



Principal's Perspective

Tuesday saw our annual Adult ESOL students' international food fair. I would like to thank them for their ongoing commitment to this event. Staff and students alike were treated to a fabulous selection of food, from a variety of countries. As we all know, food can be a strong barrier breaker, and often serves as a positive introduction to gaining some knowledge around a country's culture. By the lengths of the queues, everyone thoroughly appreciated having the opportunity to have something slightly different for lunch.

On Friday, a student council lead mufti day was held, with funds raised for the victims of the Fiji's Cyclone Winston. It is wonderful to see a strong sense of social responsibility in action by our students and staff. We have lasting memories about the importance of supporting those in need. Almost \$2,800 was raised, and I am sure it will be a valuable contribution to the big picture of helping the people of Fiji.

Over the weekend many students will be participating in a number of sporting and cultural events, these include Band Camp in Hanmer, Canterbury Polyfest, at Westminster Park, St Albans, Canterbury Secondary Schools' Athletics Champs, on Saturday at Rawhiti Domain, Canterbury Secondary Schools' Volleyball Champs, Friday - Sunday at Pioneer Stadium, and the South Island Secondary Schools' Touch Champs, Saturday and Sunday at Sheldon Park, Belfast. We wish them all the best.

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).**

PTA News

The Annual General Meeting of the PTA will take place on Monday 21st March at 7,00pm in the school's staffroom. All parents and caregivers are welcome.

The PTA uniform team are now holding three sales each term (weeks, 1, 5, and 9). The next second-hand uniform sale will be on Wednesday 30th March, from 2.30pm - 3.30pm. If you have items of uniform for sale, they should be clean and placed in a bag with your name, phone number and bank account details attached to the outside. A form can be obtained from the student office.

The Week Ahead

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| Monday 21 | Year 10 – 13 Academic interviews Period 2 – Y10 Hauroa Bio21F trip Y13 Health day event PTA – AGM – 7.00pm |
| Tuesday 22 | Year 10 – 13 Academic interviews Y13 Health day event Y12-13 Drama trip OED22F Hawden trip |
| Wednesday 23 | Year 10 – 13 Academic interviews OED22F Hawden trip CPIT "Have a go day" |
| Thursday 24 | OED22F Hawden trip Snr - 2 weekly Engagement reports Y 10 – 13 Academic interviews NZ Blood Bank visit |
| Friday 25 | GOOD FRIDAY – School closed |

Year 13

2016 has started on an incredibly positive note. It was fantastic to be able to open our first year group assembly with amazing NCEA results.

- 84.6% of students achieved Level 2.

We were also able to acknowledge these further successes at the Academic Assembly.

- 55 students gained a Merit Endorsement in Level 1.
- 17 students gained an Excellence Endorsement in Level 1.

They say that it takes a village to raise a child, and it is nice to see students beginning to acknowledge the contributions that others are making to their academic successes. Students at our Academic Assemblies were obviously proud to have parents/caregivers and grandparents there to share in their special occasion, and on an almost daily basis, students are telling me how one teacher or another went the extra mile to ensure them the success they were striving for.

Again in 2016, students will continue to be supported by their Academic Counsellor. Recently we have asked students to set academic and personal goals for the year, and they have discussed these at the first stage of their Academic Counselling. Most students will continue to be counselled by their form teachers, however some students involved in CTC and NTA, will be mentored by Mrs Cashion, and others will have Matua Joel or Whaea Lee from Whanau, or Ms McLean from the Pasifika form class.

As always, I encourage parent/caregivers to have conversations with their children about their successes and challenges at school. Teenagers can be typically difficult to converse with, but real time reporting data and engagement reports (available on Papnet), are a great starting point. Advice is readily available, so please feel free to contact your child's form teacher, and they can point you in the right direction.

Rachel McConnel
Year 13 Dean

Debating Success

Debating is going from strength to strength at Papanui, and we now have five teams in the Junior and Senior leagues. Last weekend our senior team of Sophie Harrison, Juliet McLachlan, and Chloe Goodsir competed at the Russell McVeigh Canterbury Regional Debating Tournament. This was held at the University of Canterbury and was a tough, full weekend of debating. Our team made light work of it on Saturday, winning all their debates, which saw them go through to the semi-finals on Sunday.

A highlight of the weekend was the announcement of the Canterbury team which will compete at the National Debating Tournament in May. Chloe Goodsir (pictured right) was selected to be on this representative team which is a wonderful achievement. In addition, Sophie Harrison was selected as a reserve for the team. Congratulations to both girls.



