



Principal's Perspective

Dear Parents, Caregivers,

On Wednesday evening I had the pleasure of attending the Stage Challenge competition for 2016 held at the Horncastle Arena, where Papanui High School were competing against 14 other schools. Papanui's performance was outstanding, and resulted in them winning six of the nine categories, and gaining second place overall. Congratulations to the staff and over 100 students involved, for all their hard work and outstanding achievement.

Next Tuesday evening is our 'Open Night', where we welcome prospective parents and students to view our wonderful facilities, and see the school 'in action'. We look forward to hosting all visitors, and thank the hundreds of students who will be helping as guides and subject helpers. A reminder that school will finish at 1.45pm on Tuesday 24 May to allow staff and students to prepare for the Open Night.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Papanui High School.

Nga mihi nui
Mike Vannoort
Acting Principal

Board of Trustee Elections—2016

Nominations for parent representatives closed at 12.00 noon today, with eight nominations received, which is very encouraging.

Voting papers will be sent to all parents by Wednesday 25th May, with voting closing at 12.00pm on Friday 3 June. I urge you all to vote to ensure Papanui High School has the best available board representatives governing our school.

Mike Vannoort
Acting Principal

The Week Ahead

Monday 23

Tuesday 24 Cross country Periods 2 – 4
School finish at the end of Period 5
OPEN NIGHT – 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Wednesday 25 First Aid - OE22F
Jnr - 2 weekly Engagement reports
Y13 Otago Uni Liaison – Period 4

Thursday 26 First Aid - OE22F
Cross country back up day
Spacpac supreme awards

Friday 27

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE DAY – Thursday 2nd June 2016

BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN

Please visit the below website to book your interview for Conference Day...

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

The event code is: **sgtfq**

Conference Day is an extremely important part of our Academic Counselling programme. On this day, the school will not run its usual time tabled classes. Instead, individual 15 minute meetings slots will be available for you to discuss your child's academic progress. Students are only required to be at school for their 15 minute appointment and are to undertake independent study from home for the remainder of the day. However, if your child requires supervision, the study centre will be open from 8.30am -2.30pm.

Students are expected to attend their conference with their parents/caregivers, and it would be greatly appreciated if you could prioritise this meeting as an absolute 'must attend'. Students can wear smart casual clothing, rather than school uniform on the day.

Further information explaining the booking process has been emailed/posted to you. However, if you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

We look forward to discussing your child's academic progress with you.

Year 13

Term 2 is already proving to be just as busy as Term 1, and as I have come to expect, it is tremendous to see so many Year 13 students involving themselves in the co-curricular life of the school. The formal part of peer support has concluded, but many students are still visiting Year 9 subject classes and form times to keep the connections they have developed with the students. Recently I had the pleasure of being able to watch students involved in various groups; such as the Pacific Island Culture group, Futsal, Stage Challenge, and Netball preseason training. It is also pleasing to see the number of highly motivated students who have put their hands up to support the organisation of the school formal (more information will be in future newsletters), leavers gear, and the leavers journal. If any parents have any event planning resources please contact me.

It seems amazing to me that students who were Year 9, what seems like yesterday, are now making final preparations to leave school, and start work or study. It is fantastic that so many have such a clear idea of what they want out of Year 13, and what the next steps are, and we will continue to support them the best we can. Perhaps, more importantly, are those that are not sure what they want to do beyond school. We will continue to support them too, and encourage them to engage with the Careers department. I suggest that they start talking to family and friends to ask; what study have they done? What jobs do they do? These questions can help plant seeds that the careers department can nurture. Academic Counselling is continuing this term, and is getting further supported by our annual Conference Day. It can be easy to think that by Year 13 you have heard it all, but there is important information to be discussed on this day, and I strongly encourage all parents/caregivers to attend with their children.

