that stemmed from her blend of ability and dedication. This remarkable achievement was reinforced by our successful 2024 pass rates. Our ongoing success is a testament to the care our team shows in providing the best environments for our students to produce their best. We were fortunate to welcome Miss McAdden and Mrs Walker to our team, both of whom immediately increased our ‘cool’ factor and street cred. The English Department continued to give their personal time to assist students in our after-school wānanga, scholarship tutorials, and reassessment days. Each of these provided further opportunities for our students to achieve the levels of success they are capable of.

Esteemed Manuhiri (Visitors): Filmmakers and Novelists

As a kura, we strive to give our students the chance to see what our subject can mean beyond the classroom walls, and we were lucky enough to host a number of special guests this year. In Term 2 we welcomed New Zealand film director Hamish Bennett (*Uproar*).

He began with humorous anecdotes from his own school days, shared his experiences of scriptwriting and filmmaking, and finished the day by running smaller writing workshops. We also hosted acclaimed author Des Hunt,

who wowed the students with explosions and riddles. His approach to writing disguised the hard work as freedom and fun – aspects we could all embrace.

Auckland Writers Festival

We also took 40 students to Auckland for the annual Writers Festival. As an English teacher, this is a prime opportunity to ‘geek out’, and this year’s event did not disappoint. An eclectic range of authors greeted our students as we disembarked, and the day was spent soaking in sci-fi concepts and multimodal presentations.

It might be hard to believe, but very few students display sheer joy when stepping into our classrooms; however, that was certainly not the case at the festival. Our students buzzed as they shared their own experiences with the texts in question, and the bus trip home was alive with plans for writing. A new generation of writers had bloomed.

As we say *e noho rā* to 2025, we bid farewell to and thank Mrs Greer for her boundless expertise, outrageous sense of humour, and, most importantly, her absolute dedication to her students. We also wish our very best to Mr Allen as he continues his bilingual journey and congratulate him on his study scholarship for 2026.

I would also like to personally thank the department again for their combined efforts. In a time of change and challenge, you are *he toku tu moana* – a rock within the storm.



MEDIA STUDIES

Camera, Action: Creativity On Screen

Pippa Russell

This year, Level 2 and 3 Media students have shown impressive creativity and commitment, producing a wide range of work that reflects both technical skill and thoughtful storytelling. Their projects spanned music videos, instructional films, and striking digital effects for *The Wizard of Oz* production, where they brought Kansas storms and imaginative scenery to life.

Level 2 students focused on building their craft through projects such as *The Life* by Paige Sharp and Charlie Standing, *Sound Splash* by Luca Ross and Ruby Rillstone, *Sway* by Mya Quinn, Risiana Fagatoa and Kyah Vekene, and an engaging instructional cooking video by Jazmin Jones.

At Level 3, students explored coming-of-age themes with maturity and insight. Their films included *Worn* by Ruby Bell and Maia Harper, *Deadline* by Cade Webb and Zayne Tutaki (selected for entry into the NZ OnScreen Film Competition), *Nostalgia* by Gemma Nicholson, *The Unseen* by Jasleen Kaur, and *Layers of Me* (also selected for entry into the NZ OnScreen Film Competition) by Maija-Layna Bernards, Isabella Mulcahy and Jemma Gillanders.



Through experimentation, collaboration, and a willingness to take risks, students have produced an impressive body of work that showcases both their technical growth and their creative vision.

SPEECHES

Year 7/8 Speech Finals

Natalie Smith

Our Year 7 and 8 Speech Finals were held on Friday, 29 August, showcasing an impressive line-up of talented speakers. The Year 7 finalists were Louie Bowman from Puke, Alex Sardena from Tātahi, Jonty McCashin from Rangataua, and Lorna Corlett from Maunga. Representing Year 8 were Harry Fouhy from Puke, Penny Irvine from Tātahi, Chace Rossouw from Te Waiū, Cassandra Webb from Rangataua, Indee McCarthy from Maunga, and Oscar Harmse from Te Waiū.

The standard of writing and presenting was exceptionally high, and our judges, Mrs Willett and Mr Snell, had a challenging time deciding the winners.

Congratulations to Louie Bowman from Puke, who was placed first in Year 7 with his speech on why Pāpāmoa College should have kabaddi as a sport. Lorna Corlett from Maunga was placed second in Year 7 for her speech on why everybody should travel.

In Year 8, Chace Rossouw was placed first for his speech on



Lorna Corlett, Louie Bowman, Harry Fouhy and Chace Rossouw

why you should hire people to be your friend, and Harry Fouhy was placed second for his speech on why we should have a three-day weekend.

Louie and Chace will represent Pāpāmoa College at the WBOP Speech Competition in Week 10.

A big thank you to our emcees for the day, Ella Morgan and Emily Bentley from Te Waiū. Both are in Year 8 and did a fantastic job.

Upper Middle School Speech Competition

James Allen

On Wednesday, 27 August, the Upper Middle School hosted our annual speech competition – and what an incredible showcase of talent it was! Our students impressed with their creativity, courage, and delivery, making it a real challenge for our judges to select the winners. After some robust discussion, the results were in!

Year 9

1st Place: Jake Bailey – an entertaining speech about *Time*

2nd Place: Sadie Willett – a thought-provoking speech on why *Art is More Than Just a Pretty Picture*

Year 10

1st Place: Hayley Holland – a hilarious speech on *Elevators*

2nd Place: Layla Clarke – *Why Humans Suck* (and yes, she made some excellent points!)

3rd Place: Georgia Goninnon – dishing the dirt on *The Secret Life of Teachers*



Jake Bailey, Layla Clarke, Sadie Willett, Hayley Holland and Georgia Goninnon

We are so proud of every student who took part – it takes real bravery to stand up and share your ideas, and each speaker did so with pride and passion. All participants were rewarded with a well-earned pizza lunch, while our winners enjoyed a \$25 shopping spree at Paper Plus.



HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Champions of Well-being

Rochelle Bishop

What a year it's been, with our students shining brighter than ever! In the Junior School, our students embarked on an incredible journey to understand themselves and their well-being. We explored the world of mental health, teaching them powerful tools to manage their emotions and build resilience. Through fun and engaging projects, they discovered more about their hauora (well-being), from physical health to their sense of belonging and spiritual connection.

Our focus on food and nutrition wasn't just about what to eat, but about building a positive relationship with food and understanding how it fuels both body and mind. Each project was designed to bring a smile to their faces and remind them just how unique and special they are. We celebrated individuality, fostering an environment where every student felt seen, heard, and valued.

And wow, what can we say about our senior students? It has been a record-breaking year for Health Studies! We've had the biggest uptake in studying health in Pāpāmoa College history, with more students than ever choosing to pursue this incredible subject. The energy in the classrooms was contagious as students tackled big topics and pushed their understanding to new heights.

Their dedication and hard work paid off in a huge way! We're celebrating outstanding results, with our students achieving an exceptional level of success. This isn't just about grades; it's about our students becoming knowledgeable, empathetic, and empowered young people ready to make a difference in the world. They're not just learning about health – they're becoming champions of it. We couldn't be prouder of their achievements and can't wait to see the impact they'll have on our community and beyond.



HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Building Strength, Resilience and Connection

Brett Weber

What a busy year it has been! Our entire department of P.E, Health and Outdoor Education (OED) has been thriving, developing and exploring new and engaging ways to support student success.

Physical Education remains the pillar of what we do, with all of our outstanding kaiako in the learning area taking pride in how we support students to develop and understand their physical abilities. However, our programmes encompass much more than this. For our juniors, the development of communication, teamwork, resilience and personal achievement is evident in their fortnightly engagement. Key concepts are explicitly taught, allowing students to examine all aspects of their movement, their contributions to a team, their understanding of self and body, and their perception of the world around them.

Although the curriculum is diverse and time is limited – with just three hours of practical and one hour of theory each week – our role in nurturing a positive relationship between students and their physical, mental and social experiences remains at the forefront. We want students to build this foundational understanding and resilience within themselves before reaching senior school, encouraging

as many as possible to continue P.E, Health and OED into further education at Pāpāmoa College and in their personal development beyond school.

This dedication is evident among our senior students. We have national representative weightlifters, dedicated gym-goers, reflective learners and improving sportspeople. Our top sports teams have achieved some of their greatest successes in 2025, with many students demonstrating their passion for sport and well-being through our senior courses. We support them to develop the knowledge and skills they need for both their sport and their lives – understanding the depths of the human body, how to maximise performance, and the holistic nature of physical activity across the world.

This is an evolving space as we continue to adapt and build upon the changes around us. We look forward to 2026 with anticipation – another year to help our young people build perspective and create excellence through opportunity.

Have a great break, embrace the summer months, and we'll see you fresh and ready to go in January. Mauri ora! Best wishes from the 12-strong P.E. team and our 16 amazing Year 7 and 8 kaiako!

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Beyond The Outdoors

Andrew Hay

This year has been full of incredible adventures across all year levels, with students stepping outside their comfort zones and developing far more than just physical skills. Through a range of camps and outdoor challenges, they've strengthened their resilience, teamwork, and leadership.

From kayaking sessions at Pilot Bay and local pools to surf kayaking at Ōhope, students learned the value of preparation, communication, and confidence on the water. Tramping adventures such as the Lake Tarawera expedition tested both physical endurance and mental toughness, as students navigated bush tracks and relied on teamwork, trust, and navigation skills. Senior students capped off their year with alpine activities in Ohakune, skiing and snowboarding at Tūroa Ski Field while enjoying the camaraderie of shared experiences back at the lodge.

Across every camp and outdoor journey, students discovered that the lessons gained extend far beyond the outdoors. Determination, integrity, and perseverance have been key themes – values that will continue to serve them well beyond the classroom and into everyday life.



JAPANESE

Language, Culture, and Discovery

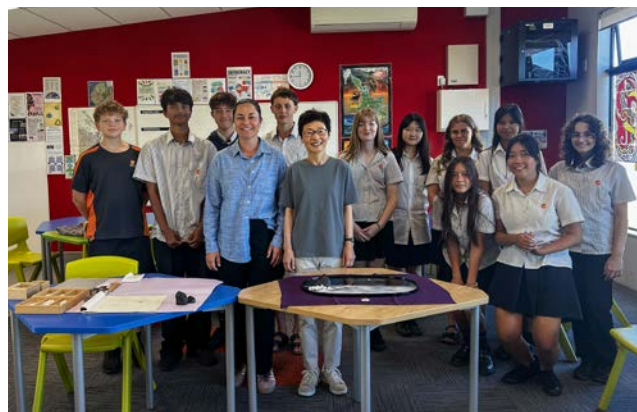
Tania Jackson

This year, the Japanese programme expanded into NCEA Level 1, with students putting in considerable hard work and dedication towards learning this rich language and culture. The Year 11 programme offered both theoretical and practical experiences, giving students a well-rounded understanding of Japanese language and traditions. We were especially fortunate to complete an in-house workshop with a world-class guest sensei visiting New Zealand from Japan during Term 2.

Level 1 Japanese produced an exceptional student this year. Luka Miyamura-Brown achieved excellence in all his internal assessments and derived grade exams. We are very proud of his accomplishments and wish him all the best on his journey with this beautiful language. The Year 9 and 10 Japanese programme also produced a great deal of impressive work and outcomes, and Whāea Tania is particularly proud of the programme she has created in just two years.

Looking ahead, we hope to introduce Level 2 Japanese, as well as a future trip to Japan for Year 12 students. These are exciting opportunities for our students to continue their exploration of language and culture.

Gambatte ne!



MATHEMATICS

Celebrating Success and Fun in the Maths Department

Cameron Ualesi

What a year it has been! The Maths Department has had an incredible run, with a record number of students passing their co-requisite exams and getting ready to tackle Year 11.

Our Year 9s were amazing, demonstrating their skills in measurement and geometry through some truly impressive projects. And our senior students hard work has paid off with fantastic results across Years 11, 12, and 13. Our Level 2 and 3 senior statistics students also conducted maths experiences

with our junior classes, providing great fun and learning for everyone involved.

It wasn't all serious, though! Alongside the learning, there was plenty of laughter and fun. Our teachers brought creative ideas to capture everyone's attention, from strumming guitars and hosting ice cream days to running quizzes and playing Maths dictation games. These moments of joy helped make this a truly memorable year in the Maths Department.

SCIENCE

Exploring the Wonders of Science

Jen Pratt

This year, the Science Department has taken ākonga on an exciting journey from the fundamental principles of the natural world to some of the more complex theories that help explain how it all works. From our youngest scientists to senior ākonga, every student had the opportunity to explore, experiment, and deepen their understanding of the world around them.

Year 7 and 8 Science

Our youngest scientists explored a wide range of topics that laid the groundwork for future learning. Their term-long course combined theory and practical classes, offering experiences in everything from food science to energy and chemical reactions. Students learned how to identify different nutrients in food and even witnessed colour changes in chemical reactions. These classes weren't just about learning facts; they introduced wider concepts and ideas that ākonga will continue to develop throughout their high school journey.

Year 9 and 10 Science

In Years 9 and 10, ākonga participated in a year-long Science course, examining everything from the ground beneath their feet to the distant stars. They explored topics such as Plants and Reproduction, Chemistry Basics, Heat and Energy, and Astronomy. Our annual Year 10 trip to Hell's Gate in Rotorua complemented the Heat and Energy unit, allowing students to observe geothermal activity firsthand – from hot pools and geysers to how the Earth's internal heat can generate electricity. Other projects included designing heat-efficient model houses, growing plants to test optimal conditions, and launching rockets to explore physics principles.



Senior Science

The senior ākonga took their scientific knowledge to the next level, specialising in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Earth and Space Science. They explored a wide range of contexts, from genetics and homeostasis to astronomy, thermochemistry, mechanics, ecology, modern physics, nutrition, and more. Many courses included field trips to put classroom learning into action. The Level 1 Moanaroa class snorkelled to explore the vibrant marine environment, the Level 2 Biology class studied rocky shore ecosystems to observe how organisms adapt to harsh coastal habitats, and the Level 3 Biology class visited the Adam's Centre for High Performance to discover how the human body copes with extreme stress and high-level activity.



SOCIAL SCIENCES

Exploring People, Places, and Time

Sarah Cowie

This year in Social Sciences, our students travelled across time, cultures, and even inside their own heads. We explored Pacific identity, climate change, and the secrets of ancient Rome. There were debates, discoveries, and plenty of “aha!” moments along the way.

Year 9 and 10 Social Studies had a bit of everything! We kicked off with Culture and Identity, examining who we are and how different cultures interact and shape our world in Aotearoa and beyond. Then we jumped into politics—learning how New Zealand’s government works, comparing it with other systems, and even forming our own political parties. Next up were Natural Disasters, including cyclones, tsunamis, and volcanoes, and investigating why New Zealand is always in the danger zone. We wrapped up with Money and Enterprise, where budgeting, business, and innovation made us think about our future.

History was packed with powerful stories that made the past feel alive. Year 11s explored the Civil Rights Movement, Nazi Germany, and the 1975 Māori Land March. Year 12s delved into the Vietnam War and the Women’s Suffrage Movement. Year 13s studied the origins of WWI, Hiroshima, Nagasaki, and Nazi Germany. We argued, debated, and realised: “The past still shapes who we are today.”

In Senior Social Studies, it wasn’t just about learning the issues – we actually did something about them. From tackling inequality and discrimination to planning our own social actions, we showed that students can be

changemakers too. One student reflected, “*It was awesome knowing we could actually make a difference.*”

Classics brought ancient Greece and Rome to life. We started with a Greek gods competition (complete with trash talk, drama, and laughter). Hephaestus somehow came out on top, with Dionysus as runner-up! From there, we studied myths, history, architecture, and the ways ancient societies still connect to us today. “*It’s crazy how something 2,000 years old still connects to today.*”

Psychology opened up the science of being human. We explored why people behave the way they do, major studies, and even designed our own experiments. Topics ranged from forensic psychology (why people commit crimes) to clinical psychology (mental health) and sport psychology (boosting performance). “*Psychology made me see people –including myself – so differently.*”

Tourism this year was all about exploring the world without leaving the classroom. We investigated why people travel, how tourism impacts cultures and environments, and different careers within the industry. The best part? Realising travel isn’t just about holidays – it’s about opportunities, challenges, and seeing the world in new ways.

Social Sciences this year wasn’t just about facts and dates –it was about questioning, connecting, and seeing the world with fresh eyes.

SOCIAL SCIENCES

The World of Commerce

Jaki Lee

This year, our Commerce students dived into the dynamic world of business and finance, exploring everything from personal money management to the intricacies of running a company. Our subjects included Level 1 Commerce, Level 1–3 Financial Capability, Level 2 and 3 Accounting, and Level 2 and 3 Business Studies.

Our Level 1 Commerce students had a unique opportunity to learn from a local success story, Rice, Rice Baby. Co-owner Matt Yardley visited the class, sharing the restaurant's journey and business model. This valuable insight allowed students to apply their knowledge to a real-life scenario, making practical decisions about location and pricing for their internal assessments.

Our Year 12 and 13 Accounting students also had a memorable learning experience. With the help of Priority One, they visited the international accounting firm Baker



Tilly Staples Rodway (BTSR). The trip provided a clear picture of what a career in accounting looks like, and the BTSR team was highly impressed by the students' thoughtful questions. The delicious pizza and prizes were a bonus!

We are excited to see our Commerce department continue to grow next year with the addition of Legal Studies. We look forward to welcoming many new students to the programme and continuing to explore the fascinating world of business and law.

Geography Trip: Eyes on the River

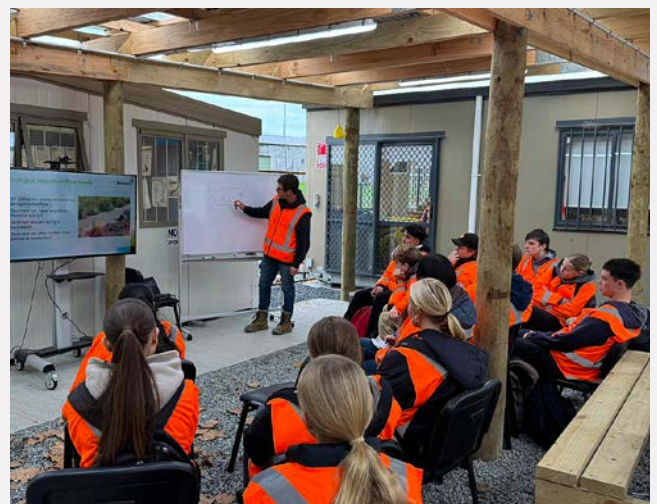
Zarra, Level 1 Geographer

When you hear “Geography trip,” you might picture soggy shoes, stressed teachers, and someone falling in a stream. But our adventure to the Wairoa River in Tauranga? It was peaceful, refreshing, and honestly... kinda beautiful.

We spent the day collecting data from the Wairoa River and its tributary, testing the water, observing the flow, and getting up close with the environment in a way that made everything feel real. The weather was cool and calm, just like the vibe of the trip. No chaos, no heat – just good energy and nature doing its thing.

One of the highlights? Spotting a little squad of ducks and ducklings waddling by in the distance. It was like nature sent us a tiny parade just to say, “Good job, Geo crew.”

There wasn't a single moment of rush – just quiet conversations, curiosity, and the chance to experience firsthand what we usually only learn about in class. Sometimes, learning out in the world hits differently, and this trip certainly did.





SOCIAL SCIENCES

Shanghai to Chengdu: Our School Trip to China

Natasha Rosier

Over the Term 3 holidays, 28 Year 12 and 13 Social Science students, along with Miss Rosier, Mrs Cowie, and Mrs Mulcahy, set out on an unforgettable journey across China. Over sixteen days, we experienced the country's rich history, modern energy, and unique culture – travelling from Shanghai to Beijing, Xi'an, Chengdu, and back again.

Our adventure began in Shanghai, where we explored the peaceful Yu Garden, wandered the winding streets of the Old Town, and took part in a traditional tea tasting ceremony. A full day at Shanghai Disneyland allowed us to enjoy thrilling rides, dazzling shows, and a glimpse of Disney on a grand scale.

From there, we travelled by bullet train to Beijing, a city filled with some of China's most iconic landmarks. Standing in Tiananmen Square, exploring the vast Forbidden City, and visiting the beautifully designed Temple of Heaven gave us a sense of the country's long imperial history. The climb up the Great Wall of China was both challenging and rewarding,

offering breathtaking views and a real appreciation for this world wonder.

Our next stop was Xi'an, home of the extraordinary Terracotta Warriors. Seeing thousands of unique clay soldiers lined up in formation was a highlight of the trip. We even had the chance to make our own clay warriors, some more successful than others. Additionally, we enjoyed a calligraphy class – though most of us decided to stick with pens and our own alphabet going forward! We also visited the Ancient City Wall, the bustling Muslim Street, and experienced a traditional shadow puppetry performance, which connected us with China's artistic heritage.

