



## Principal's Perspective

Following on from our highly successful 2015 NCEA results, we had the opportunity on Monday, to celebrate those students who received Merit, and Excellence Endorsements. We are very proud of our students' achievements, and I would like to acknowledge all students who worked to the best of their ability, regardless of the level of achievement they received. I would also like to thank the parents/caregivers/whanau members who were able to attend, and share in our acknowledgement of the academic success.

Although we are doing very well with student achievement, not all groups within the school are consistently achieving at the same high level. It is important we identify where this is happening, and look at ways in which we can make improvements. An example of this, is that this week, four senior staff have been participating in the wananga at the Rehua Marae, which forms part of our school-wide professional learning and development, to support the raising of Maori achievement. The programme is called Kia Eke Panuku – "Building on Success", and is currently being implemented by approximately 70 secondary schools across the country. Its aim is to improve our understanding of cultural responsiveness and relational pedagogy, and use this to support improving academic outcomes for our students.

Unfortunately the weather did not play its part for our Athletics Sports this year, resulting in the cancellation of the event. The Canterbury Athletics Championships will be held next week, and this will, at least, give our top athletes an opportunity to compete.

We wish them all the best for the competitions ahead.

Jeff Smith  
Principal

## Easter Break

Since the introduction of the four term year, the Easter holidays have always been a part of the first term break. However, this year Easter is early, and the Easter holidays occur during term time.

Our school, like every other school in New Zealand, will be **closed on Good Friday (25th March), Easter Monday (28th March), and Easter Tuesday (29th March).**

## Mufti Day

There will be a special Mufti Day on Friday 18th March. Students will be fundraising to help to the victims of Cyclone Winston.

Cyclone Winston was the strongest tropical cyclone to make landfall over Fiji on record.

### Papanui High School Rugby 2016

Preseason Trainings and registrations have begun for all grades U14-U18.

Register online at [www.merivalepap.co.nz](http://www.merivalepap.co.nz) or see Miss Jones at the Sports Office for a registration form.

For more info on registrations, training times, prizes, events, and much more, join us on facebook at "Papanui High School Rugby"

## The Week Ahead

### MARCH

Monday 14	Year 10 – 13 Academic interviews Secondary Schools' Golf tournament
Tuesday 15	Year 10 – 13 Academic interviews Geo31F trip Canterbury Athletics prelims
Wednesday 16	Year 10 – 13 Academic interviews Geo31F trip
Thursday 17	Jnr - 2 weekly Engagement reports Polyfest Fia fia World Vision Youth conference Y 10 – 13 Academic interviews
Friday 18	MUFTI DAY Year 10 – 13 Academic interviews Band Camp
Saturday 19	Secondary Schools' Athletic finals Band Camp
Sunday 20	Band Camp

## Year 12

This year has started very differently for our Year 12 cohort than ever before. When NZQA results came out, many quickly logged in to see how they went in their first year of NCEA. Would the hard work and determination they showed throughout the year pay off? or, would they feel the first real disappointment of perhaps not applying themselves as they should have throughout the year? The results they received last year were excellent, and students should be proud of the efforts they made. Many have come back already thinking about their plans for 2016, and planning whether they will attempt to gain NCEA Level 2 with a Merit or Excellence endorsement.

It was a real pleasure to have been part of the Academic Assemblies on Monday. The number of students that achieved Merit or Excellence endorsement was exceptionally high, and students were extremely well behaved during this formal event. It was wonderful to see so many parents in attendance.

In a year where work is set at a level harder than before, it is essential that students develop good habits to ensure they experience success in NCEA. It has been pleasing to see the majority of students already taking their learning seriously. The Engagement Reports have been running since Week 4, and many of the Year 12's have maintained a consistent 3 average. Those who may have dropped slightly have also made a concerted effort to try and improve. Over the past two weeks students have undergone their first Academic Counselling sessions, where they have been looking at setting goals for the remainder of the year. These goals will be discussed at Conference Day on Thursday June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*Whāia te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe me he maunga teitei*

*Seek the treasure you value most dearly: if you bow your head, let it be to a lofty mountain. Be persistent and don't let obstacles stop you from reaching your goal.*

Lynette Starr  
Year 12 Dean

## Academic Assemblies

On Monday we held our Academic Assemblies to acknowledge the achievement of our Level 1 and 2 NCEA endorsement recipients. Each year the number of endorsements received by students at Papanui High School has steadily increased. We look forward to this trend continuing as our school systems evolve to support students in an academic capacity. It was also very pleasing to see a large number of parents coming to support their children at these assemblies.

The guest speaker was Jess Fiebig, an ex-pupil who attended Papanui High School from 2004-2008. In her final year at school, Jess was the Head Girl, and had interests in Amnesty International and a flair for the Arts, particularly Drama. Following school, Jess studied Political Science at the University of Canterbury, before securing her current employment, working for MP Megan Woods. Jess spoke about the 'weak ties' people form with others, and how these ties play such an important role in helping people find suitable employment. We are very proud of Jess' achievements, and thank her for taking the time to come back to inspire our current students. Her engaging speech gave a clear message to our students about the complex journey to finding employment, that truly reflects one's personal goals and aspirations.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the endorsement recipients for their outstanding achievements. I am certain they will be as proud of themselves as we are of them.

