



### Principal's Perspective

Term 3 has now come to an end. It has been a busy term, and there have been a number of occasions requiring staff and parents/caregivers to attend report and course selection evenings. I would like to thank you for supporting these events, and sharing in the responsibility of guiding our students through their schooling.

Last Tuesday the school started its formal 'celebration season' with the Arts and Cultural awards (ACES). It was a wonderful evening, very well supported by students, family/whanau and staff. Our students have performed exceedingly well this year and the evening provided an opportunity to showcase some of the talent and acknowledge success. In Term 4 we will continue the celebrations with the Maori and Pasifika Achievement awards, the Media Awards (Pappies), the Sports Awards, a Courtyard Concert, the Senior Art Exhibition, and Senior Prize Giving (dates listed on page 4).

The School Council lead our traditional Extravaganza Week, culminating last Friday with a Carnival lunch and beautiful warm weather (a report follows).

On the first Monday of the holidays, the school is once again hosting the Positive Ageing Expo. We are proud to be able to support this, and particularly enjoy the opportunity of collaboration both from a community aspect, and from the involvement of our students.

As we move in to the holiday period, it is a timely reminder to senior students, in particular, that this time should be used for revision, and ensuring internal assessments are up-to-date. Maintaining a sense of balance is also important, so this time should include some rest and relaxation.

I am looking forward to Term 4, as we continue to focus on all students achieving to the best of their ability, and enjoy the celebration of our students' successes through to the end of the year.

Jeff Smith  
Principal

## Papanui High School MĀORI & PACIFIKA AWARDS

Thursday October 19<sup>th</sup> 2017 7pm School Hall

It is that time of the year again to recognise the efforts and achievements of our Māori & Pasifika students at Papanui High School. Our awards evening acknowledge academic, leadership, cultural and sporting achievements, while ending the night with our Whānau and Aiga supreme awards.

Our students particularly take pride on the night in performing for their whānau and teachers who have come to support them. Awardees can look forward to receiving their invites via mail/email by the end of the term. We encourage you to attend to support your child/student and enjoy our evening!

**Tickets on sale from Friday 22nd 2017 \$5**

## Theatresports Success

Three year 11 students, Rhys Murdoch, Elliott Latham and Sven Ewans, beat their senior counterparts at the final inter-schools theatresports competition over the weekend.

Papanui High School came out on top against Cashmere High School at the final senior theatresports event held at The Court Theatre in Christchurch on Sunday.

Working as a team since year 9, the final performance was a true test of their improvisation skills, with the skit set in an elevator.



The winning students were awarded the trophy at their school assembly on Tuesday and will coach the school's junior team who will begin the junior heats next month.

## CO(DE) CREATE LAUNCH

Over the last eight months six PHS Year 12 and 13 students have been working in Digital Technologies to create a game for the Super Street Arcade Game by Gap Filler as part of Learning Experiences Outside the Classroom (LEOTC).

On Wednesday Co[de] Create launched at the SSA Game on Tuam Street where the students from Papanui, Burnside and Lincoln High Schools were acknowledged and celebrated for their success in creating seven amazing games.

A huge congratulations to our students Joe Harvey, Tom Enright, Mitchell Freeman, Nikolas Loeffen, Aaron Briggs, and Thomas Were. They have all worked very hard to see their initial ideas through to completion and along the way taken on feedback from a wide variety to make sure their games met the requirements and are fun to play.

The three Papanui High School games are:

- The Last Kiwi by Joe Harvey & Tom Enright
- Restart Runner by Mitchell Freeman & Nikolas Loeffen
- Bug Invasion by Aaron Briggs & Thomas Were

The seven games will be live for a couple of days each over the school holidays so pop into town and have a go. If you follow Gap Filler, Super Street Arcade and PHS Facebook pages and Instagram account gapfillerchch you will get the alerts to say which game is live and who is next.

Also a big thank you to Sally Airey at Gap Filler for the opportunity, CerebralFix who supported the students and gave them invaluable feedback from the conceptual design presentation afternoon to testing online and onsite, Ben Hollows (a student at BHS) for creating the website where you can play the games and the other two teachers involved, Steve Rodkiss (BHS) and Ruth Davey (LHS), for their collaboration and support throughout the project.

It was said that at the start of this project Gap Filler hoped they would get one game from students that was suitable to be played so to get seven is a huge success!

If you can't make it into town you can also play the games online at <https://ssa.hollows.xyz/>



## Year 13

With the end of a very busy term coming to an end, many Year 13's now have a much better idea of what is going to be required in order for them to be prepared for their externals at the end of the year. It tends to be how badly you want something that dictates how hard you will work for it, and it really does not seem that long ago that I was talking to the students about the importance of applying themselves to avoid that last minute rush. It has been almost a pleasant surprise that many of them actually took this on board, and head into their exam preparation confident that they are going to achieve NCEA Level 3. There are of course those who may now be realising that things may not have gone as planned, and need to really push themselves over the coming weeks.

It was also pleasing to see so many Year 13 students being involved in Tournament week. Teams performed better than ever before, and many other schools and the public commented on the excellent fair-play and behaviour of our students. Being involved in the co-curricular aspect of the school helps many of them develop leadership skills, self-responsibility, and decision making skills which they will need in future years and all students should be commended on their efforts.

We have also started our awards and showcase evenings. The dance showcase was an amazing event, and it was clear to see the hours that the students put in to make their performance flawless. The choreography of some of the Year 13 pieces showed innovation and a unique take on ideas which is a wonderful way to end their time in Dance. The Arts and Cultural awards evening was held on Tuesday, and again shows the level of skill and ability our students have. It was nice to see so many parents and staff celebrating student success in these areas.

I hope all Year 13's have a well-deserved break over the next two weeks in preparation for their last term of high school, ever.

