



Principal's Perspective

NCEA exams have now started for our senior students. It is nice for Year 9 and 10 to have the school to themselves for a little while. It is important to maintain a strong focus on engagement to support their learning for the remaining five weeks of the year. During this time conversations will take place through various forums to help set the scene for the transition of Year 9 to Year 10, and Year 10 in to an NCEA focussed Year 11.

Over the remainder of the term we can look forward to the opportunity for some students to go on the Year 10 Outdoor Education Camps, our junior school Activities Day towards the end of the term, and finishing with the Year 9 and 10 Prize Giving ceremonies on Wednesday 13th December.

As I am sure you are all aware our International Students form an integral part of the school and as part of the celebration season we also took the opportunity to say farewell to our International Students who are leaving Papanui High School. These students often arrive as shy, nervous, and with very limited confidence in speaking English. Seeing the transition, whether it be from a six month stay to many years, these students have all significantly benefitted from their time here. They leave us as happy and confident young people, who have been fully integrated in to school life here. It is sad to see them depart, and we wish them all the best for their futures. I know there will be many lines of communication between the various countries, and I am sure reciprocal visits will take place over time. We also took the opportunity to thank our home stay families who have looked after them. We are very fortunate in having wonderfully, caring, home stays, and I would like to acknowledge the contribution they make to the success of our International Student Programme.

Future Teaching and Learning

This year the first stage of the school's rebuild and repair programme gets underway. This is known as an 'education brief' and is prepared by the school with assistance from the Ministry. It sets out to establish the schools aspirations, special characteristics, how we currently operate, and the link between teaching and learning, and spaces this happens in. We will be actively consulting with our community in relation to this, and it will start towards the end of this month. We are looking towards the 30th of November, when we will hold a short general forum in the school hall for about 10 minutes, and then offer the opportunity for community members to move to one of three venues (General, Maori, and Pasifika) of your choice, so smaller group discussion can take place, and your thoughts and ideas can be collated. The date, time, and venues for this will be confirmed next week via the Community News, emails, and website. We look forward to your input into this very important process, as we gather information to support the development of our school's future teaching and learning requirements.

I hope everybody has an opportunity to enjoy the long weekend, and the weather plays its part.

Jeff Smith
Principal

The Week Ahead

Monday 20	10 OED Camps International South Island Tour PTA meet
Tuesday 21	10 OED Camps International South Island Tour
Wednesday 22	Summer sport finishes Jnr 2 weekly engagement reports 10 OED Camps International South Island Tour
Thursday 23	10 OED Camps International South Island Tour
Friday 24	10 OED Camps International South Island Tour

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Year 13

With the Year 13's high school journey now coming to an end, the past few weeks have been a time of celebration and remembrance, with the awards season coming to its conclusion with Senior Prize Giving. It was wonderful to see so many students experiencing success on a major scale. I would also like to congratulate all of the Year 13 graduates in completing, what at times was, a hard five years of secondary education. Reading out the list of names was a formidable task, however the sheer number of students who remained due to seeing the value and importance of an education, was both impressive and heart-warming.

Many students now turn their focus to external examinations, and I wish them continued success in their chosen curriculum areas. For those who are moving into full time employment, I wish them good luck in what is a competitive job market. Through listening to the advice from their teachers, form teachers, and family, I am sure they are prepared for whatever the future may hold. Bryant McGill once said "You will find that most of the reasons you are afraid to do something, are exactly the reasons why you should"

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those students who have involved themselves in what is a high stress time to help organise the Leavers' Gear, Leavers' Journal, and also the Leavers' dinner. Volunteering time to ensure their fellow students have something to remember their time here at Papanui High School is something that is much appreciated by both me and their friends.

The Year 13's still have a few events left to mark their time at school with a BBQ on the 4th of December following sign out, and finally the Leavers' dinner which will be held at Addington Raceway that night starting at 6:30pm. I encourage all students and their families to attend this final celebration.

Lynette Starr
Year 13 Dean

PTA News

It's nearly the end of the school year for seniors, so it's time to start thinking about what to do with their old school uniforms. The PTA will be running sales on Saturday 9th December, and January 27th from 9-11am. If you wish to sell or donate uniform then items can be donated to the PTA or we can sell them on your behalf for a 25% commission. Forms for your contact information, and with the terms of sale, are available from the school office, or you can provide your name, phone number, and bank account details for payment on a piece of paper and put it in the bag with your clothes. You can attach a list of suggested prices or we can price items for you. Uniform items can be dropped off at the school office, or brought along to sign out day. Thank you for supporting the PTA with this great fundraiser. We are still looking for new people to join the uniform team so if you are interested and have a few hours to spare each term please contact Vicki at vickigibb@hotmail.co.nz Thanks.