In Chengdu, we met China's most famous residents – the giant pandas. Watching them up close at the Panda Centre was a moment many of us will never forget. Miss Rosier even got to pat a red panda! Back in Shanghai, we were each gifted a panda cuddly toy, and Ling Ling, the Pāpāmoa Panda, served as our mascot throughout the trip – he was





pretty excited to meet his real-life family. We also visited the Leshan Giant Buddha, a 71-metre stone statue carved into a cliff, and found time to enjoy the city's tranquil monasteries and parks. Chengdu is also China's street food capital, and we sampled a variety of exciting dishes.

Our final days back in Shanghai gave us time to reflect, explore, and enjoy the city at our own pace before returning home. We hit the last markets to spend our remaining Yuan and put our newly learnt haggling skills to the test.

This trip was more than a tour of famous landmarks – it was an opportunity to experience another culture firsthand, to share challenges and discoveries as a group, and to return with memories that will stay with us long after we left China behind.





TECHNOLOGY

Designing & Visual Communication

Jess Sarah

This year in Design and Visual Communication (DVC) has been all about watching ideas grow – from those first rough sketches to fully realised design solutions. Our Year 12 and 13 students have taken on challenging briefs and shown real creativity, determination, and individuality in the way they approached their projects.

The Year 11 DVC students worked on a “movie set or prop” brief. They were asked to imagine a movie scenario where Māori met with another culture, people, timeline – or even aliens! What would the things in that world look like? Questions like “What if the Vikings and Māori co-existed – what would that world look like: the clothing, the weapons, the buildings?” and “What if an alternate futuristic Aotearoa featured in the Star Wars universe?” set the tone for their thinking. Some students even imagined what a marae might look like in the Barbie universe.

Students developed their own universe and backstory based on their interests and researched the physical and symbolic characteristics of both worlds. They designed buildings, weapons, transport, and gardens. Highlights included *Game of Thrones* set in Aotearoa, steampunk waka airships, Māori vs. *Predator* inspired weaponry, and *Assassin's Creed* and *Fallout* reimaged in Aotearoa. One standout project featured libraries of *pūrākau* (stories, legends) stored and told as holograms. From *Hands on Tauranga*, we rented antique Māori items such as taiaha, tiki, piupiu, kahawai lures, pūrerehua, and pōtaka tā, and Matua Manaia shared insights into their key features and symbolism.

Year 12 students explored everything from futuristic transport concepts inspired by biomorphic forms to cafés that reflected Pāpāmoa’s coastal lifestyle and organic architecture. Along the way, they learned to balance aesthetics with function – thinking about stakeholders, sustainability, and how people would actually use the spaces they were designing. With a mix of sketching, CAD modelling, research, and hands-on prototyping, their projects became not just visually exciting, but practical and meaningful too.

At Year 13, students pushed things even further. They refined logos, brand identities, and product designs through countless iterations, tackling architectural ideas with a real sense of ownership. Their work carried a personal edge – interests, values, and stories wove their way into the designs. Whether it was speculative products or spatial concepts, the results showed both maturity and the confidence to take creative risks.

What’s been most memorable this year is how students have embraced design as problem-solving. It hasn’t been about drawing something perfect the first time – it’s been about wrestling with messy ideas, making mistakes, reworking them, and slowly turning concepts into something both functional and beautiful.

This year has been a celebration of creativity, resilience, and the belief that design can shape the way we live, work, and connect.



TECHNOLOGY

Food Technology

Sophie Enefer



This year in Level 1 MPT Food Technology, students explored sustainable innovation by transforming donated food waste into exciting breakfast takeaway snacks. Using ingredients like rainbow sponge, pastry offcuts from Florentine's Patisserie, and Red Ruby Kiwifruit from Zespri, they created imaginative products including bacon and hash brown samosas, dehydrated waffle bites, and chocolate-Weetbix protein bliss balls.

Their second project focused on cultural identity, with students designing meaningful food items that reflected their whānau heritage. Highlights included Hāngi Pinwheels, German Brötchen with New Zealand venison, and Chinese egg rolls with a tangy kiwifruit dip.

In the junior school, creativity was just as vibrant. Year 7 and 8 students designed “snacks on a stick,” experimenting with flavour, function, and presentation. The Year 10s drew inspiration from the school's *Wizard of Oz* production, creating themed snacks to sell during intermission – combining processing skills with theatrical flair.

Across all levels, students have demonstrated curiosity, cultural awareness, and a passion for food innovation that has made 2025 a truly flavourful year.

TECHNOLOGY

Hard Materials

Mike Wright & Dave Andrews

It has been a busy and creative year in Hard Materials, with students across all year levels exploring a wide range of materials and processes – from steam bending wood and vacuum forming plastic to working with concrete, resin, sheet metal, laser cutting, and CNC machining. Students applied these skills to design and create purposeful products that showcased both craftsmanship and creativity.

We also welcomed International Exchange students who quickly developed CAD (Computer-Aided Design) skills and used the laser cutter to produce unique gifts. Year 11 highlights included Eric's aluminium and concrete silver fern ornament, Toby's aluminium chilly bin seat, Miro, Sam, and Luke's carving station designs, and Mara, Johann, and Niklas' Aotearoa map puzzles for the International Students' common room.

Year 12 students had the option to create products for stakeholders or design props for the school's Wizard of Oz production. Their work included a house by Charley Bradbury, a wagon by Axel Riley and Ashton Guitry, the Wizard's entrance by Caleb Nelson, and the Wizard's chamber by Zeb Perham-Turner. Other impressive projects



included gym equipment by Dallas Thompson, Kobi Smith, and Ashley Brunton, and an amp stand by Francois Oosthuizen. Current projects feature creative tables with CNC-carved resin inlays and Joco Herras' layered resin chessboard.

Year 13 students built on these skills with projects including laser-cut multi-layered designs, steel toolboxes, and a final challenge – designing learning tools for neurodiverse students at Te Toka Ahuru and Tauranga Special School. Guided by feedback from Cindy (TTA) and Penny (TSS), they created thoughtful, practical designs.

Overall, it has been an outstanding year of creativity, innovation, and hands-on learning in Hard Materials.

Hospitality

Amelia Jacobi

This year has been an exciting and rewarding one for Hospitality at Pāpāmoa College. With students across Years 11, 12, and 13, the programme has continued to grow in strength, identity, and confidence.

Our students have taken part in a wide range of practical experiences – from mastering core cooking skills to completing unit standards that prepare them for future pathways in food and service. Year 11 students explored foundation skills, Year 12 built confidence with more complex dishes and service, and Year 13 extended this further with a focus on leadership, industry expectations, and barista skills.

What has stood out most is how much the Hospitality programme has grown. Students have developed resilience, independence, and adaptability, as well as a strong sense of



pride in their work. This year has set a solid foundation for the future of Hospitality at our school, and we are excited to see it continue to flourish.

TECHNOLOGY

Product Design: From Concept to Creation

Mike Wright



Our students have been making excellent use of the new laser cutter in Product Design this year, and it's been exciting to see their creativity come to life in new ways. They began by learning to use CAD software to design their own products, developing both their technical skills and design thinking before bringing their ideas to life on the laser cutter.

Projects have included keyrings, jewellery, wall art, and custom jigsaws created for Te Manawa Primary School and our own Learning Support area. Students considered the interests and needs of the children, designing jigsaws to support their learning in fun and engaging ways. They also explored wall art and LED lighting, learning about electrical circuits and incorporating them into their laser-cut LED creations – combining creativity, technology, and practical problem-solving in one.

Textiles

Whaea Annie

This year in Textiles has been all about experimenting with materials, following passions, and achieving high-quality outcomes.

Year 7–10 ākonga explored broad contexts such as *Visible Pepeha*, *Cool Clothes*, and *Zip It Up*, allowing them to develop authentic and personal directions for their products. Engagement has been high, with outcomes that are both innovative and well executed.

Year 11 ākonga extended their learning by experimenting with fabric manipulation techniques including felting, raranga, patchwork, and resist dyeing. They gained a deeper understanding of how traditional methods can inform modern design and future innovation. The mahi produced has been outstanding and a clear measure of the success achieved.

Others have taken on a wide variety of design challenges, from dresses for the ball and tailored jackets to dog clothing, learning aids for the neurodiverse, memory catchers, and projects meeting whānau-specific needs.



What students enjoyed – in their own words

“I get to bring my ideas to life developing one-of-a-kind products.”

“I love context-based learning as it gives me choice and space to celebrate all that is me.”

“Learning through doing – it’s the best.”

“I have learned so much more about how I can be a better learner.”



See the action from our
Te Pākura Marae Noho.



Te Pākura Opening

Matua Manaia

This year marked a milestone at Pāpāmoa College with the establishment of Te Whānau o Te Pākura – our very first reo rua (bilingual) unit.

Te Pākura launched with an incredible 61 students. Our tauira, from Year 7 through to Year 13, all share a passion for te ao Māori and a drive to learn, grow, and stand proudly as Māori together.

At the heart of Te Pākura is the concept of maraetanga – the essence of the marae. This kaupapa is woven together with our three key values: Kaitiakitanga (guardianship), Manaakitanga (care and kindness), and Whānaungatanga (connection and belonging).



Alongside the unit, two new courses were introduced this year to provide authentic te ao Māori experiences:

- **Te Ao Haka:** Māori performing arts, including waiata, haka, mōteatea, and mau rākau
- **Whakairo:** Traditional art forms such as wood carving, moko, and kōwhaiwhai

Our tauira have represented Te Pākura proudly in events such as Manu Kōrero, Te Haka a Toi, Whāngai i te Hauatapu, kapa haka, and more. Through these experiences, our students have strengthened their knowledge of te ao Māori, grown in confidence with te reo Māori, and built a strong identity – not only for Te Pākura, but for themselves.



Mahinga Kai

Matua Luke

In a proud moment for Pāpāmoa College, students from Mahinga Kai have completed their first-ever kumara harvest – a significant milestone in the programme’s second year.

The journey began in 2024, when the inaugural Mahinga Kai class propagated and planted kumara as part of their hands-on learning. Under the guidance of kaiako and with respect for traditional Māori practices, students nurtured the crop through its early growth stages. When the 2025 cohort took over, they continued the mahi, tending to the maturing plants with care until harvest time.

This year’s kumara were harvested, graded, and set aside for hākari (feast), forming a meaningful connection between growing kai and community celebration. Through this process, students didn’t just learn horticultural skills – they



experienced first-hand where food comes from.

More than planting and harvesting, the Mahinga Kai programme offers a deep dive into tikanga Māori – the values, practices, and customs that shape how kai is grown and shared. From soil preparation to harvesting with care, students followed tikanga that have sustained generations.

One of the most powerful lessons? That food doesn’t have to come from a supermarket. With soil, knowledge, and whānau support, it can come from our own hands.

Seeing our rangatahi connect with the whenua and understand the journey from seed to kai is a step toward true food sovereignty. This isn’t just about kumara – it’s about building capacity for food security and cultural sustainability within our Māori communities.

Te Reo Māori

Matua Anaru

This year we have had an incredible cohort of tauira learning, engaging, and growing their love for Te Reo Māori. *He tau tino motuhake tēnei!*

This is the first year of our Te Pākura unit, where tauira have been immersed in reo rua for a full year.

Kua tino tipu te māia me te kaha o ā tātou tamariki – ko rātou ngā rangatira mō āpōpō!

Our mainstream tauira have also thrived, building



connections to Te Ao Māori through reo, kēmu, waiata, and ngā pūrākau. The growth and confidence shown has been inspiring.

He taonga te reo, he taonga tuku iho.

Te Reo Māori is woven into our beautiful community and culture here in Pāpāmoa, and it has been wonderful to see our tauira leading the way.

Ka mau te wehi!

Te Ao Haka

Matua Manaia

E tū i te tū a Tānerore, e haka i te haka a Tānerore, kia ihi, kia wehi, kia wana!

Te Ao Haka has been a place for our tauira to express themselves through the richness of Māori performing arts. This course gives students the chance to learn, create, and perform across a wide range of traditional and contemporary disciplines.

Throughout the year, our tauira have stepped into important cultural roles. They have taken part in pōwhiri, confidently leading waiata tautoko to support speakers and strengthen the mana of our kura. Some have performed the wero, a powerful expression of challenge, while others have led and participated in ope taua march-ons, showcasing unity and strength through movement and voice.

Creativity has been at the heart of Te Ao Haka, with students assisting in the composition of items, including haka and waiata. These compositions reflect not only their learning but also their pride in identity, whakapapa, and culture.



The course has helped students grow in confidence, discipline, and leadership, while deepening their knowledge of tikanga Māori and the performing arts. Te Ao Haka has given tauira opportunities to stand strong, to represent Te Pākura and Pāpāmoa College with pride, and to celebrate who they are as Māori.



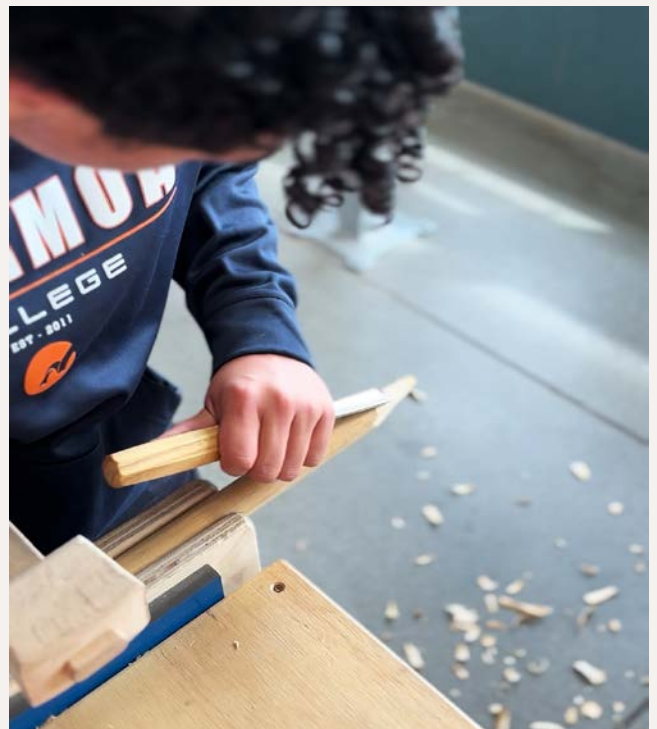
Whakairo

Matua Tane

Whakairo has been a real highlight this year for our Year 9–13 students! It has given our passionate creators the chance to dive deep into Māori art forms, exploring traditional figures, whakarei, moko, and kōwhaiwhai.

Our Year 9 and 10 students began by building strong foundations, learning to carve designs commonly seen on the marae – including koru, mangopare, puhoro, unaunahi, pungawerewere, and taratara a kai. Using MDF wood, they honed their chisel techniques, taking designs from sketch to finished carving with real skill and pride.

For our senior students the challenge was stepped up. Instead of MDF, they worked with native and non-native timbers to carve taonga pūoro (Māori instruments). This pushed them to understand wood grain, refine their carving techniques, and create pieces that were not only beautiful but also functional. The results were incredible – demonstrating craftsmanship, creativity, and cultural pride. Whakairo has truly been a space where students of all ages can showcase their artistry, resilience, and connection to Māori tradition.





Te Ao Mārama Opening 2025

Matua Pere

After many years of talk and the risk of Ministry U-turns, 2025 was the year that the opening of a Whare Wananga finally happened at Pāpāmoa College. The journey to get to this stage was a long one and thanks must be given to the tautoko and guidance that the College has received from Ngā Pōtiki a Tamapahore. From early conversations between Matua Colin Reeder and foundation Principal Steve Lindsay to pre-opening hui with Rauangi Ohia, Aramahou Ririnui, Des Kahotea and others, we were able to ensure the hononga between the kura, Mana Whenua and the purpose of the whare were all aligned.

From gathering and laying mauri stones within the foundations of the whare to blessing the site and aligning the whare and ātea were all an exercise in precision, custom and ensuring that the features that make this more than a building were considered.

At dawn on the 6th of May people gathered in the darkness. Kaumātua and whānau from Ngā Pōtiki were there as well as whānau from across Tauranga Moana. We were blessed to be joined by students and whānau from other kura in Pāpāmoa as well as other secondary schools from across Tauranga including Te Wharekura o Mauao, Mount Maunganui College and Tauranga Boys' College.

The Tā i te kawa ceremony featured karakia and walking through the new spaces to lift the tapu from being a

place that was under construction to now being ready for purpose. Ahi kā, taonga pūoro, whaikōrero, waiata and karakia filled the new whare and finally a bespoke house of learning in a Te Ao Māori context was opened. We would like to acknowledge Rauangi Ohia, Ngairo Eruera, Aramahou Ririnui, Wiremu Aitken, Joel Komene, Josh Te Kani, Mokoera Te Amo and the others who led this Tā i te kawa.

The name of the whare is Te Ao Mārama. This refers to a new light or day and as a metaphor this name speaks to awakening which can also apply to the pursuit of education and knowledge. While a distinctly Māori space, Te Ao Mārama is a place for all students to gather, learn and embrace culture, be it Te Ao Māori or their own. The ātea is called Pā Harakeke which is a term for the centre of the flax bush. This relates to the area once being home to harakeke and also the importance of the space being the centre of learning within a Māori context.

At the same time refurbishment allowed us to open Te Pākura which features a dedicated space for whakairo, carving of wood and bone, a dedicated learning space and a wharekai where students can learn how to prepare kai and all the skills needed to be useful at the marae.

We look forward to the continued growth of Te Ao Mārama with future plans for carving of the whare, waharoa and development of the ātea.

ATHLETICS DAY

Racing, Waka & Winning Spirit

Nick Leask

Our third full-school Athletics Day was nothing short of spectacular! As the biggest school-wide event of the year, it once again brought students, teachers, and whānau together for a day filled with Courage, Aspiration, Resilience, and Empowerment.

The sun shone brightly, as it always seems to on this special day, setting the perfect scene for the official launch of our school waka competition. From start to finish, our students gave it their all, pushing their limits in every event. The waka march was a highlight, with each group proudly showcasing their unity and pride. The 100m finals – our glamour event – kept the crowd on the edge of their seats, while the highly anticipated Head Students vs. Staff relay saw the teachers claim their third consecutive victory!

A huge thank you to our supporters – Absolute Party Hire, DoubleH2Go, Aim Hire, Public Sound Company, Bioxenvironmental, and Brownies Coffee – for helping make this incredible day possible. Athletics Day 2025 was a true celebration of our school community, and we can’t wait to do it all again next year!



Overall School Champions

Year 9 Girls	Caitlyn Strange
Year 9 Boys	Dom Santauro
Year 10 Girls	Emily Barback
Year 10 Boys	William Chugg
Year 11 Girls	Lily Brooks
Year 11 Boys	Bjorn Smart
Year 12/13 Girls	Sophie Blaber & Tara Snare
Year 12/13 Boys	Ashton Guitry

Waka Placings

1st	Tainui
2nd	Takitimu
3rd	Te Arawa
4th	Mataatua



Check out all the action from Athletics 2K25!

EXCELLENCE BREAKFAST

Outstanding Achievement

Nick Leask

In Term 2, 132 very deserving Year 11–13 students were acknowledged for their outstanding academic achievement throughout the first half of the year. We are proud to see the number of students earning an invitation increase from 109 in 2024.

The ceremony included a certificate and light refreshments for our students and their families.

Head Student Cove Keenan stole the show with an outstanding speech on what excellence means to him.

At the conclusion of the breakfast, we set the challenge for all students to continue with this attitude towards their learning and work towards achieving overall excellence endorsement for their respective year levels.

We thank our teachers for the outstanding work they do with our students every day, providing them with the opportunity to excel.



BLOOD DRIVE

Lifesavers Among Us

Ken Kilkenny

A massive thank you to all the students and staff who took part in our annual Blood Drive. Your willingness to roll up your sleeves and give has made a real impact. We collected 44 units of blood, and we're incredibly grateful.

A special thanks to the helpers of this year's drive – Corlene, Alix, Frida, and Lily – we couldn't do it without you!

Every blood donation is a lifesaving gift. It can help cancer patients, people undergoing major surgery, those recovering from serious accidents, and individuals with chronic conditions such as bleeding or autoimmune disorders. It's a simple act with far-reaching effects.

New Zealand needs over 4,000 blood donations every week to meet demand, and your contributions help meet that vital need. If you missed out this time or want to continue making a difference, visit the NZ Blood website (www.nzblood.co.nz/ booking) to view upcoming blood drive dates.



Thank you once again for your generosity and support. Together, we are helping save lives.



CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS

Kapa Haka Rōpū

Matua Manaia

Kapa Haka has been a huge highlight for many of our students this year, whether they love performing, learning the stories behind the waiata, or simply being part of the whanaungatanga that comes with it.

In Terms 1 and 2, we ran social workshops for both our junior (Year 7–8) and senior (Year 9–13) groups. These workshops helped our tauira build the foundations of kapa haka: warming up vocals properly, refining actions and levels, using the three tones of voice (singing, chanting, and haka), and performing a range of waiata with confidence.

Later in the year, we held trials for the group who would represent our school at the Cultural Evening in Term 3. Students performed half a bracket, including a waiata-tira, waiata ā-ringa, and haka. From there, the chosen group launched into a five-week campaign; learning the full bracket, creating their own actions, polishing transitions, and finalising costume.

