



## Principal's Perspective

Welcome back to our first newsletter following the holiday break. We made a minor breakthrough in regard to our "buildings" over that period. As I am sure you are aware we are still restricted by the Ministry of Education in regard to any building, repairs, and or developments. However, we have been able to repair the floor in the Johns Wing which needed spot levelling, and re-carpeting. We are pleased with the way it now looks. Also during the holidays a large group of students and a number of staff were at school rehearsing for Stage Challenge. We look forward to seeing them perform on the 17<sup>th</sup> May.

We have a very busy first five weeks of the term ahead of us:

- Open Night will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> May from 6.30pm. This will include preparatory visits to our major contributing schools by Mr Vannoort (in my absence), some current Year 9 students (who visit the school they came from), and members of the Head Student team. These begin next week, with a focus on informing potential incoming students of the values and opportunities that Papanui High School can offer, and to encourage them to attend Open Night with their families/caregivers.
- Conference Day will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> June. This day is one distinct opportunity when all three parties (the form teacher, student, and family/caregiver) can actively work together to share a common goal, to support individual students' academic achievement.
- Teacher Only Day on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

I will be away for the next two weeks travelling to China, Vietnam, and Thailand with our International Director, Angela Crow, speaking at schools, to agents, and to families, in relation to our international students. During that time Mr Vannoort will be Acting Principal.

Jeff Smith  
Principal

## Important Dates for Term 2

### MAY

16 PTA  
24 Open Evening—6.30pm—8.30pm  
26 Board of Trustees meet

### JUNE

2 Conference Day  
3 Teacher Only Day  
6 Queen's Birthday holiday  
13 PTA  
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 9	Otago Tertiary Open Day
Tuesday 10	Spacpac speech competitions
Wednesday 11	GRA21F - Ara Institute (CPIT) Jnr - 2 weekly Engagement reports
Thursday 12	Intermediate Music tour – all day Secondary Schools' Road Race GRA21F - Ara Institute (CPIT)
Friday 13	Y12 Careers Expo Combined Assembly P2 and 3 GRA21F – Ara Institute (CPIT)

## 2015 Papanui High School BOT Elections

Nomination forms were posted to parents on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May by CES our returning officer. You should receive these in the next few days. Please note that nominations for trustees close at 12.00 noon sharp on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May. All candidates wishing to stand are encouraged to put forward a profile, preferably through the CES website at [www.cessl.org.nz](http://www.cessl.org.nz)

Voting papers will then be sent to all parents by Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May, with voting for trustees closing on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 12.00 noon, which is the official election day.

## Year 11

It has been heartening to see the number of Year 11s taking leadership opportunities around the school. A large number have enthusiastically volunteered to be guides for the upcoming Open Night. It is also pleasing to see them so involved in the various councils around school. I know a number of students are aiming to be on the Student Leadership team in Year 13, and taking these roles will give them the necessary experience.

I have been reviewing the credits Year 11s received in Term 1. I have been impressed by the large number who have achieved highly so far, these students will have received a congratulatory note from me at either the end of last term or the start of this one.

I also wish to acknowledge some Year 11s who have recently been especially successful. Ruby Wagenvoord 11Mcl won the 14 year old girls' 50 metre breaststroke at the recent Canterbury Swimming Champs, and came 4th in the Open Girls 100 metre breaststroke too. Chloe Hawthorn 11Mrn has been awarded a \$2000 Winding Road Trust Scholarship for academic purposes.

Josie Welch  
Year 11 Dean

## SPACPAC Speech Competition

On Tuesday evening Papanui High School will be hosting this year sPacifiCally Pacific (SpacPac) Speech Competition. We warmly welcome you along to listen to students competing from a range of Canterbury schools. Our Aiga form class will be fundraising for new costumes and will have cakes and savouries available for purchase during the evening. We look forward to an enjoyable evening where we can celebrate the success of our Pasifika students.



## Sport

Over the holiday period some of our Papanui High School Netball students had the opportunity to be hosted by the University of Canterbury, at the Tactix game on Monday the 25th April.

Ten Year 10 girls decorated the Tactix changing rooms, and then walked the players out on to the court. They then joined seven Year 13 Papanui Netball players in the stands, to watch an incredibly intense game against the Mystics, with the Tactix winning 56-55.

We would like to thank Jarrod Robertson and the University of Canterbury for allowing our students this experience, The Tactix players loved what the students did, and they even made it onto their [Facebook page](#). The girls are very pleased to hear that one of the staff members was so impressed, that it was likely the hand written motivation quotes the girls had done, may become a permanent item the team took on the road with them.



Papanui High School had six students participate in the South Island Secondary Schools' Athletics in the Paralympic Events. The effort they put into training at school paid off as each member of the team performed superbly with outstanding results.

Under 16 PAI Liam Pasfield: 1st Shot put, 2nd 100m, 2nd long jump.

Under 16 PAI Jacob Lowson: 1st 100m, 1st 200m, 1st Long jump, 1st 400m.

Under 22 PAI Regan Herbert: 1st Shot put, 1st Discus.

Under 22 PAI Jason Smith: 2nd 200m, 1st Long jump, 1st 100m, 1st Discus.

Under 22 PAI Finn Pollock: 3rd 200m, 2nd 400m, 6th Long jump, 4th Shot put.

Under 22 PAI Joshua Christie: 8th Long jump, 2nd 100m, 1st Shot put, Discus 3rd.

The students hope to travel to Auckland in December to compete at the National Secondary Schools' Athletics.

Last weekend Jade Taylor competed at the New Zealand Karate open. She won 3 gold and 1 silver medal.

Jade reports *"In the team kata my team and I placed first in the 14-17 female division, and 2nd in the 16+ female team kata, we lost against New Caledonia in the final. In my individual 14/15 female kumite I won all my fights and placed first (finally winning against a girl I have never beaten before). Lastly my team won the team kumite, it was a straight final and we won 2-0, with me winning my fight 2-0.*

*I have put my name forward for Oceania's in New Caledonia in September, I don't know if I'm in the team yet but all looks well if I keep getting results like these".*

Winter sport is well under way this week, with our U20 Basketball team kicking off their campaign on Tuesday night against Ashburton College. The team came out firing in their first match of the season to take out the win convincingly 85-67.

Our Senior Boys' Football team played their first match on Wednesday in the Christchurch Schools' Premiere competition against St Andrews. It was a tough first hit out for the reasonably new team, and lost 3-1.

All Saturday Netball and Rugby will begin this weekend. Teams have been training hard over the holidays, and are itching to get out on the field and court.

Friday night Basketball will begin Friday of Week 2, the 13th May, Wednesday sport will begin on Wednesday the 18th of May.

**Fundraising Information Night:** On Monday the 16th of May at 7.00pm, 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 Christmas Riccarton Mall Car Parking. Please join us to receive for more information in G4, the classroom off the school gym. 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 no more than \$5. Without a mouth guard students will be unable to take the court.

**Up and Coming events:**

Canterbury Secondary Schools' Road Race Champs, Thursday 12th May, Hagley Park.

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

Hilary Jones  
Sports Co-ordinator

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