



## Principal's Perspective

Dear Parents, Caregivers,

We've reached the end of Week 2 already, and the middle of May. The year seems to be passing us by very quickly, and we're still enjoying unseasonal mild autumn weather. Almost too good to be true.

Students continue to be busy with their learning and co-curricular activities, whilst staff have been busy completing real time reports for senior students, as well as preparing for Open Night on 24th May, and Conference Day on 2nd June. These are key events in our school calendar year, and a lot of work goes into making them a success.

I have been visiting some of our contributing schools this past week with student leader representatives from both Year 9 and Year 13. The feedback has been extremely positive, and these students are wonderful ambassadors for our school. Some of our music and dance students also visited some of these schools on Thursday, as part of an intermediate schools' music tour. The feedback again has been very positive.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Papanui High School, and we look forward to seeing you on our Conference day on Thursday 2nd June where you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's academic tutor to discuss their progress and achievement to date.

Mike Vannoort  
Acting Principal

### Important Dates for Term 2

#### MAY

- 16 PTA meet
- 24 Open Evening—6.30pm—8.30pm—**(PLEASE NOTE: All classes will finish at 1.45pm)**
- 26 Board of Trustees meet

#### JUNE

- 2 Conference Day
- 3 Teacher Only Day
- 6 Queen's Birthday holiday
- 13 PTA meet
- 16 Senior Report evening
- 23 Board of Trustees meet

#### JULY

- 1 Senior Ball
- 4-7 Concert Band tour
- 8 Last day of Term 2

### The Week Ahead

- Monday 16 PTA
- Tuesday 17 Stage Challenge
- Wednesday 18 First Aid - COL, CDC, CHF22  
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Winter sports start  
Snr - 2 weekly Engagement reports
- Thursday 19 First Aid- COL, CDC, CHF22
- Friday 20 Snr Art trip to Wellington  
12.30 – Revolution tour concert
- Saturday 21 Rockquest / Snr Art trip to Wellington

### Academic Counselling Conference Day—2nd May

On Thursday the 2nd May we will be holding our annual Conference Day. Conference Day is an extremely important part of our Academic Counselling programme. On this day we will not have our usual timetabled classes; instead students will work independently from home when they are not participating in their interview.

On Wednesday (18th May) you will receive an emailed letter to advise you how to make an appointment for the day. Please prioritise this appointment, and complete the booking process at your earliest convenience. We look forward to meeting with you and your child on Conference Day.

## Year 12

Malcolm X once said, "Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today." With the Year 12 cohort almost one third of the way through the year, many are beginning to realise the importance of getting a good education, and thinking about their pathway once they leave school.

There are so many more options open to students today – education no longer means sitting in a classroom listening to the teacher at the front of the room. It is much more fluid. With a number of students at CTC, and the National Trade Academy for two days a week, students are beginning to experience other alternatives. All Year 12's went to the Careers Expo on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of May, where they were exposed to a number of tertiary providers alongside the Armed Forces and other Polytechnics. While some students have no idea what they want to do in the future, they do need their eyes opened to what is on offer.

Not only are students thinking about their futures, they are fully participating in all aspects of school life. With winter sport starting soon it is really great to see so many students taking pride in representing their school, and being exceptionally successful. We also have a number of Year 12 students in the Stage Challenge. The amount of time, effort and sweat that goes into this event is immense, and the dedication they have shown is something they should be proud of.

It is once again a very busy term, and we look forward to seeing more success from our Year 12 cohort.

Lynette Starr  
Year 12 Dean

## Congratulations

Two former Papanui High School students recently graduated from the University of Canterbury. James Hill and Nicholas Mulligan both graduated with a Master of Commerce degree in Finance with First Class Honours. James attended from 2007 to 2011. He is currently working with PwC in Christchurch. Nicholas attended from 2008 to 2011 and is now working for the Reserve Bank in Wellington.



## Students in the Community

An area of wetland damaged by fire in 2014 was restored to its former glory with help from Papanui High students and the University of Canterbury Student Volunteer Army (SVA). In 2014, vandals drove a car into Halswell Quarry destroying an area of native planting before setting fire to a section of boardwalk.