The hard work paid off. Their performance received incredible feedback from staff and whānau, with many saying it was the best kapa haka performance they've ever seen from our school. This was a real turning point for our kapa haka rōpū – showing that our students not only have the skills, but also the passion to take things to a competitive level in the years ahead.



Catch all the moves, mana, and magic from Kapa Haka 2025!



Lower Middle School Awards

Outstanding Performer Maia Tahana (Y7)

Most Improved Performer Jade Harley (Y8)

Senior Awards

Outstanding Performer Ethan Roberts (Y11)

Most Improved Performer Cam Haggie (Y12)



CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS

Pasifika

Whaea Laura Kautai

This year has been an incredible journey for our Pasifika Leadership Team, our Pāpāmoa Pasifika Group, and our amazing AIGA crew. It's been a year filled with growth, cultural pride, leadership development, and the building of strong, lasting connections within our school and wider community.

We've had the honour of working alongside two truly inspiring leaders, Henry Fa'afili and Darren Pereira, who have played a significant role in shaping our leadership journey. Their wisdom, encouragement, and belief in our potential have helped us grow not only as leaders but also as proud representatives of our Pasifika cultures.

The AIGA programme has continued to flourish, creating a safe, empowering space where our Pasifika students can stand tall in their identity, build relationships, and develop confidence to lead with heart and purpose.

We are incredibly proud of the community connections we've strengthened this year, particularly with Future Focus, who helped us mark the beginning and end of our Pasifika Language Weeks with powerful, shared celebrations. These events have brought our wider community together and showcased the richness of our languages, values, and traditions.

A definite highlight has been the growth of our Pāpāmoa Pasifika Group. From our vibrant performance at AIGA Fiafia Night to our cultural presence at Pasifika in the Bay, our group has grown to include 50 passionate and talented students. The pride, energy, and unity shown in every performance have been nothing short of inspiring.

Fa'afetai tele lava to everyone who has supported us throughout this amazing year – your encouragement means the world.

We look forward to continuing this journey, celebrating our culture, and leading with even more strength and purpose in the years to come.



Beats, beauty and belonging –
see the highlights from Pasifika 2025

COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING

Waka in Action: Giving Back to Our Community

Bryce Madsen

This year, our waka showed incredible heart and community spirit, turning their energy toward supporting local charities and causes that make a real difference.

Mataatua led the way with two highly successful fundraising events for the Pāpāmoa Volunteer Fire Brigade, raising over \$2,600 through a bake sale and car wash. Their efforts will help fund a new rescue ATV, boosting the brigade's ability to respond quickly to emergencies in hard-to-reach areas.

Tākitimu followed suit, raising nearly \$2,400 for the Pāpāmoa Surf Lifesaving Club. This club plays a vital role in keeping our beaches safe and provides opportunities for people of all ages to learn lifesaving skills and compete in surf sports.

Tainui also made waves, supporting Youth Encounters – a charity dedicated to helping young people build confidence, purpose, and resilience. Their colour run and bake sale raised an impressive \$2,132, filling both stomachs and hearts across the kura.



To wrap up the year, Te Arawa are firing up the steam pits and digging deep for Kura Kai. True to the spirit of manaakitanga, they're holding a non-uniform day and a hangi sale to raise funds for this charity, which provides home-cooked meals for whānau in need.

ENVIROCHALLENGE

Thinking Green

Jen Pratt

This year, EnviroChallenge returned after a six-year hiatus. This competition is an incredible event, giving our students the opportunity to work together to solve environmental issues, critique and improve existing systems, and debate important environmental topics.

Six students represented our school this year: Emma Snell, Layla Clarke, Alex Tilby-Adams, Miro Robertson, Maddy Treanor, and Ethan Reddish. In preparation for the event, they completed an environmental audit of our school, researching the systems in place to support sustainability and preparing a presentation to deliver at the competition. They also prepared a debate arguing for the moot: Everyone should be allocated an annual emission allowance for flying



that they cannot exceed.

On the day, other events such as the up-cycle challenge, photo challenge, and sustainability quiz added even more excitement to the competition.

Although we did not place this year, the group had a lot of fun. Now familiar with the competition, they are already planning how to improve their performance next year.

DEBATING

Making Their Case: Confidence, Skill, & Persuasion

Rhett Snell

2025 was only the second year of debating and mooting at Pāpāmoa College, but our students have already shown incredible growth, confidence, and determination, achieving outstanding results across a range of competitions. Numbers have continued to grow throughout the year, and our kura is quickly developing a reputation for excellence in debating and mooting.

Our teams competed in a variety of tournaments and styles, with several standout achievements:

Bay of Plenty Regional Debating Tournament (March) – 3rd Place

The team of Emma Snell (Y11), Layla Clarke (Y10), and Jake Bailey (Y9) placed third overall, holding their own against much older and more experienced senior teams. Layla received the award for Highly Commended Speaker and was selected for the Bay of Plenty Development Squad, as well as reserve for the Bay of Plenty team.

Western Bay of Plenty Impromptu Debating Cup (August) – Winners

Two strong Pāpāmoa teams, comprising Katelyn Tame (Y12), Bridget Ho (Y12), Emma Snell (Y11), and Layla Clarke (Y10), competed with distinction. Layla and Emma advanced to the finals after four impressive rounds. Facing a Tauranga Boys' College team made up of senior regional debaters, Layla and Emma were undeterred and delivered a powerful performance to claim the tournament title. Emma was named Most Promising Speaker, and Layla earned the highest honour of Best Speaker of the Tournament – an extraordinary achievement for a Year 10 student.

Regional Schools Online Debating Competition (Terms 2 and 3) – Winners

Emma, Layla, and Jake continued their winning streak, triumphing over Kerikeri High School in the finals with a unanimous decision in favour of Pāpāmoa. Judges praised their preparation and delivery, and Layla was ranked fourth Best Speaker of the competition.

Mooting

Debating was not the only focus this year. In May, Alex Tilby-Adams (Y13) and Emma Snell (Y11) represented our kura in the prestigious Waikato National Secondary Schools' Mooting Competition, hosted by the Te Piringa Faculty of Law. They dedicated many hours over the Term 1 holidays to studying case law, preparing written submissions, and mastering court etiquette. Their efforts paid off as they argued their case with confidence and professionalism in the first round.

The year is not over yet. Three Pāpāmoa teams are preparing for an upcoming British Parliamentary competition, and while many enjoy the summer break, Emma and Layla will proudly represent Pāpāmoa College in the NZ Online Nationals in December.

From regional victories to national recognition and even international success, our debaters and mooters have shown passion, skill, and perseverance. The future of debating and mooting at Pāpāmoa College is looking brighter than ever.

International Success

In May, on the global stage, Layla Clarke represented New Zealand at the Warwick Schools BP International Debating Competition, finishing eighth in her age group worldwide and ranking as the fifth-best speaker from New Zealand.

Right: Emma Snell, Jake Bailey and Layla Clarke





EPRO8

Engineering, Teamwork, and Challenge

Jen Pratt

Every year, our EPro8 teams battle it out in a mixture of internal and external competitions. EPro8 is an engineering and problem-solving competition where students work together in teams of four to tackle exciting technology challenges.

This year, students from Year 7 to 11 competed for the coveted Waikato-BoP trophy.

We started the year with our internal Year 7 and 8 competition. Fourteen teams went head-to-head, knowing that the top two would represent the school in the inter-school competition. Challenges this year included recreating automated versions of favourite children's activities: the Jack-in-the-Box, a shoe-throwing machine, and a ball launcher.

With the internal results secured, our focus shifted to the inter-school competition. This year, Pāpāmoa College entered several teams:

Year 7 and 8 teams

- **Pap's Finest:** Bella Bowman, Olivia Cantlon, Natalia Marsden, and Pasali Pannilage came 4th in their heat, narrowly missing out on a semi-final position.
- **Twin Turbos:** Noah Bloore, Noah Verheyen, Lucas McKelvie, and Conner Fursdon came 3rd in their heat, reaching the semi-finals but not progressing further.

Year 9 and 10 teams

- **Rubber Duckies:** Van Chambers, Reily Christian, Arianna Ehrler, and Sadie Willett came 3rd in their heat, qualifying for the semi-finals, then advanced to the Grand Final, ultimately finishing 7th in the Waikato-BoP competition.
- **Team Frank:** Layla Clarke, Georgia Goninon, Hayley Holland, and Keizsha Malaluan came 1st in their heat, earning a semi-final spot but did not advance to the Grand Final.
- **Wildlings:** Bonnie Love, Christian Duffy, Daniel Kukard, and Aiden Schulze unfortunately did not qualify for the next round.

Senior team

- **Login:** Sophia Kim, Brooke Jackson, Layla Clarke, and Cayden Worthington initially missed the semi-final but were later invited as a wild-card team. With a team change (Cayden replaced by Miro Robertson) they performed strongly but just missed out on a Grand Final spot.

That concluded our year of EPro8. We can't wait to see what next year brings, with some strong teams ready to represent Pāpāmoa College again.



LEO'S CLUB

Stepping Up to Serve

Jaki Lee

This year, the Pāpāmoa College LEO's Club has been hard at work, bringing energy, teamwork, and a spirit of service to a wide range of projects, both within our school and across the wider community.

We've continued our ongoing work with the Lions Food Truck, serving great food while raising funds for local causes.

In March, our members helped run a Kids Fun Day, bringing smiles and energy to the event, and also "waddled" around the Mount to support wildlife conservation in the Bay of Plenty. The LEOs also made a \$50 donation to the Western Bay Wildlife Trust.

In May, we proudly supported Pink Shirt Day by running a bake sale. As a result, we donated \$665 to the Mental Health Foundation while raising awareness about the importance of standing together against bullying.



June brought the 40 Hour Challenge, where members and other students gave up food, technology, and other comforts to raise money for those in need.

In August, we restarted the Breakfast Club, ensuring students could start their day right, and also ran a Breakfast Drive to collect supplies and keep the initiative going strong.

Time and time again, our members stepped up to give service where it was needed – whether through early mornings, long days, or giving up weekends. We're proud of the difference we've made this year and excited to continue making a positive impact in the years ahead.



KURA KAI

Cooking for Whānau

Amelia Jacobi

This year, our school embraced the kaupapa of Kura Kai, whānau cooking for whānau, by partnering with the Chiefs rugby team for a special cook-up with our own rugby boys and girls. Thanks to the generous support of Misfit Garden and Hunt for Good, we were able to source most of our ingredients through donations, reducing food waste and promoting sustainability.

Our hospitality students played a pivotal role, preparing meals for the freezer to ensure that whānau in need have access to nutritious, home-cooked dinners. Additionally, we've established a dedicated group of students to facilitate and plan future Kura Kai initiatives within our school, fostering a culture of manaakitanga and community care.

This initiative not only provided practical cooking experience but also instilled in our students the values of generosity, community support, and the importance of caring for others.



MANA KŌHINE

Ngā Manu Kōrero 2025

Whaea Tania

The Ngā Manu Kōrero Speech Competition was held in Whakatāne at the Baptist Church on Wednesday, 12 June. Pāpāmoa College entered one speaker – Gemini-Rose Tuhua-Mohitaka in the Junior English speaker section.

Gemini-Rose represented Pāpāmoa College with grace, resilience, and bravery in what is known as a challenging setting, with many kura having a long history in Manu Kōrero. This was Gemini-Rose's first time participating, and only the second time Pāpāmoa College has sent a student to this prestigious regional speech competition.

She can be extremely proud of how she represented not only herself but also her whānau, hapū, iwi, and our kura. We are all incredibly proud of her and look forward to seeing her continue to flourish in this area, should she choose.



Another aim of attending this event was to expose our students to kaupapa Māori spaces and the high calibre of oration this competition showcases year after year.

Congratulations, Gemini-Rose, for being brave and standing proud in your culture while representing Pāpāmoa College in 2025.

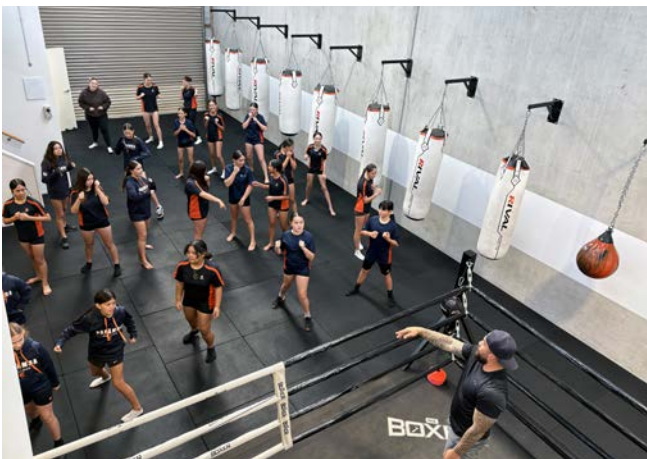
Kia ū, kia māia, kia manawaunui, kia kaha Te Reo Māori!

MANA WĀHINE

Growing Strong, Standing Proud

Nicole Needham & Whaea Paturiihi Nowell

This year, we have been proud to run our Mana Wāhine group for Year 7–10 Māori wāhine. Centered around the values of kotahitanga (unity) and whanaungatanga (building strong relationships), this kaupapa has empowered our young wāhine to grow into confident, resilient leaders. Through shared experiences, cultural connection, and supportive friendships, our girls are encouraged to embrace their identity, celebrate their strengths, and step boldly into their futures as strong, proud wāhine.



MATARIKI

Mānawatia a Matariki!

Matua Manaia

Students and staff gathered at Motiti Reserve for a dawn ceremony, Te Whāngai i te Hautapu. This special occasion honours the year that has passed, gives thanks for the present, and looks with hope toward the future. As the sun rose over the moana, students and kaiako joined their voices in waiata, embracing the wairua of the moment and demonstrating their deepening understanding of tikanga. Te Pākura staff led the karakia, each one dedicated to the stars of Matariki, guiding us in reflection, remembrance, and renewal.

The ceremony was not only a time of cultural significance but also an opportunity for our kura community to come together. Whānau joined us to share in a relaxed BBQ by the beach, creating a space for connection, laughter, and celebration. The day captured the essence of what we value most – tikanga, whanaungatanga, and kotahitanga.

It was a truly memorable event that strengthened our bonds, grounded us in tradition, and reminded us of the importance of looking forward while carrying the wisdom of those who came before.



SPIRIT WEEK & GRADUATION





Leavers Jersey

Cove Keenan

The 2025 Pāpāmoa College Year 13 Jersey carries a moko design that tells the story of our journey through kura. At the base, the single koru represents us as Year 7s, new, plain, and yet to grow. Flowing through the design is the puhoro, symbolising agility, speed, and the challenges we have navigated together over the past seven years. Within it, the mangopare, shaped like a hammerhead shark, speaks to our resilience and hard work, while the tuakana teina element shows the bond of older students guiding the younger, building a culture of care. The scattered koru remind us of the people we met along the way: students, staff, and friendships that shaped our time here. Finally, the design rises to the manaia at the top, representing us now as Year 13s, strong, grown, and ready to step into the wider world.

This jersey is more than a symbol; it is the story of our growth, connection, and readiness for what comes next.



SCHOOL BALL

A Sky Full Of Stars, A Night Full Of Magic

Krystal O'Carroll

Our annual school ball unfolded into a night of magic and memories. With the theme “City of Stars,” our dedicated ball committee put in countless hours of mahi to bring this dream to life – and what a spectacular job they did.

A world of glamour and romance awaited, where glowing skylines met the twinkle of a starry night. From classic hot rods to Mr Whippy vans, our students arrived in style, turning heads and setting the tone for an unforgettable evening. As they stepped onto campus, they were guided by a glowing fire-lit path leading through a shimmering archway and into a transformed world.

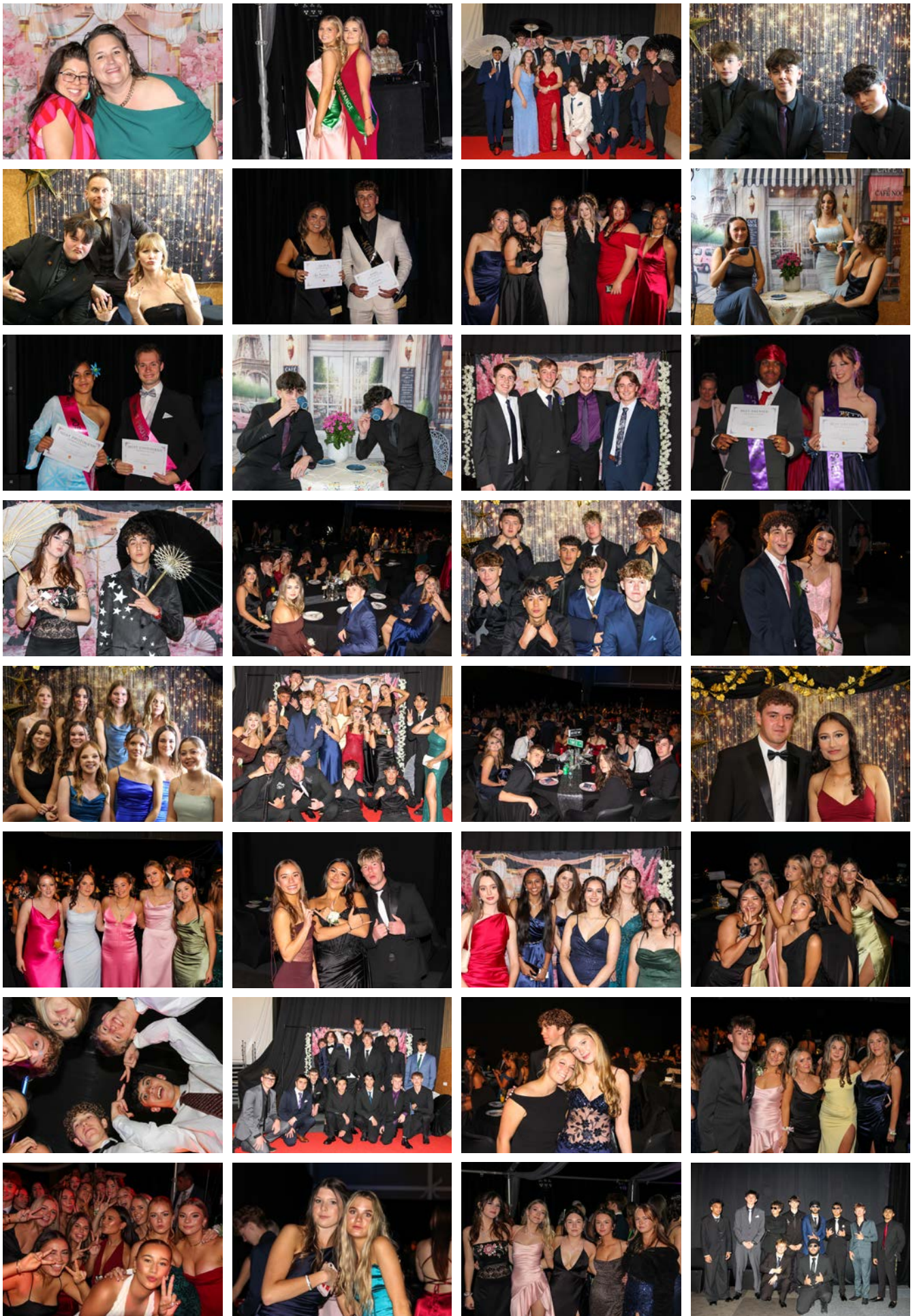
Our school was barely recognisable, reimagined as a radiant cityscape. Golden skyline silhouettes towered along the walls, fairy lights hung like constellations above, and a dance floor glittered beneath like the night sky itself. Guests were welcomed under a glowing “City of Stars” archway after a walk along the cotton-fluffed carpet entrance, setting the scene for what felt like stepping into a movie premiere.

The atmosphere was electric. Iconic cities from around the world – New York, Rome, Tokyo, and Cairo – were celebrated through themed backdrops, elegant photo booths, and stunning table decorations that brought global glamour to life. Students laughed, posed, danced, and soaked up every moment.

Over 350 Year 12 and 13 students attended this dazzling night, dressed to impress and ready to celebrate in true style. The DJ had the dance floor pumping, photo booths captured memories to last a lifetime, and everywhere you turned there was joy, laughter, and connection.

“City of Stars” wasn’t just a theme, it was a feeling. And for one night, under a sky of lights and possibility, our students truly shone.







SCHOOL PRODUCTION

The Wizard of Oz: A Magical Success

Nicole Sarah

Our 2025 school production of The Wizard of Oz has come to a spectacular close, and what an unforgettable journey it was! Over six performances, our theatre was filled with laughter, music and applause as audiences followed Dorothy, Toto and their iconic friends down the Yellow Brick Road. With colourful costumes, toe-tapping songs and heartfelt performances, the show was a true celebration of student creativity, collaboration and courage.