Lynette Starr  
Year 13 Dean

## The Week Ahead

### OCTOBER

Monday 16	<b>Day 1, Term 4</b>
Tuesday 17	L1 Art marking- all day Auto22F Avon City Ford
Wednesday 18	Senior 2-weekly engage reports Summer sport starts Auto22F Avon City Ford
Thursday 19	Auto22F Avon City Ford Maori/Pasifika Awards
Friday 20	Combined assemblies Head student team voting Auto 22F Avon City Ford Media Awards
21 – 23	Big Band Festival

## Creative Soy Candle Making

Would you like to learn to create your own soy container candles and melts, either for yourself or ideal as a gift? Discover more about soy wax, fragrance, wick selection and trouble shooting common candle making issues. Papanui High School is offering a hands on course where you will make 3 full sized scented candles, 6 melts, 5 tea lights and 1 votive. The cost of all materials is included in the course fee. For further information visit our website <http://www.papanui.school.nz/com-ed/category/arts-crafts> or email Barbara Roper [rpb@papanui.school.nz](mailto:rpb@papanui.school.nz) or telephone our office on 3520701



## Extravaganza Week

This week has been a busy one, with the Student Council organising a week of fun activities during lunch times. A month of planning finally came into fruition with the 'Hire A Helper' Auction on Monday, where Year 13 students were bided on by their peers to be their helpers during interval and lunch on Friday. Rhys Murdoch worked well as the MC and Mr Warren, a solid auctioneer, squeezing the bidders to get the best prices. On Tuesday, the Sports and Health Committee ran the lunchtime activity of Staff vs Students in Volleyball and Indoor Football. Displays of athleticism were on display by both students and staff, but there can only be one winner, and this year it was staff taking out the Volleyball, and the students who won the Indoor Football. Papanui High School's Hottest Home Baker competition was on Wednesday and had some excellent competition, Mr Tim Kirby, Mr Daniel Scowcroft and Year 11 student Nikhil Prakash had the enviable job of being the judges. The winners were Caitlin Jameson 10Scd for her biscuits, Meredith Harrison 12Mrn for her mermaid cupcakes, and Rhys Hyslop 9Wld for his chocolate drip cake. The overall winner for 2017 was Rhys Hyslop. Thursday's activity was run by the Arts Committee and consisted of an 'Open Mic' in the quad and a travelling art mural. The ultimate event of extravaganza week, however, was left for Friday with Carnival Day. Students had an extended lunchtime, and experienced all types of activity ranging from zorb balls, to sponge the teacher. Food stalls were run by students, and it provided a fun day at the end of a very busy term. Thank you to all the staff and students who worked on making this event possible.



## Term 4 'Celebration Season'

**MAORI/PASIFIKA AWARDS** – Thursday 19th October

**MEDIA AWARDS** – Friday 20th October

**SPORTS AWARDS** – Wednesday 25th October

**SENIOR ART EXHIBITION/AUCTION** - Friday 27th October

**SENIOR PRIZE GIVING** - Senior prize giving will be held at the Horncastle Arena on Wednesday 7th November.  
**PLEASE NOTE THE EARLIER START TIME OF 7.00pm.**

**LEAVERS DINNER** – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

Other dates to note for Term 4.

### October:

21 – 23	Big Band Festival
23	Labour Day – School closed
26	Courtyard Concert

### November

9	NCEA Exams begin
17	Show Day – School closed

### December

4	Senior sign-out and BBQ lunch
5 – 6	Peer Support training
7 – 9	Touch Nationals
8	Activity Day
13	Junior Prize Giving – Last Day of Term 4

## Sports Notices

### Student Achievements

#### South Island Figure Skating

Congratulations to Rachel Woollett and Willow Ryan on their latest achievements at the South Island Figure Skating Championships: Rachel: 1st Primary Dance, 9th Ladies Free-skate. Willow: 10th Ladies Free-skate. Team Event: Synchro team Kia Kaha (that they both skate in) qualified for the Nationals.



*Have you competed in a Sports Competition lately? Send your story and results (with pictures if possible) to Kirsten in the Sports Office – [hk@papanui.school.nz](mailto:hk@papanui.school.nz)*

#### Important Dates/ Notices

- Basketball and Netball Uniforms need to be returned URGENTLY please.
- Permission Forms/ Payment for summer sport are now due.
- Summer Sport begins Week 1 of Term 4
- Senior Sports Awards ticket purchases close Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October
- Make sure you follow our Papanui High School – Sport Facebook Page, and download the School App to receive all sports notices

Kirsten Hill  
Sports Coordinator

## Planting Day at Ōtukaikino

On Friday 15 September, 26 students and one teacher from Papanui High School's Adult ESOL undertook planting at Ōtukaikino Reserve - The Living Memorial. Over 500 plants were put in and also mulch put around the plants. The volunteers then did a walk around the reserve and were able to view growth on plants that many of them planted last year. Working with the Papanui High School ESOL students has become an annual event and we look forward to them coming back next year. The day finished with a lunch time BBQ.

For more information on Ōtukaikino, go to <https://www.lambandhayward.co.nz/in-the-community/otukaikino/>





## ‘Expect Trains’

As you may know trains are now running on the Main North Line during both day and night.

The rail line has been closed since the November earthquake and we need to make sure people have not become complacent around the railway. Our team have reported that they often see teenage students walking to and from school along the network and we need to ensure that this stops and that they remain safe now that trains are operating during both day and night.

Our key safety messages are:

Always expect trains from either direction and at any time

If you are in a car, always slow down as you’re approaching a level crossing and be prepared to **STOP**

Look out for trains, and **obey signs and signals**

Stay off railway tracks. Only cross the railway at approved railway level crossing points.

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