

# **Papanews Community Edition**

Friday 7 September 2018

# **Principal's Perspective**

This week has been extremely busy with Winter Sports Tournament week occurring around various towns and cities across the South Island. Papanui High School has had ten teams participating, including; junior and senior boys' and girls' basketball, girls' netball, girls' and boys' football, boys' rugby, and girls' and boys' hockey.

Senior students have also been working on their course selection of subjects for 2019, following our two senior course evenings held recently. Thank you to all those staff and students who contributed to making each of these activities and events such a success.

Senior students should have been busy preparing for their 'Formative Assessments' which take place during Week 9, 17 - 21 September. These are to assist in their preparation for their external exams later in November, as well as complete internal assessments. It is important students take these assessment opportunities seriously, and study hard, as well as manage their time wisely. A reminder that senior students (Y11-13) are only required to be at school for their assessments during that week, otherwise they can study at home. A copy of the 'Assessment timetable' has been posted on our school website for parent and student reference.

Mr Jeff Smith, our Principal, has been travelling in Japan for the last two weeks, to visit host families and for marketing purposes, and is expected to return to school on Monday.

Nga mihi nui

Mike Vannoort Acting Principal

# Year 9 Dean 2019



Congratulations to Ms Jane Herman (Music Department) who has been appointed as Year 9 Dean for 2019.

## The Week Ahead

Monday 10 Auto22

SPA32F Assessment Day Massey Uni course planning

Tuesday 11 Auto22

Y8 Parent evening - 7.30pm

Wednesday 12 Jnr - 2 weekly engagement reports

Auckland Uni visit ARA drop in sessions

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Thursday 13 Soiree – 7.00pm

Friday 14 Ronald McDonald Appeal Day (Snrs)

## Year 13

Year 13's have practice examinations from Monday 17 September to Friday 21 September. It is very important that they take these seriously, as they are a good indicator of their progress at this point in time, so they can best prepare themselves for the externals at the end of the year. The grades from these examinations are also used for derived grades, which provide a safety net in case of illness, or other significant events during the externals. For students who have few or no external examinations, this week provides them with a chance to catch up on any internal work that has been held over, or is due before the end of the year.

Our 'Celebration Season' is also coming up quickly. Year 13's will be involved in many of the Arts, Sports, and Culture awards and performances around the school. It is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate their involvement and successes in these fields over their high school career. This culminates with their Leavers Dinner, which will be held on Monday 3 December at Addington Raceway. I do cordially invite all parents and caregivers to attend this to celebrate their young person's time at secondary school. More information about this will be provided in the last week of this term.

Year 13's also currently have the chance of order their Leavers Gear. They have the option of a hoodie, a rugby jersey, and/or a cap. Students will have order forms for this, or can pick one up from the student office. They are due back by 3.00pm Friday 21 September.

Josie Welch Year 13 Dean

## 2019 Board of Trustees Elections

In 2019, triennial elections will be held for parent representatives on the Board of Trustees. If you are interested in potentially joining the board next year, sitting in on a meeting to get a 'feel' of what the role entails, or interested in speaking to a board member, please contact the Principal's PA, Mrs Julia Walmsley on: wmj@papanui.school.nz



## **Changes to Car Parking Outside of the School Gates**

There have been some changes to the car parking on Langdons Rd (outside the school gate) that parents/caregivers need to be aware of when dropping off or picking up students from our school.

The Christchurch City Council Traffic Operations team have installed P3 (park 3 minutes) parking restrictions between the hours of 8am to 9am and 2.15pm to 3.15pm directly outside the school gate. These changes have come about due to there being significant concerns regarding the safety of people at the start and end of the school day, when this area of Langdons Road is particularly busy.

We encourage parents/caregivers to use this facility respectfully when dropping off or picking up students. Parking Officers will be enforcing this directive at the times indicated on the signs.



Thank you

## Adult ESOL students volunteer at Otukaikino

Our Adult ESOL class students went to Otukaikino to plant trees last week. The reserve is undergoing a restoration programme. Having significant cultural value, the area must be preserved and we should look after it well.

We met the ranger, Matthew, and followed his landscaping plan. The task was easy and simpler than I had thought. We dug holes, put in fertilizer, then planted native trees, such as tussock, kanuka, and caprosma.

My classmate used the crowbar, which was good for digging holes. I'd never seen this before. We enjoyed the work, and laughed about the new tool.

The trees which we planted last year had grown a lot. We removed the plastic guards and poles. I think planting is a very rewarding job.



The reserve isn't well known, but the area has changed to a beautiful, hidden place, with well-established plants.

After we had finished working, we had a barbeque lunch. Food after hard work always tastes good.

I learnt a lot of things from people and nature. Our team work was great even though some of us are very old. I felt encouraged we could do something for our environment. It was a great day! See you later Otukaikino.

Yvonne, 15Wmm

# **Sports News**

### Secondary Schools' Cycling - Southern Tour Blenheim 1-2 September

Congratulations to Ryan MacLeod on the following results: U16 Boys - Individual time trial - 1st, Criterium - 2nd, Hill Climb Trial - 2nd, and Road Race - 4th





#### **Winter Tournament Week**

### Junior Girls' Basketball Tournament:

Congratulations to our Junior Girls' Basketball Team who won the "A" Grade at the tournament held in Timaru. They played Buller in the final, with the score being 75-41.

### Junior Boys' Basketball Tournament

Well done to the Junior Boys' Basketball team that placed 6<sup>th</sup> at the Junior Tournament held in Nelson.







Full tournament results, once all teams have returned, will be entered next week.

Have you competed in a Sports Competition lately? Send your story and results (with pictures if possible) to Kirsten in the Sports Office – <a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/journal.com/">https://doi.org/10.1016/journal.com/</a>

This is a great way to showcase what our students are doing outside of school in sport with our community.

#### Important Dates/ Notices

- Summer Term 4 registrations will open next week (Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September) keep an eye out in the student notices how to register.
- Sport Trophies are to be returned to the library or sports office by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September.
- Winter Sport Uniforms are to be handed in to the sports office by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September.
- Make sure you follow our Papanui High School Sport Facebook Page and Download the School App to receive all sports notices
- School Sport Canterbury also have an app to access the weekly draw for your chosen sport see below to download.



Kirsten Hill Sports Coordinator hlk@papanui.school.nz



## Thinking about spring cleaning your house? Keep Papanui High School in mind when you do!

The Papanui High School PTA will be organizing a school Webfair in the spring and to make this successful, we need your help.

Do you have any unwanted stuff or perhaps things you no longer need or that no longer fit, you would like to donate? Do you know any companies or organisations that would be interested in donating goods, products and/or services? Restaurants, that might be willing to donate vouchers? Or other shops? If yes, please contact Caroline at: <a href="mailto:cvanzoggel@hotmail.com">cvanzoggel@hotmail.com</a>

### The more items the better!

Sales proceeds will go directly to Papanui High School.

If you have any questions about how this all works, please check out Webfair at: <a href="https://webfair.co.nz">https://webfair.co.nz</a> or contact Caroline. We look forward to making this a great Webfair!

Papanui High School PTA

My School, My Success, My Responsibility Tōku Kura, Tōku Tiketike, Tōku Haepapa