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.

Following on from our very successful Soiree two weeks ago, the Arts and Cultural awards (ACES) which were held last Tuesday started the school’s formal ‘celebration season’. 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, the Senior Art Exhibition, the International students’ farewell, and Senior Prize Giving.

In the last week of term, the School Council held its traditional ‘Extravaganza Week’. A key feature of this week is fundraising for our schoolwide project of supporting Ronald McDonald House. It culminated 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 many opportunities to celebrate students’ success through to the end of the year.

Jeff Smith
Principal
The countdown to the end of the Year 11's first senior year is getting shorter and shorter by the day. They've just had their first opportunity of sitting a number of assessments in a large space, with lots of students, and hope they learnt from the experience, and take on advice from teachers for the future.

With the holidays upon us I encourage them to take a breather before the intensive first few weeks of Term 4, filled with finishing things off, award celebrations, and preparation for examinations. Whilst a busy time, they should find the time to reflect on what they've managed to achieve so far, and give themselves a pat on the back for making it this far.

Resilience was a key word that I spoke to the students about in their most recent Year 11 assembly. They need to realise there is still time left in the year to make a change if needed, to get the outcomes that they really want from their first year of NCEA.

Enjoy the holiday break, and don't blink or Term 4 will pass you by!

Paul Anderson
Year 11 Dean

SAFETY NOTICE: Trains resume 24/7 services from 7 October 2018

EXPECT TRAINS AT ANYTIME

There will be a change in the timetabling for trains along the railway line between Picton and Christchurch from early October and we need to ensure students and their families are aware of this.

Over the past year, KiwiRail has run a restricted schedule, with trains running only at night, to allow work to continue to repair the road and rail line through Kaikōura during the day.

However, from early October, trains will begin using the line during the day as well.

SAFETY MESSAGES
Our key safety messages are:

- Always expect trains, at any time, from either direction
- 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 at all times, and obey signs and signals
- Stay off railway tracks and only ever cross the railway at approved railway level crossing points.

Jenni Austin
Senior Communications Advisor
KiwiRail
This year’s Arts and Cultural Awards (ACES) evening saw record numbers in attendance with 117 award recipients spread across six categories, receiving recognition for their contribution to the co-curricular life of our school. The school Hall was packed with a lively crowd of students and family members. This is a popular Award Ceremony, and it is always a delight to see our students looking so glamorous and beautifully turned out, they clearly and deservedly take pride in being recipients of these awards. The event was opened with great gusto by an accomplished Powhiri Haka from our Kapa Haka students. A great way to start proceedings, as it always brings everyone into focus and sets the mood for the evening.

The Arts and Cultural Awards recognise the huge contribution that both students and staff make to showcasing the cultural talent that is abundant within our school. We have significant depth of talent and ability in both our students, and the staff who work with them.

At ACES we aim to recognise and celebrate this. As part of the awards evening, we try to provide a few glimpses into this wealth of talent by interspersing the presentation of certificates, with performance interludes. This year we were treated to items from our seriously talented International student Yusuke Ito, a highly entertaining segment from our award winning Senio Theatre Sports Team, and our award winning Hip Hop dance ensemble. All presented beautiful, accomplished, and entertaining performances which delighted our audience.

As those attending arrived, we ran a slide show featuring works from the Art Department to provide an opportunity for all to see the incredible talent and high level of work being generated by our visual art students.

All in all, a wonderful evening, and a great start to the awards season for 2018.
This week has been a busy one with the Student Council organising a week of fun activities during lunch times.

Months of planning finally came into fruition with mufti day on Tuesday. Papanui High School's Hottest Home Baker competition on Wednesday, had some excellent competition, Lynette Archer, Phil from Te ora Hau, and Year 9 Campbell Macpherson had the enviable job of being the judges. The competition was a step up this year with some really impressive baking and decoration. The winners were: Ruby Paynter 10Mdl, for alternative sweet treat, Breanna Cottom 9Hrk, for cakes, and Meredith Harrison 13Mrn, for presentation. The overall winner for 2018 was Jack Haldane 10Rvi, (pictured right) with his Hummingbird Cake. Along with a Northlands Mall voucher, he was presented with a baking book, by New Zealand baker, Dean Brettschneider.

Thursday’s activity was run by the Sport and Health Committee, and consisted of staff vs students in a multisport event. There was a great crowd of students who got to see the staff take the competition out. The ultimate event of extravaganza week, however, was left for Friday with Carnival Day. Students had an extended lunch and experienced all types of activity ranging from bungee run, to sponge the teacher. Food stalls were run by students, and it provided a fun day to end a very busy term. Traiteur of Merivale provided the sausages free for the sausage sizzle. All monies raised will go to the school sponsored Teenage Room at Ronald McDonald House. Thank you to all the staff and students who have worked on making this event possible.
Sports News

National Scholastic Surf Champs – Gisborne
Good luck to Jai Oakley who has made the Canterbury Scholastic Surf U14 Boys’ Team that will compete at the National Scholastic Surf Champs in Gisborne over the coming holiday break.

The competition runs from 8th to 12th October, with ten regional teams from around the country contesting the event, including Northland, Auckland, Waikato, Coromandel, Bay of Plenty, Gisborne, Taranaki, Wellington, Canterbury, and Otago.

In House Basketball Finals
On Friday 21st September we ran our In House Basketball Term 3 Finals. A great final game was played between Year 13 Blue and Year 13 Green, with Year 13 Green winning by just two points 38-36.

Results:
1st place - Year 13 Green
2nd place - Year 13 Blue
3rd place - Year 12 Blue
4th place - Year 11/12 Green
5th place - Mixed 1
6th place - Mixed 2
7th place - Junior B's
8th place - U17 Boys
9th place - Teachers (couldn’t qualify for finals)
10th place - New Seniors

A huge thank you to Mr Hooper and the Thomson Trophy Senior Boys’ Basketball Team for managing and running the referees / bench every Friday night - this couldn't have happened without your support.

Also thank you to “Withers and Co” for producing the ‘Winners’ Tops and donating spot prizes for the final games – much appreciated.
Have you competed in a Sports Competition lately? Send your story and results (with pictures if possible) to Kirsten in the Sports Office – hlk@papanui.school.nz

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

Important Dates/ Notices

- **Summer Sport Permission Slips are now due** – Summer sport starts Week 1 of Term 4
- Winter Sport Uniforms are to be handed in to the sports office.
- 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.

Papanui High School is offering both Beginners and Advanced Stone Carving classes as part of our Night School Programme for Term 4. In the Beginners class, students will be taught basic procedures of sculpting, design, and the use of the tools, while students in the Advanced class will be working in a detailed way on a large piece of stone. To join the Advanced class students must have either completed a Beginners Course, or have prior experience of stone carving. For further course information please visit our website [https://www.papanui.school.nz/com-ed/category/ceramic-stone-crafts](https://www.papanui.school.nz/com-ed/category/ceramic-stone-crafts) or email Barbara Roper rpb@papanui.school.nz or telephone our office on 033520701.

If you wish to sell or donate uniform items, they 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.

The next PTA second-hand uniform sales will be held:

**Thursday 25 October from 2.30pm till 3.30pm**

**Saturday 8 December from 9.00am -11.00am**

**Saturday 26 January from 9.00am -11.00am**
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: cvanzoggel@hotmail.com

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: https://webfair.co.nz or contact Caroline. We look forward to making this a great Webfair!

Papanui High School PTA