With four sold-out shows and audiences that included not just whānau and friends, but also members of the public who came along simply because of their love for this classic story. The buzz in the theatre each night was electric, and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive. A particular highlight was our Cabaret Experience, which added a touch of luxury to the show, with table seating, shared platters and desserts served at the interval. It truly elevated the evening for those lucky enough to book a spot.



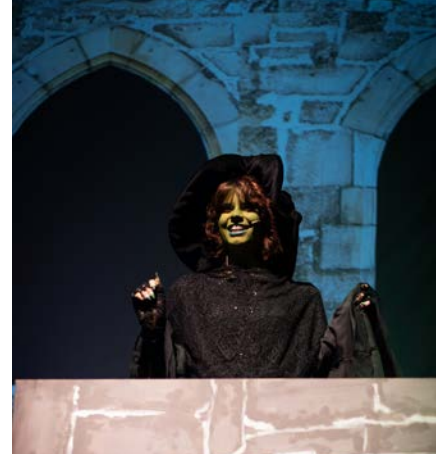
Scan here to download a copy
of the official show programme



With more than 200 students involved across acting, dancing, music, backstage, props, set design, textiles, make-up, media and technology, this production was a whole-school effort. Juniors stepped boldly into lead roles, seniors mentored younger cast members through a tuakana/teina model, and staff across multiple departments gave their expertise and countless hours of support. The result was a production that not only looked and sounded incredible, but also brought our kura together in powerful and memorable ways.

Beyond the applause, *The Wizard of Oz* reminded us of the strength of our school values – Courage, Aspiration, Resilience and Empowerment. From the first auditions to the final curtain call, our students showed what can be achieved when talent, teamwork and determination meet.

We are so proud of every single person who contributed to making this production such a success. The Wizard of Oz was more than a show – it was a journey, a celebration and a memory our kura will treasure for years to come.



ROCKET CLUB

Reaching New Heights

Marc Lambert

Ignited by a shared passion for engineering and design, the Rocket Club launched this year as a new hub for innovation and teamwork. We started with a simple goal: to build and launch rockets, discovering along the way the intricacies of designing engineering solutions to overcome challenges.

The club became a place to connect with like-minded students, fostering a collaborative environment where ideas soared as high as our rockets. The thrill of watching our



designs streak across the sky was unforgettable.

We look forward to reaching new heights next year, welcoming new members, and pushing the boundaries of what we can achieve.

Student Achievements

Pip Bell

Celebrating Georgia Henzler's Remarkable Achievement

A big congratulations to Georgia Henzler (Year 10) for winning the amazing Speech New Zealand Gabrielle and Helen Balch Flexi Speaking and Performing Grade Five Scholarship for 2025!

The Speech New Zealand Scholarship Committee thought Georgia was an incredible choice and were thrilled to give her this special award.

Georgia has been learning speech and drama with Fleur Clarke for six years and has worked so hard to become one of the best. This award makes her the top student in the whole country for her grade!



Celebrating Quinn Mulcahy's Squash Success

Although Pāpāmoa College did not field squash teams in school competitions this year, we are proud to celebrate the success of Quinn Mulcahy, who was selected for the Bay of Plenty Junior Team.

Quinn's achievement reflects dedication, perseverance, and a strong commitment to the sport.

Well done, Quinn – an excellent individual accomplishment and a fantastic representation of our kura.

Layla Clarke is now a published author

Layla collaborated with the team at *Our Place* magazine, where she identified a compelling topic, conducted an insightful interview, and crafted an engaging article. Her work has been featured in the magazine's May edition. Below is a snippet of her work. Congratulations Layla.



Pāpāmoa College Excels at Model United Nations

On May 1, a team from Pāpāmoa College participates in the 2025 Model United Nations competition at Mount Maunganui College. This event, a student-led simulation of the UN General Assembly, hones global awareness, diplomacy, and critical thinking.

Our students step in as UN delegates, representing countries and debating issues like healthcare for the impoverished and children's rights. Layla Clarke (Y10), Jayden Holdaway (Y13), Emma Snell (Y11), and Harry Withers (Y12) represent Pāpāmoa, researching their assigned countries' stances and crafting persuasive arguments.

Throughout the day, they engage in formal debates, respond to questions, and collaborate to propose amendments and resolutions. They show impressive confidence, diplomacy, and respect, earning recognition from peers and organizers.

A special congratulations to Jayden Holdaway, who receives the Best New Speaker award – a testament to his preparation and articulate delivery.

Well done, Layla, Jayden, Emma, and Harry, for representing our kura with integrity and enthusiasm. Model UN helps grow our young leaders into global citizens.



Pāpāmoa College Dominated Impromptu Debating Cup

Sunday August 3rd, two talented teams from Pāpāmoa College proudly took the stage at the WBOP Impromptu Debating Cup, hosted at Mount Maunganui College.

With just five minutes to prepare for each debate, our students showcased remarkable composure, sharp thinking, and persuasive delivery. Representing Pāpāmoa College were Layla Clarke (Y10) & Emma Snell (Y11), and Katelyn Tame (Y12) & Bridget Ho (Y12).

Both teams delivered outstanding performances throughout the day. The highlight was Layla and Emma advanced to the finals, going head-to-head with a formidable Tauranga Boys' College team of senior Regional BOP debaters. Despite the age and experience gap, our students rose to the challenge and won the tournament!

Individual accolades also poured in. Emma Snell was awarded Most Promising Speaker and Layla Clarke took home Best Speaker of the Tournament, an extraordinary honour for a Year 10 student!

A huge congratulations to all four debaters for their incredible skill, courage, and teamwork. And a big thank you to Fleur Clarke for her amazing work with these students!



Biane Alberts Excels in Performing Arts

A huge congratulations to Biane Alberts (Year 11) for her outstanding achievements at the Tauranga Performing Arts Competitions.

Biane's dedication to Speech & Drama in the 16-plus category truly paid off. She was awarded the TAPAC Scholarship & Cup, a fantastic recognition of her talent!

Beyond the top honour, Biane also secured 1st place in NZ Verse, Memorised Prose, Improvisation, and Sight Reading, 3rd place in Dramatic Characterisation, and Very Highly Commended for OS Poem.

Biane's success is a testament to her hard work, skill, and passion for the performing arts.



TAMA TOA / TAMA TŪ

Strength, Mateship, and Mana

Matua Ben, James Allen & Nathan Harris

The boys in Tama Tū, Tama Ora have had an awesome year, filled with mahi, mateship, and a fair bit of good old-fashioned fun. We kicked things off with some cracker days at the beach, building whanaungatanga and strengthening the bonds of our crew. After school in Term 2, we put in the hard yards on our League in Literacy submissions, showing that we're not just keen on footy but also on putting pen to paper.

Our efforts were rewarded with a trip to the Warriors vs Dolphins game. Even though the result didn't quite go our way, the atmosphere was choice and the memories unforgettable. Alongside this, the boys put in extra effort developing our whakairo skills, keeping alive traditions that connect us to our culture and our tūpuna.

It's been a year of graft, growth, and plenty of laughs; and the gentlemen of Tama Tū, Tama Ora can be proud of the legacy they're continuing.

A huge mihi to the staff who guided and encouraged the boys along the way, your time and energy made all the difference. We also want to thank our whānau at home for backing us, supporting our mahi, and cheering us on. Without that aroha and your tautoko, none of this would have been possible.







ADVENTURE RACING

Get2Go Challenge

Sixteen adventurous students proudly represented Pāpāmoa College at the Get2Go Challenge in Rotorua, taking on a day packed with challenge, teamwork, and fun.

Competing in two teams of eight, our students faced an exciting mix of kayaking, orienteering, rock climbing, and mountain biking. Despite a freezing start on the lake, spirits stayed high, and the teams quickly found their rhythm as they powered through the day’s events.

The challenge was a true test of fitness, navigation, determination and collaboration. Our students rose to the occasion with energy and resilience.

We are incredibly proud of their efforts, with both teams finishing strongly:

- **Pāpāmoa Orange**, 12th place
- **Pāpāmoa Navy**, 15th place

An awesome effort from everyone involved, it was truly a day to remember!

Adventure Racing Award Winners

Most Valuable	Guy Rees-Jones
Endeavour	Summer Steed-Thornton
Most Promising	Georgia Goninon





A Spectacular Showcase Of Talent

The 2025 AIMS Games were a spectacular showcase of talent, determination, and school spirit for Pāpāmoa College. With over 170 students competing across 23 sports, our athletes could be seen giving their all on courts, fields, tracks, and waves throughout the week.

The week was not just about wins and losses; it was about representing our school with pride, resilience, and sportsmanship. Students celebrated victories, learned from challenges, and embraced every opportunity to grow both as athletes and individuals.

AIMS is never a solo effort. Behind the scenes, staff, parents, and supporters ensured that every team was transported, nourished, and cheered on, helping our students focus on their best performance. Special thanks go to our coaches and managers, whose tireless preparation and dedication made this incredible week possible.

Beyond the results, AIMS is about friendships forged, challenges overcome, and memories created. From testing themselves against some of the country's best young athletes to sharing laughs on the sidelines, our students returned not only with trophies and medals but with confidence and experiences that will last a lifetime.

Medals and Recognition

These students were awarded for embodying the school values of Courage, Aspiration, Resilience, and Empowerment:

- **Badminton:** Myla Giles & Willow Parkinson
- **Basketball 3x3:** Flynn Palmer
- **Basketball 5-aside:** Charlie Matthews
- **Cross Country:** Jessica Hall
- **Football Girls:** Lulu Knaggs
- **Football Boys:** Nathaniel Foord
- **Futsal Girls:** Millie Pope
- **Futsal Boys:** Stanley Searle
- **Hip Hop:** Georgia Clarke
- **Hockey:** Ben Goninon
- **Indoor Bowls:** Jasdeep Kaur
- **Netball:** Greta Fale
- **Orienteering:** Brooklyn Keen
- **Rippa Rugby:** Gunnar Hart
- **Rugby 7s:** Benji Sullivan
- **Surfing:** Sailor Bisman
- **Table Tennis:** Yugeon Park
- **Tennis:** Sophie Hartley
- **Water Polo:** Sahara Price
- **Green Team:** Emily Bentley & Zemira Viljoen

Team Highlights

Some notable team finishes included:

- **Basketball 3x3:** 14th out of 34 teams
- **Hockey Mixed:** 16th out of 54 teams
- **Netball:** 22nd out of 122 teams
- **Hip Hop:** 23rd out of 44 teams
- **Futsal Girls:** 24th out of 26 teams
- **Futsal Boys:** 30th out of 53 teams
- **Football Girls:** 32nd out of 44 teams
- **Rugby 7s:** 33rd out of 42 teams
- **Rippa Rugby:** 38th out of 72 teams

Individual Standouts

Several students achieved remarkable individual results:

- **Rock Climbing:** Sylvie McLeod, 4th overall
- **Surfing:** Sailor Bisman, 5th in Year 7 Boys
- **Tennis:** Jonty McCashin, Gold, Division 2 Boys Singles
- **Badminton:** Willow Parkinson & Myla Giles, Silver, Division 4 Doubles
- **Golf:** Mason Lourie & Nikail West-Higgins, 4th in 9-Hole Competition

The 2025 AIMS Games were a testament to the talent, commitment, and school spirit of Pāpāmoa College. Each student, whether competing or supporting their peers, demonstrated what it truly means to be Pāpāmoa Proud, leaving a legacy of effort, teamwork, and unforgettable memories.





ATHLETICS

Athletics Day

Our annual Athletics Day at Gordon Spratt Reserve in Term 1 was filled with enthusiasm, rivalry, and school pride. Students gave everything they had on the track and in the field, showcasing their skill and determination.

This momentum continued at the BOPSS Champs in Tauranga, where 27 athletes proudly represented Pāpāmoa College. From Kayla van Wijk's gold in javelin to Ashton Guitry's silver in the 3000m, our team showed they could rise to any challenge. Eleven students went on to qualify for the Waikato/BOP Champs, with standout performances including Bjorn Smart's 4th place in high jump and Dom Santauro's two top-10 finishes on the track. Kayla and Bjorn then went even further, competing at the North Island Champs, demonstrating the depth of talent and perseverance within our athletics team.

Congratulations to all our athletes for their hard work and success!



Athletics School Champions

Year 9 Female	Caitlyn Strange
Year 9 Male	Dom Santauro
Year 10 Female	Emily Barback
Year 10 Male	William Chugg
Year 11 Female	Lily Brooks
Year 11 Male	Bjorn Smart
Year 12/13 Female	Sophie Blaber & Tara Snare
Year 12/13 Male	Ashton Guitry

Athletics





BADMINTON

A Successful Year

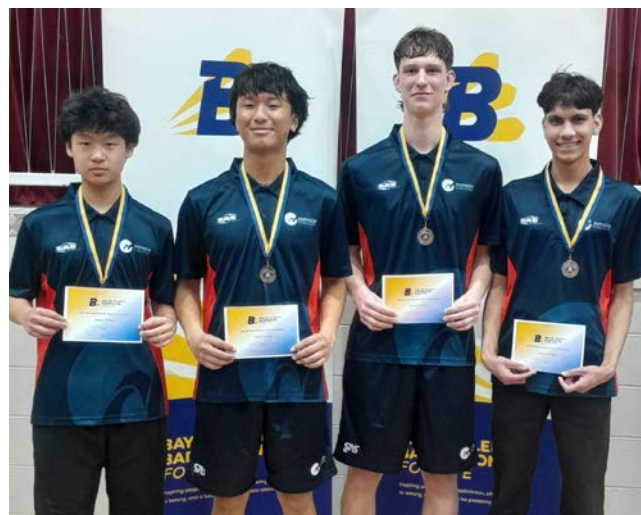
It has been a fantastic year for badminton at Pāpāmoa College, with our players achieving success at both regional and national levels.

During August, 20 of our talented Year 7 and 8 students represented the school at the WBOP Badminton event in Tauranga. It was a day filled with competitive matches, teamwork, and sportsmanship, with nine of our students progressing through to the WBOP Finals. The finals provided a valuable lead-up to the AIMS Games and gave our young athletes great experience on court.

Our Senior team, made up of Ansen Bee, Quinn Mulcahy, Auro Bhusal, and Priyash Gurung, impressed at the Bay of Plenty Championships, finishing third overall after some tight matches, including a playoff win against Tauranga Boys' College A.

The season's highlight came at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Badminton Championships in Porirua, where a composite team featuring Pāpāmoa College's Ansen Bee, Quinn Mulcahy, and Priyash Gurung, along with a player from Aquinas College, competed in Division 2. After a strong start and some tough battles, the boys went all the way to secure the Division 2 National Title – an outstanding achievement and a proud moment for our school.

A special congratulations goes to Ansen Bee and Priyash Gurung, who were selected for the Bay of Plenty Junior Badminton team. Ansen also earned selection in the New Zealand Junior Badminton Squad – another outstanding individual achievement.



Well done to all our badminton players for an incredible year, and thank you to Claire and Shane Mulcahy, Deb Cornelius, families, and supporters who made these successes possible.

Badminton Award Winners

Senior Team

Most Valuable	Ansen Bee
Endeavour	Quinn Mulcahy
Most Promising	Priyash Gurung

Year 7/8 Team

Most Valuable	Willow Parkinson
Endeavour	Myla Giles
Most Promising	Sakura Azuma

Badminton Senior Boys



Badminton Year 7/8





BASKETBALL

Growth & Development

The 2025 basketball season has been a year of growth, development, and passion for the game. Across nine teams, players of all ages improved their skills, learned the importance of teamwork, and grew in confidence on and off the court. From dribbling and passing to strategic play and resilience under pressure, this season has been about more than scores. It has been about fostering a love of basketball and seeing our players develop as athletes and teammates.

Our teams competed in a variety of tournaments throughout the year, giving players the chance to test themselves against strong competition and put their development into action. Key events included:

- Bay of Plenty Junior Secondary Schools Tournament
- AA National Qualifying Tournament Senior A Boys
- Local 3×3 (three-on-three) and 5-a-side competitions
- AIMS Games
- Sports exchanges with Rototuna Senior and Junior High

Across all competitions, players showed remarkable determination, improving their skills with every game and demonstrating the resilience and sportsmanship Pāpāmoa College Basketball is known for. Whether battling through tough matches, rallying in close games, or learning from setbacks, the development of confidence, teamwork, and game understanding was evident throughout the season.

At senior level, our Senior A Boys returned to the AA National Qualifying Tournament after a year away. What made this achievement especially exciting is that the squad had no Year 13 players, giving us the opportunity to continue growing a consistent team into next season. Their ability to step up, show heart, bounce back from tough matches, and build strong bonds has laid a powerful foundation for future success.



A huge thank you goes to all our coaches and managers for their guidance, encouragement, and expertise throughout the season. To our parents and supporters your cheering, driving, and steady support helped our players shine. You are the heart of our basketball community.

We can't wait to hit the courts again in 2026 ready for new challenges, stronger teamwork, and even more unforgettable moments.

Representative Honours

Congratulations to the following Pāpāmoa College students who earned Tauranga Basketball representative selection in 2025: Harper Syme, Caleb Masigan, Cyan John, Samuel Davis, Levi Masigan, Ollie Johnson, Jordan Masigan, Kayden Stephens, Kenzo Imaizumi, Mayer Elliot, Sadie Willet, Eli Tanoi, Zach Somervell, Asher Scott, Max Walter, Nixon Fale, Austin Fortes, Brody Webster, Liam Threlkeld, Triden Vale Roberts, Jarvis Hay, Enzo Tomanan, Asher Bidois

NZ Koru Team Honours

- **U16 Weka Girls:** Sadie Willet

These selections highlight the talent, dedication, and hard work of our basketball players, as well as the invaluable support of coaches, teammates, and families.





Basketball Award Winners

	Most Valuable	Endeavour	Most Promising
PC Heat	Hugh Mackay	Dylan Becker	Cooper Goldsmith
PC Wizards	Flynn Palmer	Benji Sullivan	Kale Godwin
PS Suns (Mixed)	Max Wise	Ranveer Singh	Tamsin McHardy
7/8 Intermediate A	Nixon Fale	Charlie Matthews	Eli Tanoi
Junior Boys Karaka	Matty Jury	Rico Ivamy	Nathan Lawrence
Junior Boys Kikorangi	Ronan Joy	Dante George	Kaelen Stephens
Junior A	Kaias Apaapa	Tom Clarke	Levi Masigan
Senior B Boys	Riley Smith	Hamish Shirley	Jac Thomson Hyland-Webster
Senior A Boys	Samuel Davis	Jonty Wise	Tyler Butler

Basketball Senior A



Basketball Intermediate A



Basketball Junior A



Basketball Junior Karaka



Basketball Junior Kikorangi



Basketball PC Heat



Basketball PC Suns



Basketball PC Wizards



Basketball Senior B





CANOEING & KAYAKING



Canoe Slalom

Flynn Spreadbury and Anneka Forlong represented Pāpāmoa College at the North Island Secondary Schools Canoe Slalom event in Kawerau, held on the Tarawera River's purpose-built whitewater slalom course.

Both athletes delivered outstanding performances. Flynn secured second place in the U14 K1 Men's event and also finished second in the U16 Men's Team event, while Anneka earned second in the U14 K1 Women's event. Earlier in March, they had also competed at the BOP Champs, further showcasing their dedication and skill.

Congratulations to Flynn and Anneka for their impressive results and for demonstrating great commitment to training and competition!

NZSS Kayaking Nationals

On 22–23 March, Travis and Mackenzie Carnegie represented Pāpāmoa College at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Kayaking Nationals. After a year away from competition, both athletes made a strong return, delivering impressive performances across a challenging event.

Mackenzie (U14 Girls) and Travis (U18 Boys) tackled courses that tested both endurance and technique. Mackenzie finished 8th in the long course, navigating a 1.7km route that required paddlers to run with their kayaks halfway through, while Travis secured 10th in the 2.5km U18 course, which included two portages along the shore.

Both athletes continued their strong form in the sprint events. Mackenzie placed 5th in the U14 Girls final, and Travis earned a spot in the U18 Boys final, an unexpected but well-earned achievement. They also joined forces with paddlers from other schools in the mixed relay sprints, with Mackenzie's U14 team finishing 2nd overall and Travis's U18 team placing 3rd. Both teams earned ribbons for their outstanding efforts.

Congratulations to Travis and Mackenzie for their dedication and remarkable performances at the Nationals!



Canoeing



Kayaking





CRICKET

An Impressive Campaign

This year, our Boys 1st XI left their mark on the NZ 1st XI Cup, displaying talent, teamwork, and commitment across an impressive campaign.

The season started with a double header at Trident High, where the team claimed two dominant wins. In the first match against Whakatane High, Pāpāmoa piled on 201/4, led by powerful hitting from Matthew Conder, Ryan Douglas, Cruise Green, and Caleb Wellsbury, before restricting their opponents to 114/7. In the second match, the bowlers took centre stage, skittling Trident for just 49 runs, with Ryan Douglas and Brody Divehall sparking the collapse.

A thrilling clash against Rotorua Boys' High followed, with a place in the BOP Final on the line. Cruise Green starred with an incredible 90, supported by Michael Conder and Caleb Wellsbury. In a nail-biting finish, Ollie Greenlees held his nerve in the last over, sealing a memorable win and sending the boys into the final.