Lynette Archer  
Assistant Principal



## Engagement Reports

### Change of day for Engagement Reports being emailed home

Please note that Engagement Reports will now be sent home by email on Thursdays, as opposed to Fridays, which has been the practice up until now. The reason for the change is to ensure we have accurate attendance data for our students, some of which are involved in CPIT or other courses on Thursdays and Fridays.

We hope you continue to find this 'Engagement' information valuable. Please note that if you wish to talk to your child's subject teacher about their academic progress, you are encouraged to do so. The best means of contact for this is via email.

## Academic Counselling

Academic Counselling (AC), is a collaborative approach to improve academic outcomes for *all* students. It aims to personalise an appropriate learning pathway for each student, and helps track individual academic progress. Using the AC process, students are able to set relevant goals to ensure success. It takes into account students engagement reports, achievement, and attendance data.

### Student Interviews – Year 10 -13

Next week, we begin our Academic Counselling Student Interviews. Students have been prepared for this through a recent extended form time, where each student completed an AC Interview Preparation Sheet. This sheet provided students with a chance to reflect on their previous achievement and engagement, to set their 'Academic Goal' for 2016. Following on from this we have held our Academic Assemblies on Monday for Years 11- 13.

Over the next three weeks, all students from Years 10-13, will have a 10 minute interview with their Academic Counsellor. During this time, they will formalise their Academic Goal for the year, discuss their current engagement and achievement, to ensure they are on track to achieve their personal best. It would be useful to ask your child about their interview, and discuss their goal and how they will go about reaching it.

### AC Conference Day

Conference Day has become a permanent feature in our school calendar, and allows parents/caregivers to partake in the collaboration of AC. This day continues to be a very successful and productive, and receives an immense amount of support from our parent community. This year Conference Day will be held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, and details relating to this day will be available early next term. Please ensure you keep some time available on this day to come in to support your child during their conference.

Lynette Archer  
Assistant Principal

## Adult ESOL Students



This week our topic is camping, so yesterday, Phil Washbourn, the Papanui High School Outdoor Education teacher, taught us how to put up tents. We found it was not difficult to put them up, and it was interesting. We were worried that it would be too difficult, but we realised we could do it. We think we will try it one day with our family or friends.

Written by: Rona Tsai and Soog Hee Moon—15 Wmm

## Year 13 Conference Day

Last Thursday, all Year 13 students were fortunate to have a Conference Day at universities around Christchurch. We began our morning at CPIT, where several speakers shared their wisdom and experience. A representative from ASB spoke to us briefly about saving our money for university, and potential flattening in the future. Covering the best ways to save and set up bank accounts to ensure we were in the best financial position next year, and throughout our future schooling.

Following this, a panel of former Papanui High students spoke to us about the paths they took after leaving high school, and any challenges they may have faced. This was a great opportunity to hear from people who had gone through the same school system as us, and were having such success after leaving high school. Hearing that it's not always smooth sailing, reassured us that not knowing what path we want to take is not always a bad thing, as it keeps us open minded to any opportunities that may come our way. Finally, we heard from a panel of current local employers. They gave us an insight into what companies look for when hiring possible employees. The most important message I took from this was, having a positive attitude, being a person who asks questions, is enthusiastic, and is willing to learn.

In the afternoon we were given the opportunity to visit either Lincoln University, Canterbury University, or remain at CPIT to look at courses we may possibly be interested in, or perhaps something we had never considered before. I chose to visit the Education and Sports Science course at Canterbury University. As I was unsure as to what I want to study next year, being able to hear from the lecturers, and have them explain what each course involved, helped me discover what direction interested me most. After talking with other students about the courses they visited, we all agreed that being able to personally visit the universities was very helpful in planning the direction we wanted to take next year, or in some cases what direction we don't want to take. Overall the day was a great success, as we were reminded of the choices available to us, and the many support systems that are there to help us with our decisions. Many thanks to the Careers department for organising such a successful day.

Shani Clark – 13 Wld

## Sport

Our Futsal teams competed at the Regional Secondary Schools' Futsal Tournament last weekend.

The girls started well, beating St Andrew's College 4-3, (a team they had lost 9-3, a couple weeks earlier), lost to Rangiora High 7-2, beat Linwood College 12-1, and Marian College 4-3, to finish pool play in 2nd place. They came up against St Andrew's College again in the semi-finals, but unfortunately lost 4-1, to finish 3rd.

The boys lost their first game 5-1 against St Thomas of Canterbury, beat Shirley Boys' 3-0, and won against Waimea College 4-0, to finish 2nd in their pool. They came up against Lincoln High in their semi-final, and after being down a couple times, the final score was 3-3 at full time. The team lost on penalties and finished 3rd.



Up and coming Events:

- Canterbury Secondary Schools Athletics Champs, Tuesday 15th March, and Saturday 19th March (finals), Rawhiti Domain.
- Canterbury Secondary Schools' Volleyball Champs, Friday 18th March - Sunday 20th March, Pioneer Stadium.
- South Island Secondary Schools' Touch Champs, Saturday 19th March and Sunday 20th March, Sheldon Park, Belfast.

Reminders:

Netball Trials for juniors will be held Week 9, Wednesday 30th March 2.30pm, school Netball Courts.

Senior Netball Trials will be held Week 9, Thursday 31st March, 2.30pm school Netball Courts.

Junior Boys' Basketball trials will be held on Friday the 11th March in the Graham Condon Centre at 2.30pm.

Hilary Jones, Sports Coordinator

*My School, My Success, My Responsibility  
Tōku Kura, Tōku Tiketike, Tōku Haepapa*