Rachel McConnel
Year 13 Dean

Early Finish for Open Night, and Teacher Only Day

As indicated on the school's website, and in the letter sent home, please note that: on **Tuesday 24th May** the school day will finish at the end of Period 5 (1.45pm) to enable staff to prepare for Open Night. **Friday 3rd June** is a Teacher Only Day. The school will be closed for instruction, as all teachers will be involved in work around Kia Eke Panuku which supports the strategic direction of the school as outlined in our charter. **This means that students will not be required to attend school on FRIDAY 3rd June.**

MONDAY 6th JUNE — is a public holiday for Queen's Birthday and the school will be closed.

University Information Evenings

Parents and students and whanau are invited to two information evenings.

1. Auckland University - Monday May 30th at the Addington Raceway, Metropolitan Stand, from 7.30pm - 9.00pm. Register attendance at least 24 hours prior to the event at www.auckland.ac.nz/parentseminar
2. Victoria University - Thursday June 19th at Chateau on the Park from 6.00pm - 8.00pm.

Both presentations will discuss undergraduate programmes, entry requirements, scholarships campus life, and more.

Sport

Thursday saw the annual Canterbury Secondary Schools' Road Race Champs at Christchurch Agricultural Park. It was a new course, and a new venue, but that didn't stop the Papanui athletes crossing the finish line with some great results.

Goiteom Gebremedihin finished 2nd in the Senior Boys' 4km race, with a time of 16.10 minutes, and Laura Clarke finished 12th in the Under 16 Girls' 3km race. Our Kimi Ora students had some fantastic results: Finn Pollock, 1st, 3.44, Jacob Lowson, 2nd 3.51, Carl Te Huia 3rd 4.20, Jason Smith 6th 4.35, Josh Christie 10th 5.13, Michael Davies 11th 5.19, and Liam Pasfield 12th 5.46. Elaina Asi 1st 6.51 AWD Girls.

Wednesday sport kicked off this week, with a flurry of activity around the school. The Junior Boys' Football team came up against St Andrew's in a well played match from both teams, and won 3-1. Our mixed Squash team had their first win against Cashmere High School, with some new players this year, it was great to see them trying a new sport and succeeding.

Wednesday was also the annual College Day Rugby Day for schools in the Canterbury region. This is a great tournament to kick the season off, to help bond and form team dynamics, before the nitty gritty part of the season gets under way. Our girls' team combined with six players from Westland High. Despite not winning a game, the girls had a great time, and were able to put their skills to the test. They are now looking forward to potentially going to the Girls' Rugby Festival in Timaru later in the season.



Reminder:

Club day for Rugby and Netball on Saturday. To all students who play Rugby or Netball for school, we would love to see you at the club rooms at 5.00pm on Saturday the 21st May, located on Sawyers Arms Rd, Papanui Club Bowling Club behind the Papanui Club. Prize-giving to commence at 5.30pm

Up and Coming events:

School Cross Country Tuesday 24th May

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

Canterbury Secondary Schools' Gymnastic Champs Tuesday 14th June

Hilary Jones

Sports Co-ordinator

Congratulations

Former student, Lucy Wyma (2010—2014), has joined the ranks of the world's elite supermodels, signing with an international agency with a track record of recruiting superstars. Lucy has signed with IMG Sydney, a division of global talent agency IMG International. Models who are currently or have formerly been signed to the agency include Gisele Bundchen, Miranda Kerr and Kate Moss. The deal has been hailed as the biggest signing for a Christchurch model in recent memory. She is now walking the runway at her first international event, Sydney's Mercedes Benz Fashion Week.



Modelling was a secondary goal for Lucy, who is a working actress. While still at Papanui High, Lucy had a leading role in *Hope and Wire*, a dramatic three-part series about the Canterbury earthquakes, and had aspirations to continue her acting career.

Lucy will return to Christchurch after the show. Despite interest from New York, she said she would build her portfolio in Sydney so she could be closer to home.

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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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www.papanui.school.nz

Applications for enrolment are due by Friday July 29th

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