The BOP Final against Otumoetai at Alice Johnston Oval was a hard-fought battle. Pāpāmoa's bowlers kept the pressure on, with Matthew Conder (3/27) and Ryan Douglas (2/39) leading the charge. Chasing 168, Ryan Douglas fought valiantly with a gritty 56 and Caleb Wellsbury added 29. Unfortunately, the side fell just short, finishing on 132/8.

Though the final result didn't go their way, the team's campaign was a remarkable success. From explosive batting to clutch bowling under pressure, the boys played with heart, spirit, and pride. A big thank you to everyone who supported the team throughout the season.



Congratulations to Finn Bogun, Brody Divehall, Lincoln McCarthy, and Ben Goninon, who gained selection in Western Bay of Plenty representative cricket teams.

Cricket Award Winners

Most Valuable	Ryan Douglas
Endeavour	Brody Divehall
Most Promising	Cruise Green

Cricket 1st XI





CROSS COUNTRY

School Cross Country

Cross country kicked off on 8 May with our annual school event. Despite the mud and rain, students dug deep and showed real determination, producing strong performances across all year levels.

From this, 26 runners went on to compete at the Bay of Plenty Secondary School Champs at Waipuna Park, where Ashton Guitry and Noah Miyamura-Brown achieved top five finishes in their age groups. Six athletes then qualified for the Waikato/BOP Champs, with Noah placing fourth in the Year 9 Boys race.

The season reached national level when Ashton represented Pāpāmoa College at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships in Whangārei. He finished 34th out of 156 in the Senior Boys 6km and helped the Waikato/BOP Senior B relay team to sixth place.

Our Year 7 and 8 runners also shone, with 19 competing at the WBOP Zone Champs and 13 qualifying for the Bay of Plenty Champs in Kaharoa. Podium finishes came from Aida Miyamura-Brown, Eli Tanoi and Isla Sands, with Isla earning another third place at BOP Champs. Other top ten results came from Zach Willis, Louie Bowman, Aida Miyamura-Brown, Hugh Mackay and Nixon Fale.

From muddy school fields to national championships, it was a season marked by grit, talent and school pride. A fantastic effort from all our cross-country athletes.

School Cross Country Results

Year 7 Female	Aida Miyamura-Brown
Year 7 Male	Eli Tanoi
Year 8 Female	Isla Sands
Year 8 Male	Nixon Fale
Year 9 Female	Caitlyn Strange
Year 9 Male	Noah Miyamura-Brown
Year 10 Female	Georgia Goninon
Year 10 Male	William Chugg
Year 11 Female	Lily Brooks
Year 11 Male	Mackai Claxton
Year 12 Female	Gisele Champness
Year 12 Male	Ashton Guitry
Year 13 Female	Poppy Plank
Year 13 Male	Joel Hudson

Cross Country Team





FOOTBALL

Football Highlights

It's been another big year for football at Pāpāmoa College with three teams taking the field – Boys' 1st XI, Girls' 1st XI, and the Girls' Development Team.

The Boys' 1st XI had a challenging but exciting season as they stepped up to play in the BOP Premier Grade on Wednesday nights for the first time. They worked hard each week and finished in 6th place on the table. Massive thanks to Tim Wittenzellner

The Girls' 1st XI also competed in a tough 1st Division competition, showing determination and resilience throughout the season, and likewise ended in 6th place. They finished the year on a high attending NZSS Winter Tournament week in Auckland. Thank you to Lance Ranchod and Tony Richardson for all your hard work with the girls all season.

The Girls' Development Team brought plenty of energy

and fun to their games. After a strong run of wins early in the season, they finished an impressive 3rd in Division 4, contributing awesome vibes both on and off the field. Thank you to Megan McDowell for coaching.

A huge thank you to all our players, along with their families and friends, for the time, effort, and support shown throughout the season. Your commitment and encouragement have been greatly appreciated.

Finally, congratulations to Caleb Wellsbury, Finn Pachoud, and Josh Williamson, who were selected by their club teams to compete at the National U19 Tournament in Napier.



Football Girls 1st XI



Football Girls Development



Football Boys 1st XI





FUTSAL

A Growing Game

Futsal has continued to grow, with more students getting involved and competing at higher levels. The year began with the BOPSS Futsal Championships in February, where we entered four teams. It was a full day of action at Baypark, with both our Junior Boys and Junior Girls going undefeated but narrowly missing the finals on goal difference.

The Senior Boys pushed hard in tight matches, while the Senior Girls played with confidence and teamwork throughout. In March, our Senior and Junior Boys competed at the Northern Regional Futsal Tournament against top teams from the upper North Island. Three days of intense competition at Mercury Arena tested their courage and resilience, with the Senior Boys finishing 4th and the Junior Boys securing 5th place. Many of our teams also competed in the local weekly futsal league, providing valuable opportunities to build confidence and develop skills in a supportive environment. Thank you to our coaches and parents for their time, transport and encouragement throughout the season.

Futsal Award Winners

	Most Valuable	Endeavour	Most Promising
Junior Girls	Isla Moffitt	Taya Richardson	Ana Prieto
Junior Boys	Lucas Kennedy-Cooke	Will Pachoud	Tyler Wilson
Senior Girls	Emma Crockford	Petra Mastny	Ashlee Irving
Senior Boys	Finn Pachoud & Caleb Wellsbury	Joel Hudson	Blair Smith

Futsal Junior Boys



Futsal Junior Girls



Futsal Senior Boys



Futsal Senior Girls





GOLF

On the Green

Golf at Pāpāmoa College has gone from strength to strength this year, with students involved in both our Tuesday Golf Club and Bay of Plenty Secondary School events.

Tuesday Golf Club

Every Tuesday afternoon in Terms 1 and 4, a quiet transformation has been taking place at Te Puke Golf Course. What began as a group of nervous beginners has grown into a supportive golfing community. Through consistent practice, plenty of laughs over duffed shots, and encouragement from their peers, these players have turned frustration into determination and built the confidence to take on the course with purpose and enjoyment.

Thanks must go to Mr Kilkenny and Mr Jens for their coaching and transport support, as well as the many parents for their encouragement throughout the season. Their combined efforts have helped create an environment where students not only improve their skills but also discover the joy of learning together.

Competition Success

This year, Pāpāmoa College was proudly represented at the J.I. Manihera Memorial Golf Tournament at Kawerau Golf Course on 13 May. Congratulations to Toby Willett, who delivered an outstanding performance to finish 7th overall out of 80 players in the Stableford competition – a superb achievement in a very competitive field.

Well done to all our golfers on their progress and achievements in 2025. The future of golf at Pāpāmoa College looks bright!



Golf Award Winners

Most Valuable	Ben Usher
Endeavour	Toby Willett
Most Promising	Hugo Barnard

Golf





GYMNASTICS

Gymnastics Success

This year, our talented gymnasts proudly represented Pāpāmoa College at three major events – the ARGOS Intermediate Schools Gymnastics Festival, the Te Puke Gymsports Competition, and the AIMS Games.

At the ARGOS Festival on 13 June, Ella Panton and Amber Ashford-Pretorius took to the floor with confidence, performing strong routines and gaining valuable competition experience.

On 8 August, Lola Raeburn, Kayla Gaskell, Amber Ashford, and Ella Panton competed at the Te Puke Gymsports Competition, delivering excellent performances, with standout results from Kayla and Amber in the Open Junior Advanced WAG division.

The season wrapped up with the AIMS Games, where our gymnasts had the opportunity to test themselves against some of the best athletes from across the country.

A special congratulations also goes to Karin Aono, Emily Barback, Akaylia Jackson, Charlie Standing, and Jade Farrant, who represented the Bay of Plenty at the National Gymnastics Championships – an incredible achievement that reflects their hard work, dedication, and talent.

Well done to all our gymnasts for proudly representing Pāpāmoa College across a busy and successful season!



Gymnastics



Hockey Boys 1st XI



Hockey Girls 1st XI



Hockey Girls 2nd XI



Hockey PC Hurricanes



Hockey PC Sixers



Hockey PC Intermediate A



Hockey PC Panthers





HOCKEY

Growth & Achievement

The 2025 hockey season at Pāpāmoa College has been a celebration of growth, achievement and spirit. From early morning trainings to late-night games under the lights, our players showed stick-to-it determination, teamwork and passion for the game.

Several teams achieved top-four placings in their competitions:

- **1st XI Boys:** 3rd equal, Division 2 Midlands Competition
- **2nd XI Girls:** 3rd, Championship 2 Girls
- **PC Hurricanes:** 1st, Super 6 Championship
- **PC Sixers:** 2nd, Super 6 Premiership
- **PC Intermediate A:** 1st, Year 7/8 Division 3
- **PC Panthers:** 3rd, Year 7/8 Division 3

Beyond the results, our teams worked tirelessly on and off the turf to sharpen their skills and raise their game. Their ability to dig deep in tough moments and keep the ball moving showed real grit and determination.

Congratulations to the following students selected for Tauranga Hockey representative teams in 2025: Ryan Douglas (U18 Men's), Corlene Van der Spuy (U18 Women's), Ben McCaul (U18 Men's Development), Jess Hambrook, Ella Hammond, Ava Watts (U18 Women's Development), Arwen Christian (Girls U16 Blue), Sian Liddle (Girls U16 White), Gaby Gomez, Isla Hayward (Girls U16 Yellow), Tristan Lim-Yock (Boys U16 Blue), Kody Thompson, Riley Walker, William Chugg (Boys U16 White), Brayden Lim-Yock, Guy Rees-Jones (Boys U16 Orange).

We extend our deepest gratitude to our dedicated coaches and managers, whose leadership and countless hours of



support have been a driving force behind the teams. To our parents, families and supporters, thank you for being in our corner week after week, cheering loudly and proudly, no matter the weather.

To our students, you've proven that hockey is more than just goals and tackles. It's about courage, resilience and the power of playing as one team. You've represented Pāpāmoa College with pride every step of the way.

We're excited to see our hockey programme continue to go from strength to strength in 2026.

Hockey Award Winners

	Most Valuable	Endeavour	Most Promising
7/8 - Panthers	Vanie Shah	Stella Pecora	Max Alegre
7/8 INT A	Ben Goninon	Jayden Fife	Zoe Thompson & Chloe Walker
Hurricanes	Reily Christian	Jaya Singh	Alex Smith
Sixers	Mackenzie Ward	Lucah Watts	Shylah Gerrand
Girls 2nd XI	Emily Mardon	Zoe Ballot	Lily Van Greunen
Girls 1st XI	Ella Hammond	Arwen Christian	Nikki Boyte
Boys 1st XI	Thomas Smith	Theo Manderson	Riley Walker



MOTORCROSS

Back On The Track

2025 marked an exciting return to motocross for Pāpāmoa College, bringing the school's colours back to the track after several years. On Friday 16 May, siblings Jack and Maddie Mear lined up at the Bay of Plenty Schools Motocross Championships in Manawahe, ready to take on a challenging and competitive field.

Both riders demonstrated skill, determination and a real passion for the sport. Jack faced a huge field of 42 competitors in the boys' division and put in a strong performance to finish 18th, navigating the technical track with focus and resilience. Maddie competed against some of New Zealand's top female riders, riding confidently to secure an impressive 13th place in the women's class.

Their performances were a fantastic way to showcase Pāpāmoa College on the motocross stage and set the foundation for future participation. With such a strong return, the school is excited to see more students take up motocross and continue building momentum in the years to come.





NETBALL

A Remarkable Season

What an incredible year it has been for Pāpāmoa College Netball! With 19 teams taking to the courts this season, our players have demonstrated courage, resilience and determination in every game.

We are thrilled to share that 14 of our teams finished in the Top 4 of their grades – an outstanding achievement that reflects both the strength and depth of our programme.

Team Results

- **Prem 1:** 4th, Premier A Grade
- **Prem 2:** 4th, Senior A Grade
- **Kowhai:** 1st, Senior F Grade
- **Ferns:** 3rd, Senior H Grade
- **10A:** 1st, Year 10A Grade
- **9A:** 3rd, Year 10A Grade
- **Fever:** 2nd, Year 10 E Grade
- **Sparks:** 4th, Year 10 H Grade
- **9 Flames:** 4th, Year 9 C Grade
- **Thunder:** 2nd, Year 9 E Grade
- **Intermediate A:** 1st, Year 8 B Grade
- **Steel:** 1st, Year 8 C Grade
- **Pulse:** 1st, Year 8 H Grade
- **Vixens:** 4th, Year 7 A Grade

This remarkable season is a testament to the skill, dedication and teamwork of our players. From thrilling finals victories to hard-fought close matches, every team displayed resilience, courage and true team spirit. The 2025 season has once again highlighted the strength and culture of netball at Pāpāmoa College, laying the foundation for future success across all grades.



Representative Selections

This year, a number of our students achieved regional and national representative honours, highlighting the exceptional talent within our netball community. We congratulate the following players on their Tauranga representative selections:

- **U14B:** Spencerlee Wairepo
- **U14 Training Partner:** Lexi Argyle
- **U16A:** Siena Ivamy, Sienna Hanley, Sienna Silvester, Yasmin Alberts
- **U16 Training Partners:** Bela Prieto, Rose McCarthy
- **U18:** Havana Fortes

We are also proud to celebrate students recognised in the Magic in the Making Development Programme 2025:

- Sienna Silvester
- Havana Fortes
- Yasmin Alberts
- Siena Ivamy, who also earned selection to the prestigious Magic in the Making Advanced Camp

On the national stage, a special congratulations goes to Lorenzo Tamaki, named in the NZ U17 Men's Squad, who represented Aotearoa in Australia this July. Both Lorenzo and Havana Fortes also earned selection for the Tauranga U20 Mixed Team.

None of this success would have been possible without the tireless work of our coaches and managers. Your commitment, energy and guidance are what keep this programme thriving, and we are grateful for everything you do to support our players.

From championship wins to representative honours, the 2025 season has been one to remember for Pāpāmoa College Netball. With so many achievements already under our belt, we cannot wait to see what 2026 will bring!



NETBALL

Prem 1 Season Review

Tayla Stowers

The Prem 1 netball team has wrapped up a challenging yet rewarding season that showcased not only skill on the court but also unwavering team spirit and determination. Despite facing tough opponents, the team's resilience and positive attitude never wavered, making this season one to remember.

From the very beginning, the squad faced numerous obstacles, including strong opponents and intense matches that tested their resolve. What stood out throughout the season was the incredible camaraderie and support the players showed each other. This team spirit was the backbone of our performance, helping push through difficult moments and continuously improve as a unit.

The highlight of the season was undoubtedly the team's performance at UNISS. Entering the competition aiming to finish within the top 16 in the highly competitive B Grade category, the girls exceeded expectations by securing an impressive 8th place out of 34 teams. This achievement was a testament to their hard work, dedication and ability to rise to the occasion under pressure.

UNISS provided a fantastic platform for the team to display talent and teamwork on a bigger stage. The experience gained and lessons learned throughout the tournament will undoubtedly fuel the team's ambition and growth in future seasons. While the journey was not without challenges, the team's season was marked by impressive performances,



strong bonds and a spirit that truly embodied the essence of sport.

Looking ahead, the team is motivated to build on this success and continue striving for excellence.

Congratulations to all the players and coaches for an incredible season and a memorable UNISS campaign.

Netball Prem 1



Netball Prem 2



Netball Intermediate A



Netball Senior Ferns



Netball Senior Kowhai



Year 7 Mystics



Netball Year 7 Stars



Netball Year 7 Tactix



Netball Year 7 Vixens



Netball Year 8 Magic



Netball Year 8 Pulse



Netball Year 8 Steel



Netball Year 9 Flames



Netball Year 9 Thunder



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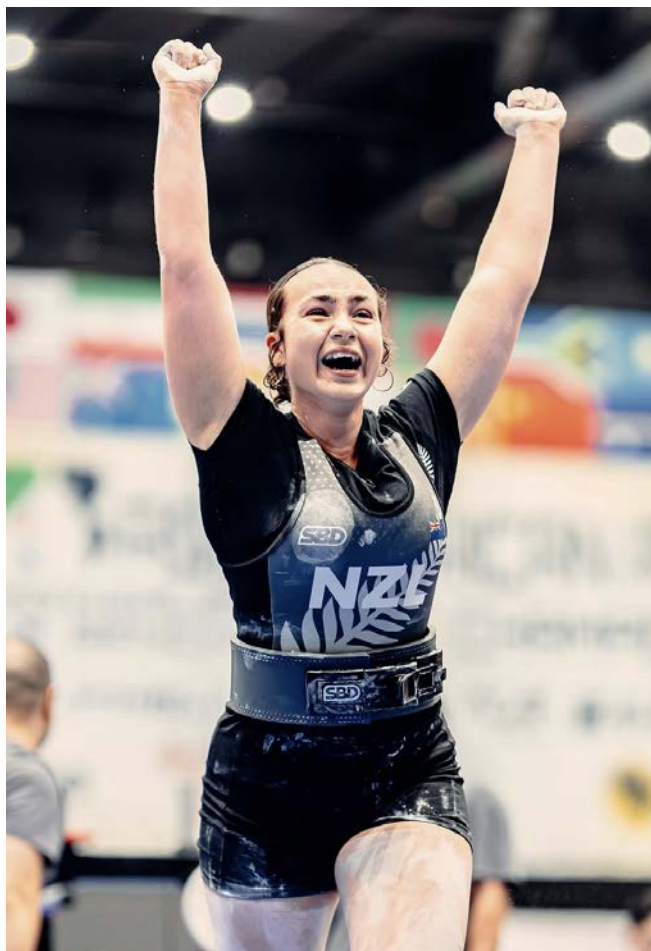


Year 10 Sparks



Year 10 A





POWERLIFTING

Natahlia Morgan: Powering Ahead

Natahlia Morgan has been making waves in the world of powerlifting since she began competing in February 2024. Since discovering her passion for the sport, she has thrown herself into training with determination and drive, setting her sights on representing New Zealand on the international stage.

Balancing the demands of Year 13 with long training sessions, Natahlia has already achieved remarkable success. She holds all Regional (Waikato/BOP) Sub-Junior Under 69kg records and secured 2nd place at the Sub-Junior/Junior National Championships under 69kg in May 2025.

Her international career is equally impressive. In July 2025, Natahlia competed at the Asia Pacific Africa Championships in Himeji, Japan, earning a bronze medal in Squat, gold medals in Bench and Deadlift, and a silver medal Overall in the Sub-Junior Under 69kg category. Following this, she represented New Zealand at the Sub-Junior/Junior World Championships in San Jose, Costa Rica, placing 13th while setting new personal bests in Squat and Deadlift, and equaling her Bench PB.

In November 2025, Natahlia competed at the Oceania Championships in Christchurch, continuing her journey toward international success. Her dedication, resilience, and achievements made her a standout member of the Pāpāmoa College sporting community.





ROCK CLIMBING

Upward Momentum

This year, rock climbing at Pāpāmoa College was led by our younger athletes, with a strong group of Year 7 and 8 students stepping into the spotlight. While we had no secondary school competitors, our emerging climbers showed enthusiasm and talent throughout the season.

In May, four of our students represented Pāpāmoa College at the Bay of Plenty Year 7 & 8 Rock Climbing Championships at Rocktopia. It was a fun day of competition, providing valuable experience on the wall and great preparation for the AIMS Games.

Our climbers were focused as they tackled challenging routes and pushed themselves with every ascent. A standout performance came from Sylvie McLeod, who finished 2nd overall in the Year 8 Girls division. Sylvie continued her strong form at the AIMS Games, achieving an impressive 4th place finish.

It's inspiring to see our younger students developing the skills and confidence to take on even greater challenges in the years ahead.



Rock Climbing





ROWING

Up & Rowing

Rowing is a brand-new sport at Pāpāmoa College, and it's already making waves! Neve Ort made history as our first-ever Pāpāmoa College representative, competing in girls' singles at the North Island Secondary Schools Rowing Championships in Term 1, 2025.

Since then, we have welcomed a keen group of Year 10 boys, training hard with their sights set on competing in the Coxed Novice 4 at the North Island Secondary Schools Championships and the prestigious Maadi Cup in 2026. Rowing demands commitment, teamwork, and an incredible work ethic, and our students are already showing they have what it takes.

A special mention goes to Mr and Mrs van Dijk for their encouragement, dedication, and hard work in getting rowing off the ground at Pāpāmoa College.

We're thrilled to see rowing growing and can't wait to follow these athletes as they chase their goals on the water!





A Season to Remember

The 2025 rugby season was one of the most memorable in Pāpāmoa College history. Across all grades, from U14 Boys to Girls and the 1st XV, the year was marked by growth, commitment, and milestone achievements. With two teams playing finals on home soil, a programme-wide lift in culture and discipline, and numerous representative honours, this season set a new benchmark for rugby at Pāpāmoa College.

U14 Boys – Champions!

Our U14 Boys had a standout season in the Tanerau Latimer Cup, finishing at the top of the table after the regular season. They went on to face John Paul College in the double-header final held at Pāpāmoa College – an exhilarating experience for the players, who performed in front of a record crowd with the match live-streamed.