Workday, 30th November

**Papanui High School Workday: 30 November
1.00PM to 2.30PM**

This work day is for all Year 9 and 10 students to raise funds to support Ronald McDonald House. This is an incredibly important organization that supports unwell children and their families. Our school wishes to sponsor a room in their Cashel street building by raising at least \$5,000 for this cause.

The target is for each student to raise a minimum donation of \$10 total for the equivalent of one and half hours work. The Senior School also contributed a donation this term prior to being on examination leave through a mufti day. On Thursday 30 November teaching staff not involved with this event will be on site participating in professional development from 1.00pm.

If members of our school community know of employment possibilities for students for Work Day they can phone the school office on 03 3526119. We would greatly appreciate this support.

The Work Day gives students the opportunity to work in their community for the benefit of others, to learn new skills, to meet new people and for some this may lead to ongoing employment.

Tim Kirby
Deputy Principal
Teacher in Charge (contact person) for Work Day
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Sports News

Student Achievements

Canterbury Junior Volleyball Championships 10-12 November Pioneer Stadium

The junior volleyball team started their tournament feeling excited, as for most of the girls, it was their first tournament. They started off a little rocky, but won their second game on the first day. The next day was similar, and they did well despite their inexperience, as most of the team are Year 9's and they were playing against Year 10's. On the final day they played off for 7th and 8th as they had finished 4th in their pool. The final game started and in the second set they found their feet and made a really strong comeback. Winning the second set convincingly, the third set proved to be more of a challenge but they pulled through in the end, finishing 7th out of 14 teams. The team would like to thank their coach Fran for her strong efforts and positive attitude towards coaching them, as well as Joel Martin for his support. Special thanks to Peng Tay who came and supported the girls, and to Holly Palmer and Belle Ashby who gave up their time to referee.



Junior 'A' Team

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

Sports Results

Futsal

Year 9 Boys beat Hillview 11-5

Year 10 Boys beat Burnside 17-0

Girls beat Christchurch Girls' High School 7-0

Indoor Football

Year 9/10 Boys beat St Thomas 4-2

Indoor Netball

Year 9 Girls were defeated by Marian College

Year 9/10 Girls beat Christchurch Adventist 21-20

Year 10 Girls beat Villa Maria 30-11

Tennis

Year 10 Girls were defeated by Ellesmere

Touch

Super Touch Boys beat Shirley 6-5 to place 3rd in their competition

Junior Girls beat Rangī Ruru 5-2

Volleyball

Junior A Girls beat Rangiora New Life 2-1

Waterpolo

Girls were just defeated by Cashmere

Important Dates/ Notices

- Junior Wednesday sport finishes on the 22nd November.
- Please let Kirsten know if you cannot attend your game for that week in as much time as possible to ensure games go ahead.
- Senior Sports Uniforms are all due back before senior sign out on the 4th December.
- Make sure you follow our Papanui High School – Sport Facebook Page and Download the School App to receive all sports notices
- Summer Sport Sign Ups again week 1 Term 1 2018

Kirsten Hill

Sports Coordinator



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Come to Papanui Library where **Papanui High School** students will be available every Tuesday during term time from 12.10-12.50 pm to help you find answers to all your questions!

Proposed Changes to the Main North Road layout

The Christchurch City Council is seeking public feedback on a package of proposed changes aimed at giving buses priority on busy Main North Rd and improving traffic flows. Main North Road is one of the busiest streets in Christchurch and carries a high volume of buses taking people between the city centre and the northern suburbs.

Among the changes proposed are:

- A new full-time bus lane running north from Harewood Road to Grassmere Street.
- New bus priority measures at the Main North Road/Sawyers Arms Road intersection.
- Extending the operating times of the part-time bus lane to the city between Mary Street and Homer Street so it operates in the afternoon as well.
- Installing new larger bus shelters.
- A new left turn lane from Langdons Road onto Main North Road.
- Replacing the give-way for left-turning traffic existing Northlands Shopping Centre with traffic lights.
- A new signal controlled pedestrian crossing on the Westpac side of the Main North Road intersection with Langdons Road and Mary Street.
- New landscaping on the Mary Street corner and additional cycle parking and seating on the intersection of Winston Avenue and Main North Road.

You can find full details of the proposed changes and submit your opinion at <https://www.ccc.govt.nz/the-council/consultations-and-submissions/haveyoursay/show/87>

Opportunities for feedback close on Friday 17th November

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