Golf News

On Monday 14th of March, Papanui High School entered a team of five students in the Canterbury Secondary Schools' Stroke Play Championships held at McLeans Island Golf Club. The team consisted of Jessica Crosbie (captain) Lara Giddy, Dureh Oh, Kieran Fellowes, and Zac Medland.

The highlight of the day came on the 124m par three 12th hole where Lara (pictured right) struck the perfect tee shot with her eight iron, to record a hole in one. It was her first hole in one, and set her up for a two over par front nine. Lara has moved to Christchurch from the North Island, to take up one of four scholarships offered by Harewood Golf Club for aspiring young golfers. Since joining the club she has made her way onto the Women's Inter-Club team, and is relishing the chance to further her golf game. The "Press" article can be found on the following link <http://i.stuff.co.nz/the-press/sport/77873753/Hole-in-one-for-Papanui-High-School-golfer-Lara-Giddy>



Dureh Oh also had some success with the putter, by sinking two long range puts for a birdie during his round. However it was not enough to come away with the silverware, as a powerful Burnside High School team taking out the title, with Papanui High School finished in 5th place out of 12 teams.

Justin Warren
Teacher in charge of golf

New Zealand Secondary Schools' Symphony Orchestra

Congratulations to Olivia Mae Shakespeare, and Claire Daddiza on their place into this year's New Zealand Secondary Schools' Symphony Orchestra.

Entry to the NZSSSO is by audition, drawing from some of New Zealand's top secondary school orchestral instrumentalists. Each year it receives well over 150 applications for the course which this year involves 117 students and choir.

This is an annual event where successful applicants have the opportunity to represent their school in a full size orchestra. The standard reached each year has remained high, to the extent that full-scale works can be performed. This course is widely regarded as a significant training ground for young players aspiring to membership of the New Zealand Youth Orchestra and ultimately to a career as a professional musician.

Students involved in this course will participate in an intense six-day orchestral course, run by the Christchurch Forte Team of Itinerant Music Teachers (an attached unit of Hagley College) in the second week of the school holidays, culminating in two public performances.

This year's programme once again promises to be vibrant and full of colour, premiering "Sunrise Overture" by Isaac Shatford (Concertmaster Emeritus). We are delighted that Geeny Moon will be our guest soloist, performing Richard Strauss' horn concerto no.1. The orchestra will also be performing Danzon Cubana by Arturo Marquez. The second half of the programme is the magnificent suite by Holst, The Planets.

The Saturday night performance from 7pm on the 23rd April, will be held at St Margaret's College in the Charles Luney Auditorium, Christchurch.

Further details about NZSSSO can be viewed on www.nzssso.com

Sport

Congratulations too Bella Wagenvoord, who competed in Division 2 at the New Zealand National Swimming competition, her results are as follows: 800m Freestyle 2nd, 400m Freestyle 3rd, 50m Backstroke 3rd, 200m Backstroke 7th, 100m Backstroke 7th. Bella was a member in the club relay that won gold twice, and was selected for the regional relay team that also won gold twice.

On Saturday Papanui High competed at the South Island Open Dragon Boat competitions, at Lake Hood near Ashburton. Although the team has only had four paddles this term, a great day was had by all. The team had six races, and knocked ten seconds off its time in the 500m sprint, and then came second in its first race which was a thrilling morale boost for the team. They lost the final by .004 of a second, which was timed by a drone flying over. As usual the students were superb ambassadors.

A big thank-you to Chris Manson the sweep, and to the parents and supporters that went to watch.



Chelsea Oliphant competed in the New Zealand Marching Championships last weekend. Here are the results for her and her team: Title: 2nd Champion Overall New Zealand Senior Team Eclipse Seniors Marching Team 2015-2016 Season,

The team we also gained the following major placings throughout the season: 2nd Technical Drill NZ Champion Team, 2nd Display NZ Champion Team, 2nd Technical Drill South Island Team, 2nd Display South Island Team, 2nd Canterbury Champion Technical Drill Team, and 1st Canterbury Champion Display Team.

Up and coming Events:

- Canterbury Secondary Schools Athletics Champs, Saturday 19th March , 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

**Papanui High School
NETBALL CLUB**



*Play Saturday Netball for Papanui High School in
2016...*



*Preseason training: School Netball Courts
Juniors: Tuesday of Week 4, 23rd Feb 2016
Seniors: Thursday of Week 4, 25th Feb 2016*

*Senior trials: Thursday of Week 8, 24th March 2016
(Papanui High School Netball Courts)*

*Junior Trials: Tuesday of Week 8, 22nd March 2016
(Papanui High School Netball Courts)*

Saturday competition begins: Date coming soon

*See Miss Jones if you have any questions regarding
Papanui High School Netball*

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Tōku Kura, Tōku Tiketike, Tōku Haepapa*