The team delivered a dominant 50–5 victory, showing strength, skill, and teamwork, particularly in the second half. Their achievement reflects the hard work, commitment, and determination they displayed throughout the season.

U16 Teams – Building the Future

Our U16 squads demonstrated dedication, resilience, and consistent improvement throughout the season. Training sessions were marked by intensity, with players embracing the standards set by coaches and showing a genuine commitment to both individual and team growth.

Several U16 players earned 1st XV caps, highlighting the emerging talent within the programme and providing invaluable experience at a higher level. These opportunities accelerated development and strengthened the U16 teams as players brought back improved skills, game awareness, and confidence to their squads.

Senior players also played a key role in mentoring younger teammates, fostering team cohesion and leadership, and cultivating a positive culture both on and off the field. The U16s exemplify the pathway from junior to senior rugby at Pāpāmoa College, laying a solid foundation for future success.

Girls Rugby – Growth, Learning, and Team Spirit

Both Senior and Junior Girls teams had a milestone year, marked by learning, growth, and an increasing understanding of the game. Rugby takes time and experience to master, and throughout the season, our girls showed determination and perseverance, giving their all in every training and match, regardless of the scoreline.

It was particularly rewarding to see the buy-in from players, with increased numbers allowing us to field two girls' teams,



reflecting the growing interest and commitment to rugby at Pāpāmoa College.

The Senior Girls developed tactical awareness, teamwork, and leadership, while the Junior Girls focused on building skills, confidence, and adaptability. Across both squads, players formed strong bonds on and off the pitch, supporting one another and celebrating progress together. Their resilience and commitment set a solid foundation for the future of girls rugby at the college.

1st XV – A Season of Firsts and Unprecedented Success

The 1st XV enjoyed a historic 2025 campaign, defined by a cultural reset with a focus on discipline, commitment, and teamwork.

Commitment and Culture

From pre-season, the management team and players set a 90% attendance requirement, fostering accountability and consistency. With 21 new debuts, younger players pushed seniors, creating a competitive and motivated squad.

Key Achievements

- **Beating the Champs:** Early-season victories over Rototuna and reigning Bay of Plenty champions Mount College showcased the team's potential for the season.
- **Te Kani Shield:** For the first time in school history, the team claimed the prestigious Te Kani Shield with a 23–17 win over Ruakura 3rd XV and successfully defended it for over six weeks, including a gritty 15–10 victory against Taupō-nui-a-Tia.



- **Minor Premiers:** Finishing the round-robin on top of the table earned the team minor premier status and a home semi-final.
- **Semi-Final Brilliance:** Trailing by seven at halftime against Te Taumata, the team fought back to level at 31–31 and scored a match-winning try, securing their first-ever home final.
- **Bill Hill Final:** Facing Ruakura 3rd XV in the final, the team put in a valiant effort, closing the gap to within seven points late in the game. An intercept try ended their title hopes, but the result does not diminish their remarkable achievements. The season was about far more than the final score – it was defined by milestones reached and the growth of team culture.

Notable Milestones

We also acknowledge our Year 13 players for their contributions over a number of years. Their dedication helped shape the team's culture and success.

- **Michael Conder:** 65 games (most in school history, debuting in Year 10)
- **Cam Day:** 49 games
- **Cove Keenan:** 48 games
- **Ilai Walker:** 48 games
- **Ollie Greenlees:** 45 games
- **Ryder Fowler:** 44 games
- **Jayden Holdaway:** 38 games
- **Stefan Stephens:** 35 games
- **Sam Jury:** 30 games
- **Lochie Wilson:** 18 games



Representative Honours

This year, numerous players earned representative selections, highlighting the depth of talent within the rugby programme.

Western Bay of Plenty Youth Development Cup

- **U16 Girls:** Kamryn Sanders
- **U16 Boys:** Sean McBride, Eluatau Samuelu
- **U18 Boys:** Cam Day, Cove Keenan, Stefan Stephens, Logan Syme, Michael Conder, Hayden Dyke, Ryder Fowler, Dallas Thompson, Ilai Walker

Bay of Plenty Representatives

- **BOP U18s Wider Squad:** Cove Keenan, Cam Day
- **BOP U16s Wider Squad:** Keanu Jakeman
- **BOP U16s:** Peter Buckton

Looking Ahead – 7s Rugby

Term 4 saw the launch of our 7s programme, qualifying for the prestigious Condor 7s Tournament at the end of November 2025. We were able to field teams across multiple grades in the BOPSS 7s competitions, demonstrating the growth and development of both students and staff within the rugby programme.

This year, commitment, culture, and pride were evident across every grade. Whether lifting trophies, defending shields, or laying foundations for the future, every team and player performed with the values that define Pāpāmoa College Rugby.

A huge thank you goes to our coaches, managers, families and community for their support – the tide is changing for Pāpāmoa College Rugby.

Rugby Senior Girls 10



Rugby Junior Girls 10



Rugby U14 Boys



Rugby U16 Boys



Rugby 1st XV



Rugby Award Winners

	Most Valuable	Endeavour	Most Promising
Junior Girls	Tehlia Toesoliga	Amyjane Oglesby	Sasha Scheckle
Senior Girls	Himawari Ochial	Harper Syme	Mali Neno
U14 Boys	Lian Meyer	Noah Miyamura-Brown	Bailey Cooper
U16 Boys	Jett Dyson	Joel McGrath	Sean McBride
1st XV	Cameron Day	Keanu Jakeman	Ryder Fowler
Back of the Year	Stefan Stephens	Forward of the Year	Michael Conder



SURFING

Into the Blue

Luke McFarlane

2025 has been an epic year for surfing at Pāpāmoa College. Our numbers exploded in February with the introduction of Wāhine Wednesday and Tāne Thursday as a way to manage the sheer volume of keen students. These relaxed afternoon sessions brought the vibes, and the Pāpāmoa Domain was alive with fluoro softops and ear-to-ear grins. Each week, our young rippers threw themselves into the waves, spending almost as much time getting dragged across the sand as standing on their boards.

The excitement continued with the selection of a team to represent the kura at the Muriwai Festival of Surf. Koby “I am the law” Lawton, Brayden “Yarns” Lim-Yock, Ashe “Nap” Russell, Stan “The Man” Lawton, and Noah “Danger” McFarlane paddled out into giant conditions, a huge feat considering Stan and Noah, at just 11 and 13 years old, were the youngest competitors. The team’s early combined scores placed them 5th after Heat 1, but they couldn’t back it up



in the following round. Still, they can be incredibly proud, those waves were bigger than most houses, and they all managed to land scoring rides. Watch out 2026, we’ll be back with vengeance!

Next, we headed to the West Coast, dodging rain squalls and tsunami warnings. Debutants Beau “Banger” Fisher and Tayne “Te Talent” Edgington brought fresh energy, joining pointbreak veterans Koby “I am the law” Lawton, Ashe “Fin Drift” Russell, and David “Barrel” Becker.

The Raglan Academy Secondary Schools Champs are a highlight of the year, giving the crew a chance to ride one of the world’s great left-hand breaks. Unfortunately, Tangaroa delivered horrific winds and zero swell, so the first day was spent practicing off the bridge. An impromptu competition saw Matua Tane Taitoko take out the title with a double cheeseburger backflip backslap.



Competition day took us south on the gravel roads to Ruapuke, a first for many of the team. The swell was solid, and the boys gave it their all. While results didn't go our way, we had an epic time, finishing off with a fun free surf and feed at Manu Bay.

Our super groms then headed to AIMS Games. Noah "Danger" McFarlane, Sailor "The Business" Bisman, Nate "Florence" Liddle, Oscar "Better than Beau" Fisher, and Lachie "Fearless" Ferns arrived ready to rip, only to be met with a tiny, fading swell. Adaptability was key, and Sailor's local knowledge shone through as he shredded his competitors to reach the final. It wasn't his time for a medal, but he represented his kura and whānau with pride.

The Pāpāmoa College Surfing Competition was set to return for its second year! However, the weather and swell gods weren't on our side, forcing us to postpone the event three times. We finally settled on the first week of Term 4, with fingers and toes crossed, but the waves just wouldn't cooperate. While the competition couldn't go ahead this year, the excitement and energy of our students didn't waver. Next year, we'll be back bigger, better, and ready to ride whatever the ocean throws at us!

A tūmeke mihi to all the staff who made surfing at Pāpāmoa College what it was this year: Tilbs, Jame, Rizz, Sarizz, Needs, Tony, Lambo, Haysta, Sully, and LilSully.

Surfing Award Winners

Most Valuable	Koby Lawton
Endeavour	Ashe Russell
Most Promising	Sailor Bisman

Surfing



Muriwai Surf Competition Team





SWIMMING

Swimming Success

The 2025 swimming season was packed with memorable moments and strong performances, both at Pāpāmoa College events and in regional competitions.

Our annual school swimming sports were held on 7th March at the Pāpāmoa Primary School Pool. While numbers were slightly lower than in previous years, the sunshine made for a brilliant day, and all competitors gave it their all.

Congratulations to our champions:

- **Year 7 Girls:** Kenzie Jackson
- **Year 7 Boys:** Ethan Tahuriorangi
- **Year 8 Girls:** Kennedy Edwards
- **Year 8 Boys:** Ben Goninon
- **Junior Girls:** Mackenzie Ward
- **Junior Boys:** Mason Jackson
- **Intermediate Girls:** Shanna Fahey
- **Intermediate Boys:** Finn Bevington-Crean
- **Senior Girls:** —
- **Senior Boys:** Flynn Beattie

After the swimming sports, attention turned to the Bay of Plenty Secondary School Championships at Baywave on 14th March, where seven students represented Pāpāmoa College. It was a big stage and an exciting challenge. William Chugg had a standout day in the year 14–15 boys age group, collecting a string of podium finishes across breaststroke, backstroke, and medley events. Brothers Tristan and Brayden Lim-Yock also impressed in the 13-year-old category, with Tristan securing top-three placings in freestyle and breaststroke, while Brayden claimed silver in



butterfly and bronze in freestyle.

The season continued with the Year 7/8 WBOP Zone Champs, where ten of our younger swimmers took to the water. Max Bevington-Crean shone in the 11 and under age group, finishing runner-up in both the 50m butterfly and 100m freestyle.

It was a year that combined fun at school level with strong results at regional events, and our swimmers can be proud of their efforts representing Pāpāmoa College in the pool.

Swimming





TABLE TENNIS

Rising to the Top

Pāpāmoa College had an outstanding year in table tennis, with our players excelling at both the BOP Intermediate Table Tennis Championships and AIMS 2025.

At the BOP Champs on 9 August at QEYC, three talented teams represented our school with distinction. Our top boys' team, Yugeon Park, Harper Clarke, and Oliver Sala-Shand, battled through nail-biting matches to claim 3rd place in A Division. The second team, Laurence Young, Josh Gibbs, and Ollie Taylor, also impressed, finishing 3rd in B Division, while our third team, Jenny Su, Lincoln McCarthy, and Finn MacDonald, secured 2nd place in C Division. Across all teams, our players displayed exceptional teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship.

At AIMS 2025, our boys faced a highly competitive field dominated by national-level players. The top team, Harper Clarke, Yugeon Park, and Oliver Sala-Shand, finished 9th out of 32 teams, including a thrilling near-win against the eventual champions. The second team, Ollie Taylor, Josh Gibbs, and Laurence Young, placed 24th. Individually, the standout was Yugeon Park, who reached the top 16, one of only two BOP boys to achieve this. In doubles, he had an impressive run, winning 11 games in a row before being knocked out by one of New Zealand's top players.

Throughout both tournaments, our players competed with skill, courage, and exemplary sportsmanship, making Pāpāmoa College proud and gaining invaluable experience against some of New Zealand's best young table tennis talent.

A huge thanks to John Lea for his guidance and development of all the players.

Table Tennis Award Winners

Most Valuable	Yugeon Park
Endeavour	Oliver Sala-Shand
Most Promising	Ollie Taylor





TAEKWONDO

Holly Gould: On The Rise

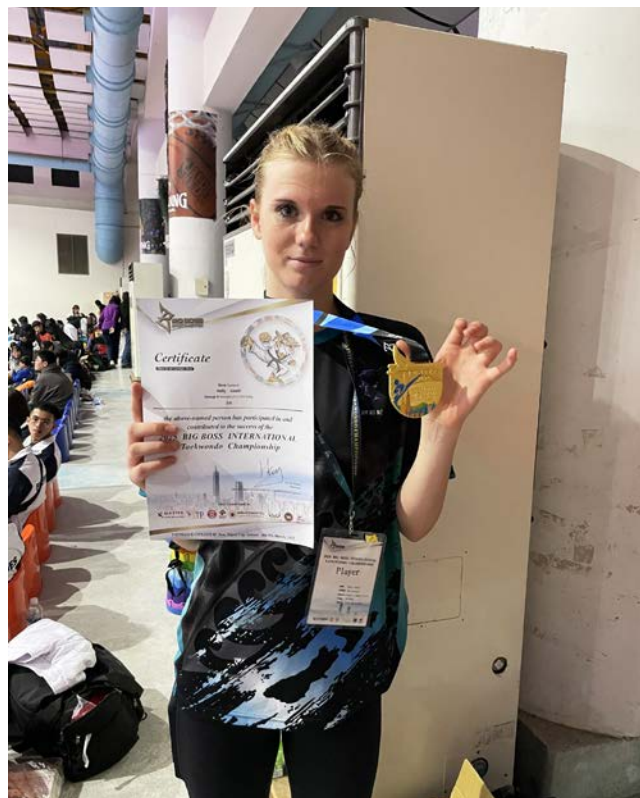
2025 was an outstanding year of growth and achievement for Holly Gould in Taekwondo. She tested her skills on both international and national stages, proving her talent, resilience, and adaptability across multiple weight categories.

In March, Holly travelled to Taiwan to compete in the Big Boss International Taekwondo Competition, an event with over 2,000 competitors from 12 countries. It was the largest competition she had ever entered, and she rose to the challenge brilliantly, securing Gold in the U18 Female B Grade and placing an impressive 5th in the U18 Female A Grade.

Her success continued in April at the Budo South National Competition, where she earned Silver in the Senior Female U62kg category.

In May, she competed in the New Zealand United Taekwondo Association Open, showing incredible versatility by claiming Gold in the Senior Female 73+kg category and Silver in the Senior Female 67 to 73kg category—both higher than her usual weight class.

In June, Holly added another Silver at the World Taekwondo NZ Open in the Senior U62kg category. September brought more success at the Bay Open, where she won Gold in both



the Senior Female Under 67kg category, her current weight class, and the Senior Female 67 to 73kg category.

Her consistent results and commitment also earned her an invitation to the Elite Athlete Training Camp in August, recognising her potential at the highest level.

It has been a remarkable year for Holly and her Taekwondo journey is only just beginning.



Holly's dedication extends beyond the mat. These striking self-portraits, completed as part of her Level 3 Photography course, showcase her creative eye and commitment.



TENNIS

Match Ready

The 2025 season was another exciting year for tennis at Pāpāmoa College, with students representing the school at both senior and intermediate levels.

At the BOP Secondary Schools Senior Tennis Championships, held in February, Isla Ferns, Keanu Jakeman, Gurkirat Nijjar, and Petra Blow proudly took to the courts. It was a great day of competition, with players gaining valuable match experience against some of the Bay’s strongest talent. While the results didn’t always go our way, our team’s determination, teamwork and sportsmanship stood out throughout the day.

Four of our younger players – Harry Bryan, Sophie Hartley, Jack Malthus, and Jonty McCashin – also took part in AIMS Games Tennis, representing Pāpāmoa College with enthusiasm and pride. Jonty McCashin had an outstanding tournament, securing GOLD in the Division 2 Boys Singles, an incredible achievement for the school.

In October, nine of our talented year 7/8 Pāpāmoa College students took to the courts at the Pāpāmoa Tennis Club for

the WBOP Intermediate Tennis Championships. Students competed across both the competitive singles and social doubles grades.

Special mentions:

- **Jonty McCashin:** Runner-up, Division 1 Singles
- **Jack Malthus:** Runner-up, Division 2 Singles
- **Eva McCormack & Anaka Els:** Runners-up, Girls Social Doubles

It was a great day out in the sunshine, and we’re proud of everyone who represented the school so well!

Several of our students have also represented the wider region in representative tennis. Special congratulations go to Jonty McCashin, who represented Waikato-Bays at the National Teams Event (Team 12U) and WBOP Intra-Regionals (Team 12U); Isla Ferns, named 2025’s Most Promising Player at the WBOP Junior Residentials; and Keanu Jakeman, who capped off 2024 with an outstanding achievement, winning the Aotearoa Māori Boys U16 Singles Tennis Championship on 28 December.

Congratulations to all our tennis players for their dedication, growth, and the way they represented Pāpāmoa College both on and off the court.

Tennis Award Winners

	Most Valuable	Endeavour	Most Promising
Year 7/8 Team	Jonty McCashin	Jack Malthus	Sophie Hartley
Senior Team	Keanu Jakeman	Isla Ferns	Petra Blow

Tennis Senior Team



Tennis 7/8 Team





TOUCH RUGBY

2024/25 Highlights

The Touch Rugby season has been a remarkable period for Pāpāmoa College, showcasing growth, skill, and determination across all our teams. Over the past two terms, our senior players have developed both as athletes and as leaders, representing the school with pride at local, regional, and national competitions.

Pāpāmoa Touch League Success

The Senior Touch team made a strong debut in the Pāpāmoa Touch League, finishing as Plate Winners and earning the title of the top-ranked college team. Their consistency and teamwork set the tone for an exciting season ahead.

New Zealand Secondary Schools Championships

In December 2024, the Senior Mixed Touch team competed at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Championships. With a combination of returning players and experience gained from adult league games, the team showed significant improvement from the previous year. After a challenging start, they rallied to secure key wins, ultimately finishing 25th out of 43 teams – a clear reflection of their resilience and growth.

Touch Award Winners

	Most Valuable	Endeavour	Most Promising
Junior Mixed Team	Kyan Percy	Gabrielle McGregor	Raydin Ngaropo
Senior Mixed Team	Cam Haggie	Millan Garcha	Calayis Poihakena-Jackson

Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools Tournament

After losing key Year 13 players at the end of 2024, the team rebuilt with a mix of experienced players and newcomers stepping up to senior Touch. At the Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools Tournament in March, the team excelled, dominating the pool and semifinal stages and going undefeated on their way to the final.

In a thrilling championship match against a highly skilled Aquinas College side, the game was locked at 3-3 at full time. In the drop-off, our final three players showed incredible composure and skill to secure the victory!

Finals MVPs:

- **Male:** Cam Haggie
- **Female:** Millan Garcha

Junior A Team Success

Our Junior A team also impressed, competing in the Senior Development Grade against older opposition. They narrowly missed out on the finals. Their determination and growth under Matua Manaia show that the future of Touch Rugby at Pāpāmoa College is bright.

Individual Achievements

Cam Haggie represented Bay of Plenty U17 Boys at Nationals at the end of 2024, finishing 5th overall and earning the title of top try scorer.

A huge thank you goes to our coaching trio – Mr Ohia, Mr Groot and Mr Taute – whose guidance and dedication were key to the team's success.

Touch Junior Mixed



Touch Senior Mixed





TRIATHLON

Rising to the Top

Triathlon at Pāpāmoa College had an exciting year, with students taking on events across the Bay of Plenty and beyond.

The season began in Ōhope at the BOPSS Triathlon, where 24 students lined up for the swim, bike, and run. It was a full day of racing, with plenty of effort, commitment, and determination shown right through to the finish. Highlights included podium places for Aston Guitry, U19 Boys (2nd), the U13 team of Sahara Price, Hugh Mackay, and Nixon Fale (2nd), the U13 girls team of Anaka Els, Eva McCormack, and Isla Sands (3rd), and the U16 girls team of Emily Barback, Ashlin Drewe, and Isla Moffitt (2nd).

Later in the season, Aston Guitry travelled to Wanaka for the New Zealand Secondary Schools Triathlon Championships. Competing in the U19 category, he finished 16th in the Sprint Triathlon, 6th in the Aquathlon, and 5th in the U19 Relay as part of the Waikato/Bay of Plenty team. He also took on the challenging 2km Open Water Swim, placing 4th in the U19 boys.

It’s been a busy and rewarding year for the team, with plenty of experience gained, new challenges tackled, and some excellent results along the way.

Triathlon Award Winners

Most Valuable	Ashton Guitry
Endeavour	Riley Walker
Most Promising	Noah Miyamura-Brown



Triathlon



Triathlon NZSS





VOLLEYBALL

2024/25 Highlights

The 2025 volleyball season has been a remarkable year for Pāpāmoa College, with one Senior Boys team and two Senior Girls teams competing at the Bay of Plenty Senior Championships. These tournaments provided invaluable game time and experience, setting all teams up perfectly for the New Zealand Secondary Schools Championships.