In March students from Papanui High, alongside the UC SVA, took on the restoration project as part of the SVA's UCan volunteer programme and in the space of a few hours transformed the wetland area. The UCan programme encourages local secondary students to become leaders in their communities through volunteering while being mentored by SVA members.



Despite a rainy day, around 35 Year 12 and 13 students arrived eager to get to work. One crew set about rebuilding the damaged boardwalk, another group cleared around young native plantings and another group used bark mulch to restore the pathway.

Christchurch City Council park rangers Nigel Morritt and Robbie Hewson worked alongside the volunteers.

"It was an amazing effort. In the space of a few hours the volunteers transformed the area. With the boardwalk repaired, track mulched and native plants released, all traces of the fire were gone. The students were full of energy and enthusiasm for the project and were a credit to their schools and the organisation."

*Pictured: Calvin Kruger and Pippa Jerard with a SVA volunteer.*

## Sport

We had some fantastic results from the five swimmers who attended the Canterbury Secondary Schools' Swimming Champs.

- Cassie Wright broke two records; she came 1st in the 16-18 year Girls' 50m Backstroke breaking her previous record from last year of 31.28 seconds, with a new record of 29.39 seconds, Cassie then went on to come first and break the record in the Open Girls' 100m Backstroke with a new time of 1.04.66 (previous was 1.04.78)
- Our Junior Girls 14 year old 200m Freestyle relay came 1st with three swimmers still in the 12-13 year age group. Bella and Ruby Wagenvoord, Courtney Linkhorne, and Claudia Rogers.
- Ruby Wagenvoord finished 4th in the Open Girls' 100m Breaststroke, and won her age group 14 year old girls' 50m Breaststroke, five seconds faster than 2nd place.
- Bella Wagenvoord finished 2nd in the girls 12-13 age 50m Breaststroke and 4th in the open Girl Individual Medley.
- Courtney Linkhorne finished 5th in the Girls' 12-13 50m Butterfly
- Claudia Rogers finished 9th out of 32 swimmers in the Girls' 12-13 age 50m Freestyle.



*Pictured above: Ruby and Cassie*

Saturday Netball got off to a flying start last weekend. The hot weather made it tough on the players, who at quarter time were gasping for water and very red faced.

Six out of seven Papanui High teams came away with wins. The Senior A team had a good first hit out against Marian winning 34 -14, and the Junior A team had a great win 42-4 against Riccarton High School. Both teams will be gearing up for their South Island tournaments later in the season.

Our Papanui/Merivale U14 Boys' Rugby team had a great first game of the season, beating Shirley Boys High School in a high scoring game 48-29.

Despite most Wednesday sports beginning next week, our Senior Boys' Basketball and Football teams are already well into their season, playing their second games this week, The 1st XI Football team had their first win of the season against Riccarton High School, in the Boys Premiere Schools' Football competition. The 5-1 win was a great boost, after narrowly losing to St Andrew's the previous week.

The Senior Boys' Basketball team could not quit clenched two wins in a row this week, after playing Christ's College on Tuesday night. The boys fought hard the entire match and the scores were locked at full time, the match then went into overtime. After slogging it out for an extra 10 minutes unfortunately Christ's College took the win by just 8 points.

**Fundraising Information Night:** On Monday the 16th of May at 7pm Papanui High School will be holding an information night about the fundraisers on offer for sports teams travelling away on tournaments, music trips, and any other school related activity that may be of a significant cost to you and your family.

We currently have on offer the AMI Clean up and Riccarton Mall Car Park. Please join us to receive for more information in G1 (Study Center). Parents and students welcome.

**Reminder:** All students playing Basketball this year must wear a mouth guard during the game. These can be purchased at the Warehouse for only \$5.00. Students without a mouth guard will be unable to take the court.

### **Up and Coming events:**

**Canterbury Secondary Schools' Road Race Champs Thursday 19th May, Hagley Park.**

**Canterbury Secondary Schools' Cross Country Champs Tuesday 31st May, Halswell Quarry**

Hilary Jones  
Sports Co-ordinator

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Thank you for your support!

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*Our aim is simple....to provide the best education possible for every student"*

**OPEN NIGHT**  
**Tuesday 24th May 6.30pm**  
The evening will consist of an address from the principal and student representatives, followed by guided tours of the school's facilities.

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**Applications for enrolment are due by Friday July 29th**

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