

Papanews Community Edition

Friday 7 December 2018

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, 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 Mrs Welch, 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 training to be Peer Support leaders for 2019. 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 thoroughly enjoyed the range of activities, and 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.

Our school has been using Harrison Tew Consultants who are specialists in managing emergency planning to help us review our emergency procedures. On Thursday we held an emergency procedure practice under the supervision and guidance of Harrison Tew Consultants. The lock down drill went very well, and the feedback we have received to date has been very positive.

Wade Harrison, a director from Harrison Tew was very pleased with our response to the lock down alarm and the safety systems the school has in place in case of such an event. We emailed student families during the lock down practice to keep them informed, and then updated via our school website, which will be the usual practice that will be followed in the future. The school conducts a lock down practice at least once a year to ensure our safety procedures are up to date and known by staff and students.

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

Jeff Smith Principal

Work Day

Papanui High School Work Day, 1.pm-2.30pm Thursday November 29.

Thank you to all of our Papanui High School community who got behind this wonderful event that supports Ronald McDonald House. At the time of writing this report, the school has raised over \$4,000 from the Work Day alone. That coupled with over \$5,000 of money raised throughout the year means the school is well on target to provide a substantial donation to Ronald McDonald House in Term 1 next year.



A reminder that monies can be deposited through the school bank account with a reference "(Students Name), Workday" 123147 0225793 00. Or the money can be paid through the school office where possible. Thank you.

Top House Activity Day

Friday's top house/activities day has highlighted that Papanui PRIDE and our competitive spirit is alive and well. Students participated in five of six activities; Top team competition, a quiz, the balloon drop challenge, swissball/volleyball, the Road Safety truck (Year 10) and Haka (Year 9). This year we were fortunate to have for the first time, the Sport Canterbury Top Team Challenge, making up two of the rotations, eight form classes at a time competed in tabloid style events, including some involving water.

Again we had a visit from the *Road Safety Truck* (https://www.roadsafetytruck.co.nz/). 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 the truck was joined by the *Proactive Drive - Youth driver education car* (http://www.proactivedrive.org.nz/) which provided the students with advice around what to consider when starting to drive for the first time. This year's Year 9 students will have an opportunity to take part in this activity next year. The truck and car were provided free of charge, and we are very grateful that we could provide our students with access to such an important and interesting resource.

We are also grateful to the large number of peer support students that made themselves available to help supervise and run the activities, despite already spending two full days at school training. Without these students, and the large number of staff that got involved, we would not have been able to run the day.

House results will be announced to students during Week 9.





The Week Ahead

Monday 10 DOE Bronze trip

Y9 Shakespeare Showcase Periods 3 - 6

Tuesday 11 DOE Bronze trip

Wednesday 12 Co-curricular awards assembly

Jnr reports posted or emailed

Friday 14 Junior Prize giving

- Y10 - 9.30am - 10.30am - Y9 - 11.00am - 12.00 noon **Last Day: Term 4/year**

PTA Uniform Sales

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

Saturday 8 December from 9.00am -11.00am

Saturday 26 January from 9.00am -11.00am

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.

Peer Support

Peer support for 2019 began this week with around 80 soon-to-be Year 13 students embarking on their training. The initial stages encourage the group to get to know each other and understand how to use their own strengths and capabilities to work together - the same strategies they will implement with Year 9 students during their orientation programme. Many students offered feelings about wanting to do the same for new students as the leaders did when they were starting at Papanui in 2015. I was very impressed with the way the group engaged with the activities, showing enthusiasm to work towards the goals, and also to develop their own personal and leadership skills. The camp in Hanmer at the end of January is the next highly anticipated event where leaders will fine tune an orientation plan for a form class.



The Great Race

Last Tuesday a group of 30 Year 10 students headed to the University of Canterbury to take part in The Great Race. The students were split into groups of 6 and competed against students from Amuri, Rangiora and Kaiapoi High schools. They made chocolate moulds, cracked codes, and explored the University working as a team to win the race.

One of our teams (pictured right: wearing the beanies they won) took out top place! Our other teams also did well and all had a fun time.



Sport News

Term 1 Sport Registration Links

Summer Sport registrations are now open for Term 1 2019. Please see there is one form for Volleyball and one form for all other summer sport options – so if you want to do volleyball and another sport you will have to complete both links.

Registrations have been updated with information we are aware of at this time – changes to cost and days sports are played may change and you will be updated at the time.

Registrations close Friday 1st February 2019.

If you have any questions relating to Term 1 2019 Sport registrations please don't hesitate to contact the Sports Coordinator at hlk.org/nlcnut.school.nz directly.

Volleyball Registration Form:

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South Island Secondary Schools' Junior Water polo Tournament - Christchurch

Our Junior Girls' Water polo team competed at the South Island Secondary Schools' Junior Water polo Championships at Jellie Park from the $23-25^{th}$ November. The girls did well to keep their spirits up even if the scores were not going their way – but I know that they enjoyed the experience of being a part of the competition and loved playing with their peers. Thank you to staff Coach Alex Boyd, and Manager Heather McMillan for taking the time to take the team during the term and at the tournament – I know the girls appreciate it.





New Zealand Secondary Schools' Athletics Championships - Dunedin

Last weekend a team of 16 students, along with staff and parents attended the 2018 NZ Secondary Schools' Athletics Championships event in Dunedin.

Great results from all who competed with bringing home the following medals:

Gold – 11

Silver – 6

Bronze – 3

A huge congratulations to Jared Neighbours on being selected into the NZ Secondary Schools' Athletics Association Championship Team for 2018 with placing 1st in the Senior Boys' Pole Vault and 2nd in the Senior Boys' Javelin – throwing a PB of 60.46m.







NZ Mixed Ultimate Nationals - Hamilton

Gabrielle Foster of Year 11 recently played in the NZ Mixed Ultimate (Frisbee) Nationals in Hamilton. Her team came 1st in Division 2.

Twenty four teams competed from throughout New Zealand. The weather was a big factor as the teams had to adapt from high temperatures on Friday followed by heavy rain on Saturday. Sunday started off with rain and held off for the final games. Gabby's club Credo also came 2nd in Division 1.

A great result for Christchurch based teams.



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

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

Important Dates/ Notices

- All Sports Uniforms are now due to be returned to the Sports Office.
- Term 1 2019 Sport Registrations are now open via the links above.
- 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

Night Classes

Papanui High School offers a wide range of Night Classes for adults. Our classes for Term 1 2019 will begin from Monday 11 February and the options are extensive from Art to Yoga and everything in between, we are sure regardless of your age or interest, you will find something to tempt you. Classes are held at Papanui High School in a warm, friendly relaxed environment, and our tutors are supportive and well qualified in their chosen For further information and fields. enrolment in any of our courses please https:// website our www.papanui.school.nz/com-ed/ categories or email Barbara rpb@papanui.school.nz telephone our office on 03 352 0701.



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