Bay of Plenty Senior Championships Placings

- **Senior Boys:** 3rd out of 26 teams
- **Senior Girls A:** 16th out of 34 teams
- **Senior Girls B:** 23rd out of 34 teams

New Zealand Secondary Schools Championships

Senior Girls

The Senior Girls A team, primarily Year 11 players with a couple of Year 10s, impressed at Nationals in Palmerston North. They earned a spot in Division 4 and finished with a bronze medal following a thrilling comeback in the 3rd/4th playoff. Captain Siena Ivamy led with distinction, Havana Fortes provided calm and precise setting, and Maddison Welch delivered powerful attacking plays. From the B team, Nikki Boyte and Millan Garcha made an excellent introduction to competitive volleyball, while Yasmin Alberts and Videl Harrison provided strong leadership on court.

Senior Boys

The boys' team had a historic Nationals campaign, finishing 6th out of 100 teams, the highest placing ever achieved by a Pāpāmoa College volleyball team. They played outstanding volleyball throughout the tournament, defeating top-ranked sides and reaching the quarter-finals. Their performance not only showcased their skill and determination but also cemented the boys' reputation as one of the strongest senior volleyball squads in the school's history.

Representative Honours

Congratulations to the following students who earned selection for Bay of Plenty Interprovincial Teams 2025:

Girls

- **Kyla Nguyen:** BOP U17 A team
- **Siena Ivamy:** BOP U17 A team
- **Kayla van Wijk:** BOP U17 Development team (Captain)
- **Sienna Silvester:** BOP U17 Development team
- **Maddison Welch:** BOP U17 Development team

Boys

- **Finley Griffin:** U17 Boys Development team
- **Tyler Scrivin:** U17 A Boys team
- **Hayden Dyke:** U19 Boys Development team
- **Ollie Scrivin:** U19 Boys Development team
- **Stefan Stephens:** U19 A Boys team

Junior Program Term 4

Volleyball at Pāpāmoa College isn't just about senior competition. Our junior program continues to grow and thrive. In Term 4 a strong contingent of junior teams will compete at the Junior Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools Championships and the North Island Secondary Schools Championships.

These tournaments give younger players the chance to develop their skills, experience competitive match play, and be part of the wider volleyball community at the school. The junior program plays a vital role in nurturing the next generation of players and ensuring the future of volleyball at Pāpāmoa College is bright.

Looking Ahead

Volleyball continues to grow in popularity and participation, with juniors gaining tournament experience and seniors achieving historic results. The 2025 season reflects the passion, teamwork and dedication of players and coaches.

A huge thank you to all our coaches, Mr Jacob, Mr Ormsby, Mr Chanati, Mrs Nowell, Miss van Maanen and Miss Atkins, for your tireless commitment, guidance and support throughout the year.

Volleyball Award Winners

	Most Valuable	Endeavour	Most Promising
Junior B Girls 2024	Videl Harrison	Ellya Fale	Molly Brosnahan
Junior A Boys 2024	Finley Griffin	Sam Mason-Hepi	Tyler Scrivin
Junior A Girls 2024	Kyla Nguyen	Kayla van Wijk	Malia Hough
Senior Girls B	Yasmin Alberts	Nikki Boyte	Milan Garcia
Senior A Boys	Stefan Stephens	Hayden Dyke	Ollie Scrivin
Senior A Girls	Havana Fortes	Siena Ivamy	Maddison Welch

Volleyball Junior A Boys



Volleyball Junior A Girls



Volleyball Junior B Girls



Volleyball Senior A Boys



Volleyball Senior A Girls



Volleyball Senior B Girls





WATER POLO

Teamwork In The Pool

2025 was a solid year for water polo at Pāpāmoa College, building on the Year 9 and 10 team's strong 6th-place finish out of 14 schools at the North Island Cup in Auckland.

In Term 1, four school teams took to the pool, with our senior and Year 7/8 squads competing in the league. Our players faced strong opposition throughout the season and

often had to adapt to smaller squads, gaining invaluable experience and developing their skills. Several close matches in the playoffs highlighted the progress and commitment of everyone involved.

Later in the year, our Year 7/8 team competed at the AIMS Games, testing themselves against some of the top young water polo players in the country.

Thanks to all the students who contributed this year. With a solid foundation in place, we hope to see even more students getting involved in 2026.

Congratulations to Sahara Price, Alaric Bulling, Josh Gardiner, Max Bevington-Crean, and Alex Broadhead, who were selected for Tauranga Water Polo representative teams.

Water Polo Award Winners

	Most Valuable	Endeavour	Most Promising
7/8 Blue (Term1)	Sahara Price	Lincoln McCarthy	Tamsin McHardy
7/8 Orange (Term1)	Spencer Smith	Charlie Wilson	Luca Pickett
Senior Mixed (Term1)	Alaric Bulling	Quade Price	Kayla van Wijk
Senior Girls (Term1)	Lucy McBride	Mila O'Reilly	Georgia Swainson

Water Polo Senior Girls



Water Polo Senior Mixed



Water Polo 7/8 Blue



Water Polo 7/8 Orange





WINTER TOURNAMENT

Pāpāmoa College Winter Tournament 2025

Winter Tournament Week 2025 was a memorable and highly successful week for Pāpāmoa College. With 118 students competing across eight different tournaments, our school was well represented on courts, fields and turf across the country. The pride, determination and spirit shown by our athletes left no doubt that Pāpāmoa College is making its mark on the sporting stage.

Behind every performance was the dedication of our students and the tireless support of coaches, managers, and parents. From early mornings and long travel days to cheering on the sidelines, this combined effort created an environment where our teams could thrive.

Badminton – New Zealand Secondary Schools Championships

For the first time, Pāpāmoa College fielded a composite badminton team, joining with Aquinas College. The boys' hard work and grit paid off as they fought through a competitive draw to be crowned Division 2 National Champions. This title was not only a proud moment for the players but also a milestone for the college.

Basketball – Senior A Boys

The Senior A Boys returned to the AA National Qualifying Tournament determined to learn, grow and compete. Despite being one of the youngest teams at the event, they never backed down. While wins were hard to come by, their resilience and hunger to improve stood out, setting a strong foundation for seasons ahead.

Football – 1st XI Girls

The 1st XI Girls Football team showed how much growth can happen in a year. Returning to the Kathy Seaward Cup, they improved on their 18th place finish in 2024 to climb to 9th in 2025. Their thrilling penalty shootout victory in the final match was a highlight of the week, demonstrating their grit and composure under pressure.

Hockey – 1st XI Girls

Travelling to Whangārei for the Mary Clinton Cup, the 1st XI Girls played some of their best hockey of the year. Their sharp teamwork and determination carried them to five wins out of seven games, securing 7th place overall. The growth and confidence gained over the week were just as important as the final placing.

Hockey – 1st XI Boys

The 1st XI Boys competed at the Founders Cup in Carterton,





embracing the challenges of the tournament with courage and enthusiasm. Although they finished 12th overall, the boys relished the opportunity to test themselves against tough opposition and bonded strongly as a team, making the week a valuable step forward.

Netball – Premier Team

Our Premier Netball team made their long-awaited debut at UNISS in B Grade after promotion last year, and they certainly announced themselves in style. Undefeated after Day 3, the girls battled their way into the Top 8. Although they narrowly missed a semi-final spot, they finished 8th overall, a remarkable achievement in their first season at this level. The pride and belief built from this week will fuel the team as they continue to push boundaries.



Rugby – U14 Colts

Our U14 Colts once again travelled to Wellington for the Hurricanes Rugby Festival. For many, it was their first taste of tournament life away from home, and the experience was unforgettable. On the field, they recorded two wins, one loss, and one draw, while off the field they built bonds that will carry through their rugby journeys.

Rugby – 1st XV

At our home tournament, Rugby by the Beach, the 1st XV finished 6th overall. Injuries meant younger players were called into action, and they rose to the challenge, gaining valuable experience. A highlight came with Ryder Fowler's selection into the Tournament Team, a well-deserved recognition of his efforts.

A heartfelt thank you goes to all of our Year 13 students. Their leadership, commitment, and example, both on and off the field, have been invaluable in shaping the culture of sport at Pāpāmoa College.

Winter Tournament Week 2025 was more than just results; it was about growth, resilience, and shared pride. From thrilling shootouts to first-time experiences away from home, every student contributed to a week they will remember. With strong foundations laid, the future of Pāpāmoa College sport has never looked brighter.



WRESTLING

Grappling for Glory

The New Zealand Secondary Schools National Wrestling Championships were held at Rutherford College in West Auckland on Thursday, 28 August 2025.

Nate Liddle proudly represented Pāpāmoa College a in the 38kg weight division, securing a commendable third place and bringing home the bronze medal.

The event featured over 90 matches throughout the day, with Liston College and Rangitoto College taking out the top intermediate and secondary school titles respectively.

We look forward to building on Nate's success and recruiting more students to represent Pāpāmoa College at next year's championships.



Supreme Awards



Samantha Aitken

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Isabella Mulcahy

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James Ferns

Artistic Excellence and
Wairua Auaha Trophy for Creative Excellence in Drama



Ashton Guitry

Sportsperson of the Year and
Senior Male All-rounder of the Year



Arjon Marsden

Future Pathways Excellence Award



Cairo Kahotea

Maraetanga Award and Cultural Excellence Award

Contribution to School Life Awards



Level 1

Sophia Kim

Emma Snell

Maddison Welch

Keanu Jakeman



Level 2

Quinn Mulcahy

Arwen Christian

Harry Withers

Ashton Guitry



Level 3

Cairo Kahotea

Renee Thomas

Malaelua Matusi

Tony Tavita Iopa

Taylah Medeiros

Ryan Douglas

Service To Community Awards



Emma Snell

Lions Trophy



Amelia McKay

Lions Technology Scholarship



Ollie Scrivin

Lions Collegiate Scholarship



Renee Thomas

Education Trust Scholarships



James Jeffery

Education Trust Scholarships



Special Award

Luke Wadsworth

Pascal Blade Memorial Award

Trades Excellence Awards



James Sarginson

'Spark your Potential'
Electrical Level 2, ETCO



Brody Sutcliffe

IT Support Level 3,
EmployNZ



Hannah Edwards

NZ Certificate in Diving Level 3,
Divezone



Jade Ngaropo

Barbering & Hairdressing Foundation
L2-3, Tauranga Hair Design Academy



Zoe Aitken

Hair, Retail & Beauty Level 2,
Toi Ohomai

Scholarships Awards

Chartered Accountants in Public Practice

Novella Heywood

Massey University Undergraduate School Leavers Scholarship

Isabella Mulcahy

**Waikato University Ko Te Tangata
School Leaver Scholarship**

Isabella Mulcahy, Mandeep Gosal, Finn
Pachoud, Luke Trlin, Hamish Thomas,
Keiran Hayward, Novella Heywood

Vice Chancellor's Access Waikato Scholarship

Carlos Ammon

University of Otago Leaders of Tomorrow Entrance Scholarship

Cove Keenan

Arts Awards



Taylah Medeiros

Artistic Excellence Runner Up



Gemma Nicholson

Wairua Auaha Visual Arts Award
for Excellence



Stella Riley

Wairua Auaha Award for
Musical Excellence



Samantha Aitken

Wairua Auaha Trophy for Excellence
in Dance



Lily Ebbett

Lightwave Art Excellence Award



Maija-Layna Bernard

Manaia Performing Arts
Excellence Award

UC Kaitoko Maori Scholarship

Ava Buchanan

Go Waitaha Canterbury Scholarship

Ava Buchanan

University of Otago Maori Entrance Scholarship

Camryn Adlam

**Te Paewai o te Rangi: The University of Waikato Scholarship
for Outstanding Academic Achievement**

Sophie Blaber
Alex Tilby-Adams

**AUT Find Your Greatness and
Welcome to Auckland Scholarship**

Gemma Nicholson, Poppy Plank,
Jayden Holdaway

Mana Moana Awards

Matua Pere

This year, we held our second Mana Moana evening, celebrating the achievements of our Māori and Pacific Island students and showcasing culture from across Polynesia.

We recognised students in Tama Tū and Mana Kōhine from Year 7 and 8 and also Tama Toa and Mana Wāhine from Year 9 and 10. Highlights from these programs were the Tama Tū programs involvement in the League in Libraries program and their trip to watch the Warriors take on the Dolphins at Go Media Stadium and similarly the Mana Wāhine program going to watch the NRLW 'Wah-hine' team take on the Raiders in Hamilton. These girls got to meet some of the players afterwards including Kayln Takitimu-Cook who had previously worked with some of the girls when she was a Teacher aide at Te Ākau ki Pāpāmoa. Puhi Brown of Tama Tū was a finalist in the league in libraries program with his short story about Aiden Pompey's boots. Gemini-Rose Tuhua-Mohitaka represented the kura at Manu Kōrero. Our Kapa Haka roopu performed after these awards.

Our Pasifika students were recognised for their efforts for cultural representation and also as members of the Pasifika leadership group. This was followed by a Tahitian performance. Members of the Tū Tangata program were also recognised and whānau were invited on stage to present their children who were in Year 13 with small taonga.

Matua Manaia created a tohu for this year's awards of a tauihu which is the prow of a waka. Thai represents progression and forward movement which is applicable for our young people.

A new premier award for cultural excellence was introduced this year. The award is presented to the student who best demonstrates the following traits:

- Recognises a student who actively champions, celebrates, and **affirms the language, identity, and culture.**
- **Demonstrates courage** by advocating for cultural inclusion and confidently representing culture in public forums (assemblies, festivals, competitions).
- **Shows aspiration through leadership** or innovation in cultural events, groups, or initiatives.
- **Displays resilience** by maintaining cultural involvement and pride over time, despite competing commitments or challenges.
- **Empowers others** by supporting peers in developing confidence and pride in their own identity, and by creating inclusive opportunities for cultural participation.
- **Leaves a legacy of strengthened cultural identity and belonging** within the school, recognised by peers, whānau, and staff.

The runner up for this award was head girl Ava Buchanan and the Premier award recipient was Mataatua cultural leader Cairo Kahotea.



Ava Buchanan (13)

Cultural Excellence Award



Zak John (10)

Manaakitanga Award



Ethan Roberts (11)

Kaitātaki Award



Gemini-Rose Tuhua Mohitaka (10)

Māngai Award



Keira Taute (10)

Whanaungatanga Award



Manawa Whareaorere Palmer (Y8)

Kaitiakitanga Award

Sports Awards



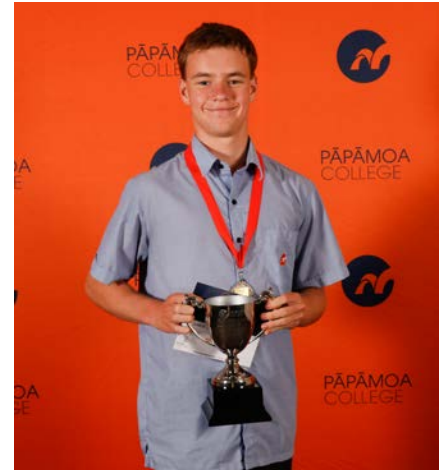
Natahlia Morgan

Sportsperson of the Year (Runner Up)



Kayla Van Wijk

Senior Female All-rounder of the Year



William Chugg

Junior Male All-rounder of the Year



Neve Lynch

Junior Female All-rounder of the Year



Poppy Plank

Student Official of the Year



Year 10 A Netball Team

Junior School Sports Team of the Year



Senior A Boys Volleyball Team

Senior School Sports Team of the Year

Pāpāmoa College Representative Awards 2025

Athletics	Kayla van Wijk
Basketball	Harper Syme
Badminton	Ansen Bee, Priyash Gurung
Cricket	Cruise Green
Football	Finn Pachoud, Caleb Wellsbury, Joshua Williamson
Gymnastics	Karin Aono, Emily Barback, Charlie Standing
Hockey	Arwen Christian, Tristan Lim-Yock, Corlene Van der Spuy, Ryan Douglas
Netball	Yasmin Alberts, Havana Fortes, Sienna Hanley, Siena Ivamy , Sienna Silvester, Lorenzo Tamaki
Powerlifting	Natahlia Morgan
Rugby	Peter Buckton
Swimming	William Chugg
Squash	Quinn Mulcahy
Taekwondo	Holly Gould
Touch	Cam Haggie
Triathlon	Ashton Guitry
Volleyball	Siena Ivamy , Kyla Nguyen, Ollie Scrivin, Tyler Scrivin
Volleyball & Beach Volleyball	Stefan Stephens

Pāpāmoa College Head Students 2026



William Short, Josh Thorpe, Arwen Christian & Millan Garcha

2024 Junior Awards



Sophia Kim

Junior DUX



Emma Snell

Junior Proxime Accessit

Citizenship Awards



Luara Pessoa Mariotti & Benson Ulrich

Year 7



Sadie Willett & Carlos Claxton

Year 8



Layla Clarke & Zeana Meij

Year 9



Videl Harrison & Keanu Jakeman

Year 10

Special Awards

Georgia Goninon

Lions Achievement Award

Lilly Mandeville

Ruru Award, Carved by Bruce French (Year 7/8)

Ash Bartlam

Mangopare Award, Carved by Bruce French (Year 9/10)

Stella Isbister

Junior Female All-rounder of the Year

Keanu Jakeman

Junior Male All-rounder of the Year

7/8MAU1

TEACHER
Miss Tracey Gibson & Whāea Tania Jackson



Absent on the day: Armani Brown

7/8MAU2

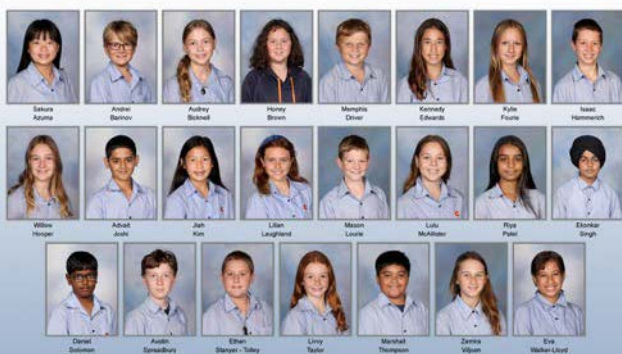
TEACHER
Mr Simon Street



Absent on the day: Locklan Double

7/8MAU3

TEACHER
Miss Tessa Kent



Absent on the day: Malachi Drew, Evelyn Price, Arbj Thind

7/8MAU4

TEACHER
Miss Rebecca Collins



Absent on the day: Jaideep Khehra, Layla Toon

7/8PUK1

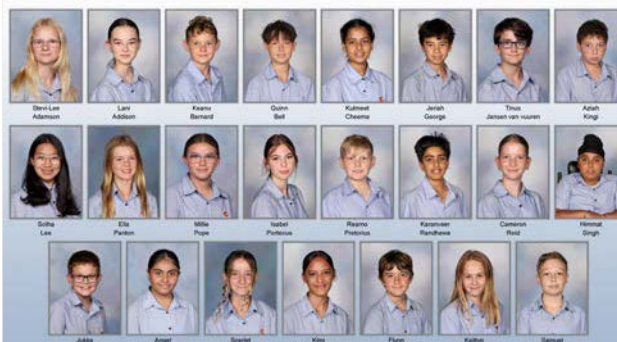
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Mr Michael Wright



Absent on the day: Seoyeon Han

7/8PUK2

TEACHER
Mrs Debra Cornelius



Absent on the day: Taniora Angell, Shyloh Bellamy, Asha Lawson-Ninness

7/8PUK3

TEACHER
Ms Shay Barclay



7/8PUK4

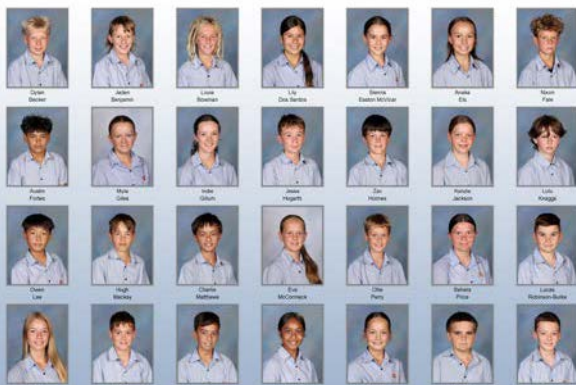
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Mrs Jacqui O'Donnell



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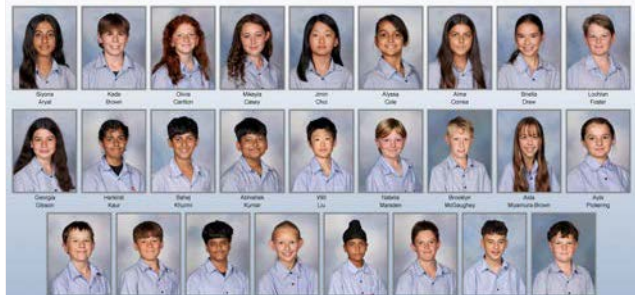
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Ms Haylee Foster



