



### Principal's Perspective

This week has been very much a 'business as usual', in class learning, without too many disruptions. The main activity beyond this has been the final Year 10 Outdoor Education camps to Craigieburn, where students have had an opportunity test their skills in an authentic environment.

Monday was Senior sign-out for Years 11 – 13. I'd like to congratulate the students on the manner in which they worked through this process. Following the sign-out was the Year 13 BBQ lunch, and leavers' dinner that evening. Special mention and thank you to Miss Starr, the Dean, and her form teachers for their contribution and commitment to ensure the best possible support and guidance was put in place, and as a result our Year 13's leave us as mature, responsible young adults ready to take their place in the world. Their Leavers' Dinner was a thoroughly enjoyable evening, and I'd like to thank the parent community for sharing in it with us.

Tuesday and Wednesday saw a large number of our Year 12 students spending the last few days training to be Peer Support leaders for 2018. Their first task is to lead the orientation programme for our incoming Year 9's next year. Once again we have a superb group of young people who have been prepared to give up their time to support others. In late January they will attend a final training camp in Hanmer, and we look forward to working with them up there.

On Friday we had the Junior Top House/Activity Day. Our students seemed to thoroughly enjoy the range of activities, and despite the heat were engaged and full of energy, right through to the end of the day. Establishing some House pride, and maximising the opportunity for all students to participate, were the key aspects of the day. I'd like to congratulate the students for the manner in which they involved themselves, and the staff for the extra effort required to offer these types of events. Following on from the Peer Support training, a significant number of the Year 12 students offered to help support the activities and I'd like to acknowledge their involvement, and thank them for their contribution to making this such a successful day.

On Friday evening the school had the opportunity to acknowledge and thank the staff and tutors who are involved in Adult Community Education. We believe Adult Community Education is an important component in the provision of life-long learning, and we are pleased that we can help facilitate this. Equally, we are very pleased that the wider community are finding this of value, and thank them for attending the wide range of classes available.

#### **Education Brief – Community Consultation**

As part of the consultation process we will be seeking further feedback through the form of a short on-line survey, which we will be sending out next week. It would be greatly appreciated if you could find the time to complete the survey as this will help us refine our focus on what the future of teaching and learning may look like here at school.

We look forward to next week, where we finish the school year by celebrating with our Junior Prize Givings on Wednesday, and this will be summed up with our final edition of the Papanews Community newsletter next week.

Jeff Smith  
Principal

### Work Day Update

A special thank you to all members of our school community who participated in this Work Day, to raise money for Ronald McDonald House. As of Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December the school has raised \$6,000 towards sponsoring a room at their Cashel Street building. This is a fantastic effort. Money is still coming in. I hope to provide an update next week of the final total, and the plans to present this money on behalf of the school's community in the new year.

Tim Kirby  
Deputy Principal

## Peer Support

### Peer support training begins!

This week around 80 of the 2018 Peer Support Leaders began their training for the next year's programme. After some warm up time, the group found their stride and demonstrated their skills in cooperation, communication, leadership, and most importantly, relating to others. Staff who presented sessions were all impressed with the group and their willingness to jump into tasks and find ways to overcome challenges. Their camp in January will give them time to plan the orientation programme and we look forward to seeing the group in action then.



## The Week Ahead

Monday 11      Period 2 Co-curricular awards assembly

Tuesday 12      Jnr prize giving rehearsals  
- Period 1 – Year 9  
- Period 2 – Year 10

Wednesday 13      Junior prize giving  
- Year 10: 9.30am – 10.30am  
- Year 9: 11.00am – 12.00 noon  
**Last day Term 4**  
**Last day of school 2017**

Thursday 14 December

Friday 15 December



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## Top House Activity Day

### Top House Activity Day – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> of December

Friday's top house/activities day has highlighted that Papanui PRIDE and our competitive spirit is alive and well. Students participated in 6 of 7 activities; tabloid sports, benchball, a quiz, dart challenge, swissball/volleyball, and Haka (Year 9). This year we were fortunate to have for the first time the Road Safety Truck participating also. This was an opportunity for Year 10



students to put their competitive natures aside and to learn about how to stay safe on the road as a pedestrian or cyclist when large trucks are around. This year's Year 9 students will have an opportunity to take part in this activity next year. The truck was provided free of charge and we are very grateful that we could provide our students with access to such an important resource.

## PAPANUI HIGH SCHOOL START OF SCHOOL YEAR 2018

**NB: SENIOR STUDENTS (Year 11 – 13).** Students will be notified if course changes are required. The Senior Course Tutor will be available from 22 January for consultation.