7/8RAN1

TEACHER
Mr Mikaere Dirkse & Miss Simone Donaldson



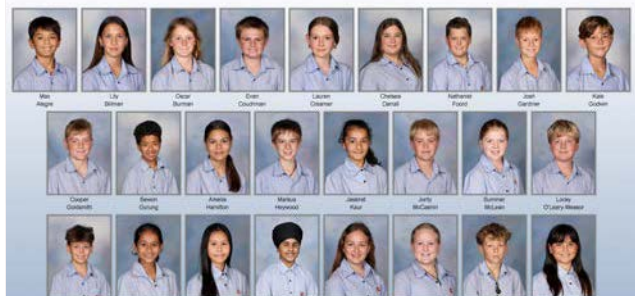
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Miss Tania Hartnell



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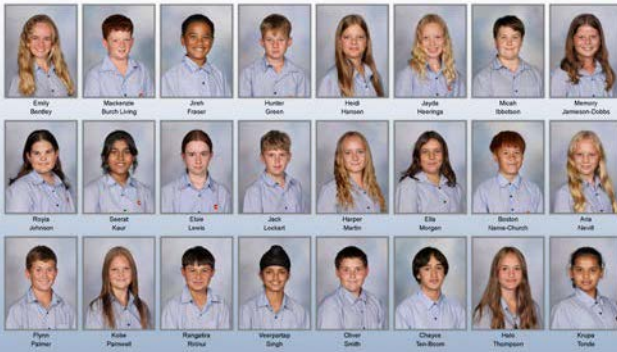
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Mrs Anne-Marie Kendall



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7/8TEW1

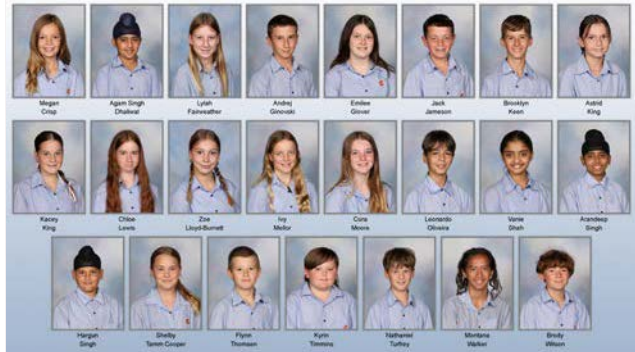
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Mr Luke Sullivan



Absent on the day: Yuvraj Kahlon, Mrinank Kolan, Miami-J Stanton

7/8TEW2

TEACHER
Mrs Natalie van Dijk



Absent on the day: Sadikshya Bhandari, Zakiya Henry, Jaeyoon Kang

7/8TEW3

TEACHER
Mrs Natalie Smith



Absent on the day: Seunghyo Kim, JM Mariano

7/8TEW4

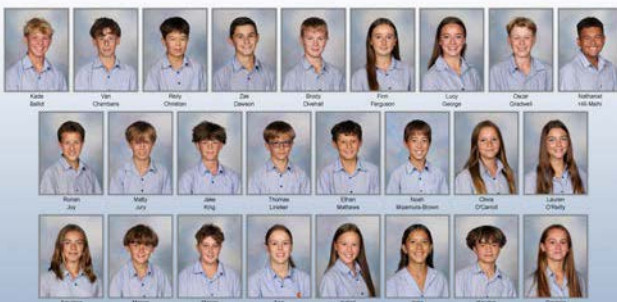
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Mr Warwick Ogilvy



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9LTS1

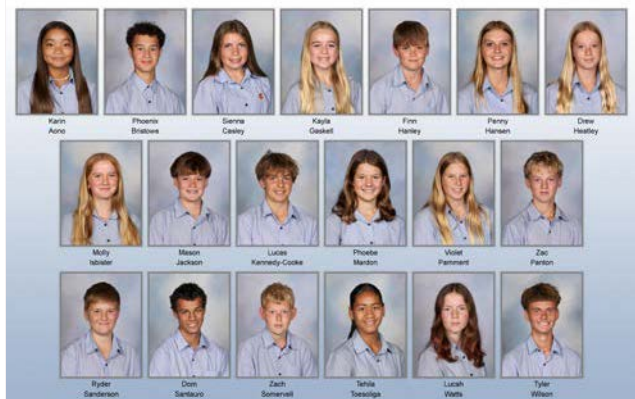
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Mr Kenneth Kilkenny



Absent on the day: Maddi Holder

9LTS2

TEACHER
Mr Andrew Tilby



Absent on the day: Harley Emerson, Jayden O'Connor, Harvey Spillane

9MAT1

TEACHER
Mrs Jaki Lee



Absent on the day: Jack Cantlon, Olivia Short

9MAT2

TEACHER
Ms Katrina Daniela



Absent on the day: Carter Blake, Aishleen Dhillon, Emily Lewis

9TA11

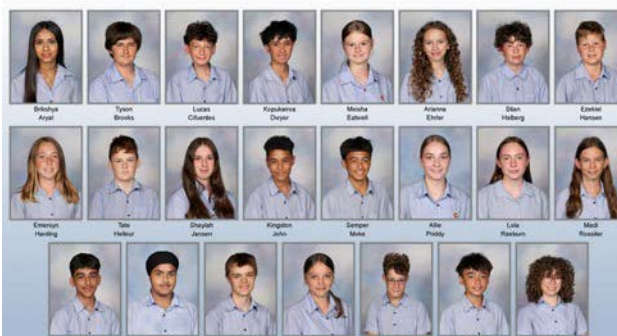
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Mr Geoffrey Barber



Absent on the day: Renato Reyes-Jimenez

9TA12

TEACHER
Matua Anaru Taute



Absent on the day: Gurleen Kaur, Poomjai Srivanich

9TAK1

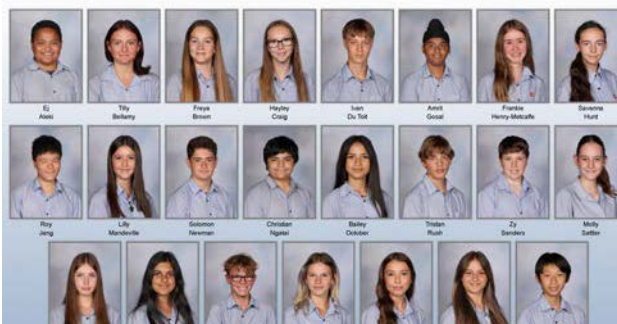
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Mrs Cheryl Jensen



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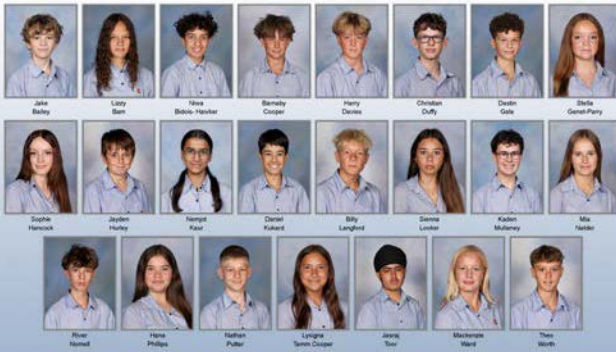
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Mr Dave Andrews



Absent on the day: Anneka Forlong, Andy Kim, Yuan Pattarapradit, Esmay Stanyer-Tolley

9TEA1

TEACHER
Mr Jess Sarah



Absent on the day: Kale Carter, Aanya Chauhan, Jaylah Lehal-Ruri, Te Wairua-Hūmārie Putohe, Brishaan Singh

9TEA2

TEACHER
Mrs Claire Vining



9TEA3

TEACHER
Mr Jason McNamara



Absent on the day: Ryken Cole, Jassdeep Singh

9/10TEPA

TEACHER
Whaea Danielle Reeves



Absent on the day: Eli-Jahr Mani-Thompson, Micah Mani Thompson

10LTS1

TEACHER
Mr Allen James



Absent on the day: Ollie Johnson, Faith Theologidis

10LTS2

TEACHER
Mr Daniel Groot



Absent on the day: Abigail Ball, Emily Barback, Sam Mason-Hepi

10MAT1

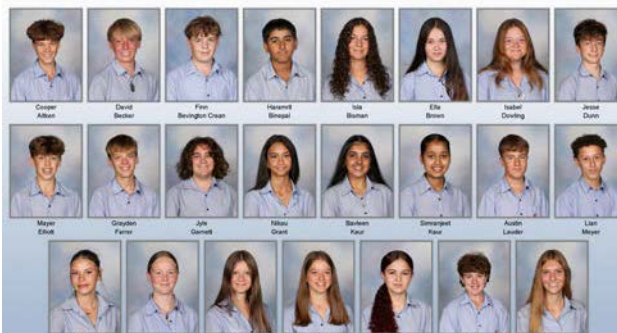
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Mrs Mandeep Kaur



Absent on the day: Hana Kono, Enzo Waters

10MAT2

TEACHER
Mr Craig Budd



Absent on the day: Charlie Given, Dion Kati, Luidhy Nunes, Aysha October, Kieran Rossiter, Sebastian Welsh, Malibu-Fereni Worters

10TAI1

TEACHER
Mr Tim Rogers



Absent on the day: Lucas Bettridge, Amber Nel, Cam Verhoeven, Maddy Williamson

10TAI2

TEACHER
Ms Natasha Rosier



Absent on the day: Sienna Wilson

10TAK1

TEACHER
Ms Aoife McAdden



10TAK2

TEACHER
Mrs Sophie Enefer



Absent on the day: Semin Jung

10TEA1

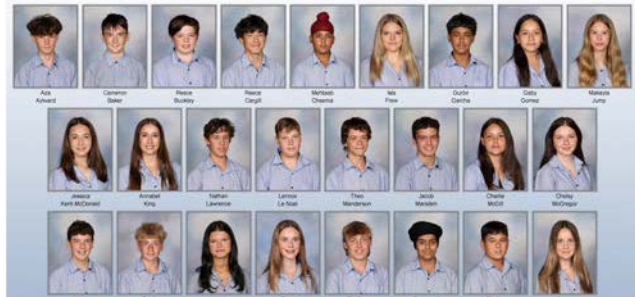
TEACHER
Ms Pippa Russell



Absent on the day: Tu Whakarae Walker

10TEA2

TEACHER
Mr Marc Lambert



Absent on the day: Xander Oosthuizen, Quade Price, Gurmanjot Singh

11MAT1

TEACHER
Mrs Kylie Price



Absent on the day: Apple Feng, Brooklyn Morrison

11MAT2

TEACHER
Miss Rochelle Bishop



Absent on the day: Aroha Hardy-Perawiti, Gené Pretorius

11MAT3

TEACHER
Mr Benjamin Jackson



Absent on the day: Dan Biddle, Cienna Ramanui, Matilda Reyes-Jimenez

11TA11

TEACHER
Mr Ali Khorasanee



11TAI2

TEACHER
Mr Zane Winslade



11TAK1

TEACHER
Mr Ian Marais



Absent on the day: Ella McCarrison

11TAK2

TEACHER
Mr Warwick Deverson



Absent on the day: Ryan Allan, Martin Lowen

11TAK3

TEACHER
Mr Rhett Snell



Absent on the day: Joziah Jackson

11TEA1

TEACHER
Mrs Annetjie Sevenster



Absent on the day: Louis Brown

11TEA2

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Ms Mee Lee Yap



Absent on the day: Tatana Heke-O'Brien, Archer Sullivan, Chloe Tidswell

12MAT1

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Mrs Jacqueline Nell



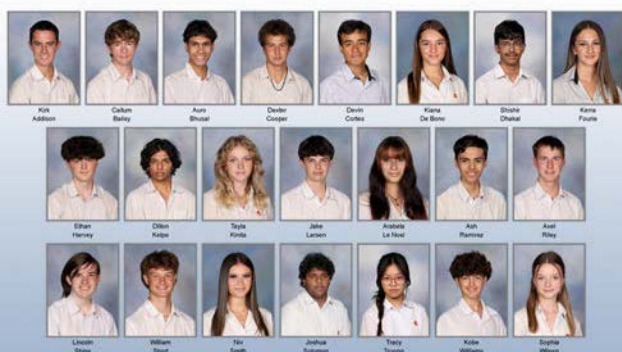
12MAT2

TEACHER
Ms Kylie Greer



12MAT3

TEACHER
Miss Stephanie Brackstone



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12TAI1

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Mr Lian Soh



Absent on the day: Felipe Ribeiro

12TAI2

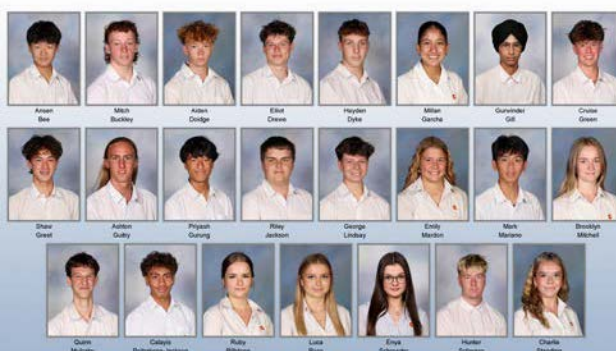
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Mrs Ute Poelman



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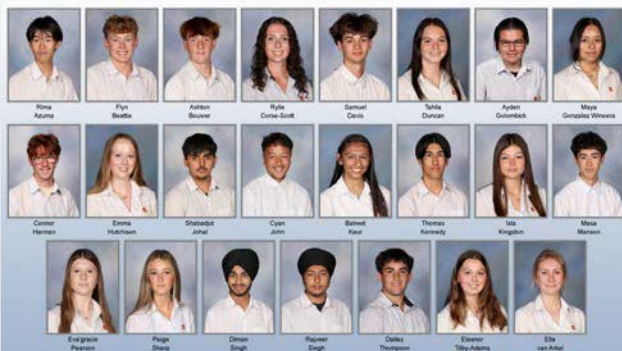
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Ms Caitlin Reid



Absent on the day: Jack Godwin

12TAK2

TEACHER
Mrs Karyn Winters



12TEA1

TEACHER
Mr Aaron Chi



Absent on the day: Ella Blake, Aqualahzae Potae

12TEA3

TEACHER
Miss Daria Atkins



13MAT1

TEACHER
Mrs Annie McCreary



Absent on the day: Rey Gernhoefer

13MAT2

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Whaea Tania Lewis-Rickard



Absent on the day: Joe Bradley, Luka Johnstone, Corban Turvey

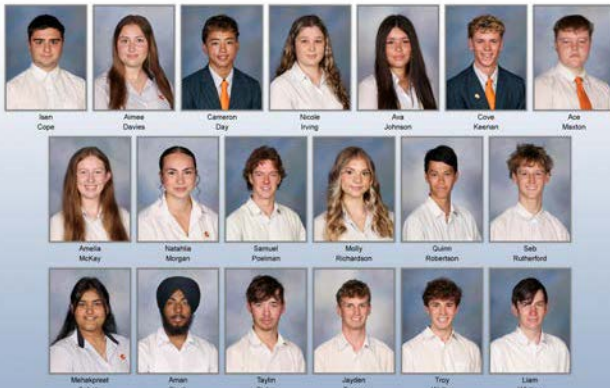
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Mr Abdal Chanati



13TAI2

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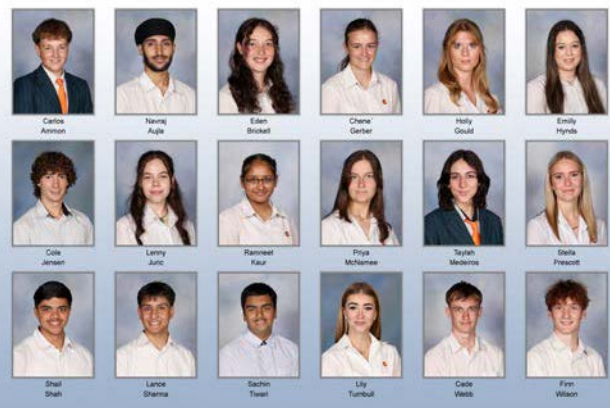
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Mr Nathan Harris



Absent on the day: Taelor Booth, Brooke Laskey, Skyeann Murray, Carly Woolrich

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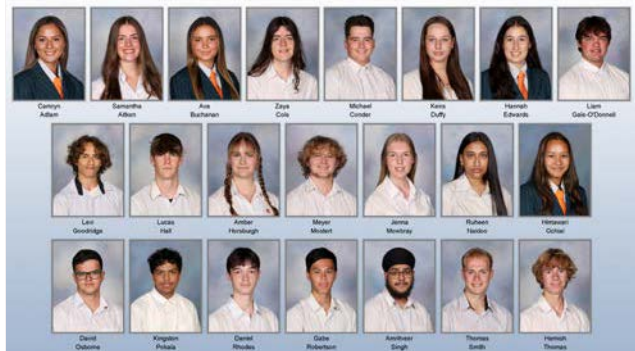
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Mr Alex Leaf



Absent on the day: Jaea Bartlett, Rivah Fisher, Bowen Webster

13TEA1

TEACHER
Mrs Suzie Rowe



Absent on the day: Stefan Stephens

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TEACHER
Matua Manaia Harawira



TSS

TEACHER
Mr Shane Bradstreet, Mr Brendon Oats & Ms Jennifer Banks



Pasifika

TEACHER
Mrs Nicole Needham



Absent on the day: Hollis Pelasio

Student Leaders



Year 13



Back Row: Latoya Bristowe, Lauren Napral, Anshika Lata, Chené Gerber, Nicole Irving, Amber Horsburgh, Ava Watts, Lily Smith, Marcella Mendes McKelvie, Molly Richardson, Mya Pharo
 6th Row: Maddison Taepa, Sienna Raeburn, Kobi Guttery, Maddison Wise, Amy Bell, Maija-Layna Bernards, Nicola De Chasteigner Dumée, Lily Turnbull, Finn Isaac, Priya McNamee, Ace Maxton, Cherise Viljoen, Jemma Gillanders, Tia Te-Riini, Amandah Kautai, Aurora Sangster, Eden Brickell, Anja Edgington, Frida Birnie, Sam Jury, Maia Harper
 5th Row: Ava Johnson, Ella Hammond, Sergio Champness, Riley Aboo, Manaia Martin, Quinn Robertson, Amelia Cottle, Emily Hynds, Isabella Mulcahy, Taylin Styles, Finn Pachoud, Ollie Thorpe, Kieran Hayward, Thomas Smith, Jae Dyson, Isen Cope, Sab Goldstone, Aman Singh, Gabe Robertson, Seb Rutherford, Samantha Aitken, Cienna Boyd-Zame
 4th Row: Cade Webb, Shail Shah, Saurav Raut, Sachin Tiwari, Ruby Bell, Cole Jensen, Holly Gould, Finn Wilson, Jasleen Kaur, Joel Hudson, Kupa Ohia, Kingston Pokaia, Sophie Blaber, James Jeffrey, Amelia McKay, Mehakpreet Sahota, Zaya Cole, Keira Duffy, Reuben Pretorius, Troy Walter, Daniel Rhodes
 3rd Row: Lochie Wilson, Navraj Aujla, Corbyn Minchin, Finley Sullivan, Michael Conder, Taylor Rush, Liam Gale-O'Donnell, Blake Morrison, Ollie Scriven, Ollie Greenlees, Charlie Crawford, Liam Whiting, Rylan Layne, Connor Murtagh Fahey, Luka Moffitt, Samuel Poelman, Ryan Bonis, Zayne Tutaki, Ryan Douglas, Luke Trlin, Hamish Thomas, Lance Sharma
 2nd Row: Mackenna Drew, Tara Snare, Christina Aryal, Natahila Morgan, Jenna Mowbray, Baylee Adamson, Prapti Siwakoti, Brooke Arnold, Lily Ebbett, Himawari Ochial, James Ferns, Taylah Medeiros, Gemma Nicholson, Aimee Davies, Abby Renwick, Tamara du Toit, Lenny Juric, Novella Heywood, Ruheen Naidoo, Stella Prescott, Gianna De Carvalho
 Front Row: Keira Smith, Camryn Adlam, Carlos Ammon, Cameron Day, Malaelua Matusi, Corlene Van der Spuy, Alex Tilby-Adams, Ryder Fowler, Pere Durie (Associate Principal), Renee Thomas, Cove Keenan, Ava Buchanan, Jayden Holdaway, Iva Ropati (Principal), Ilai Walker, Tayla Stowers, Arjon Marsden, Tavita Iopa Tavita, Hannah Edwards, Jade Kahika, Poppy Plank, Cairo Kahotea
 Absent: Jaea Bartlett, Harleen Binepal, Taelor Booth, Cameron Brokenshire, Rivah Fisher, Rey Gernhoefer, Levi Goodridge, Mandeep Gosal, Zac Griffin, Lucas Hall, Tonymoy Iopa Tavita, Ramneet Kaur, Brooke Laskey, Lachlan McCarthy, Jade McGregor, Finn McKenna, Meyer Mostert, Skyeann Murray, David Osborne, Rajdeep Randhawa, Travis Reddy, Amritveer Singh, Ruby Smith, Stefan Stephens, Adrian Stols, Brody Sutcliffe, Jayden Tracey, Corban Turvey, Quinn Vernon, Bowen Webster, Caleb Wellsbury, Kharn Wilson, Carly Woolrich





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