**Monday 22 January - School Office opens**

**Monday 29 January**  
Teacher Only Day

**Tuesday 30 January**  
New International students report at 8.45am  
Year 9 students report in full uniform to Hall, 9.00am – 2.30pm  
Transferring students (Years 10-13) in full uniform to Hall, 9.00am – 12noon  
Powhiri for ALL new students – 9.00am

**Wednesday 31 January**  
All Year 9 students report to form classes at 8.30am – 2.30pm  
All Year 12 students report to hall in uniform at 9.00am – 10.30am  
All Year 13 students report to hall at 10.00am – 11.30am

**Thursday 1 February**  
All Year 9 students report to form classes at 8.30am – 2.30pm  
All Year 10 students report to hall in uniform at 9.00am – 10.30am  
All Year 11 students report to hall at 10.00am – 11.30am

**Friday 2 February**  
Timetable starts

**Monday 5 February**  
Normal school day

**Tuesday 6 February**  
Waitangi Day - School closed

# Sports News

## Student Achievements

### Special Olympics Update – Basketball - Wellington

Overall the team came 6th in Division 3, 18th out of 23 teams. The staff and parents that went away with the team are very proud of these students as they did get put up a Division making it a challenge for them playing against older and more experienced players.

It's been a fantastic experience for everyone, adults included. Seeing these students grow in confidence and the joy on their faces (and the parents/ families who have travelled up to support) reinforces the importance of participating in events like this.



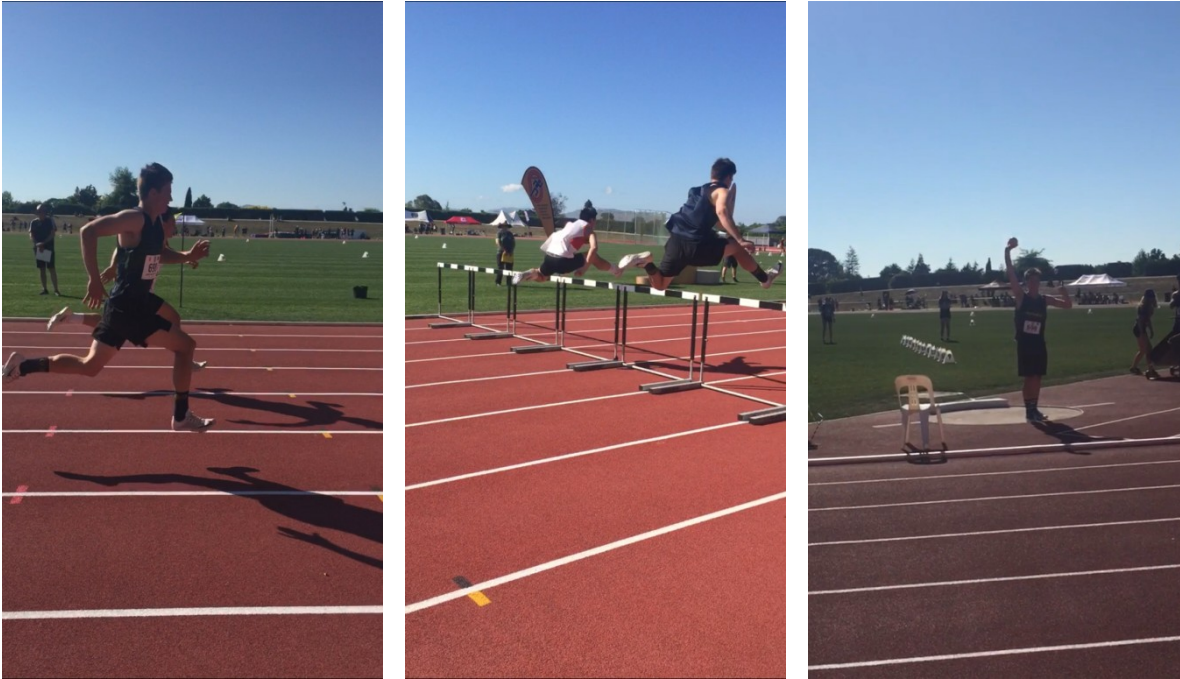
### NZ Super City Baseball Team

Congratulations for Owen Dabkowski (pictured right) on being selected into the New Zealand Super City Baseball Team that will be playing in the Gold Coast Classic U14 Baseball Tournament in January. We look forward to hearing how your experience goes 'over the ditch'.



### **National Secondary School Athletics – Hastings – 1-3 December**

Students Jared Neighbours and Paige McIlraith went up to Hastings last weekend to compete at the National Secondary School Athletics. Together they enjoyed the experience of being up against the best athletes in their chosen event with Jared placing in the top 10 for Senior Boys Shot Put and Discus – also achieving a personal best distance in the Shot Put of 13.71m.



*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**

- Sports Uniforms need to be returned by Tuesday 12 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

## **Papanui High School's PTA Fundraiser**

Papanui High School's PTA Fundraiser Webfair ([www.webfair.co.nz](http://www.webfair.co.nz)) has started and we require Hero items to be donated from local business, valued at \$100 or more. A Hero Item is a new item or experience of value that must go through the auction process (no Buy-Now option).

Gift now idea:

Gift an item from your house and garden. Like an item from your kitchen and a tool from the shed.

- Furniture
- Garden
- Home Decor
- Manchester
- Nursery

Webfair ends Thursday, 14 December 8:30 pm. <https://webfair.co.nz/fairs/papanui-high-schools-pta-fundraiser/>

## 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](mailto:vickigibb@hotmail.co.nz) Thanks.

The advertisement is set against a background of various school supplies on a wooden desk, including markers, scissors, a stapler, a book titled 'FRANCE', and a pink stapler. The Papanui High School logo is in the top right corner.

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