# Papanews Community Edition

Friday 6th September 2019

# **Principal's Perspective**

Kia Ora,

This week has been extremely busy with Winter Sports Tournament week occurring around various towns and cities across the South Island. A full report with results will be in next week's newsletter.

Senior students have also been working on their course selection of subjects for 2020, following our two senior course evenings held recently. Thank you to all those staff and students who have contributed to making each of these evenings such a success.

Next Tuesday we will be holding our Year 8 Parent evening. This evening provides an opportunity to welcome our incoming Year 9's for 2020 and their parents/whānau/caregivers, introduce some key people, and hear important information to support their transition to our school next year.

The school's 'Celebration Season' for 2019 gets underway next Thursday with the annual Soiree. This event features our school's most talented musicians. It will be great to showcase their fantastic abilities to our school community.

Hopefully this winter weather will end soon. Our Principal, Jeff Smith returns from his marketing trip to Japan on Monday.

Tim Kirby Acting Principal

# **March 15 Lockdown Review**

The school and board have recently been in receipt of two independent reports reviewing the lockdown processes that occurred on 15 March. The first review was carried out on behalf of the MOE covering all schools, including Papanui and I publicly available at the following web page.

https://www.education.govt.nz/news/ministry-of-education-welcomes-independent-report-on-the-lockdown-by-schools/

The second review was carried out on behalf of the board and focussed specifically around events at Papanui High School. The board and school are now currently working through the findings of these reviews before deciding on any changes we may need to make to our current system. We will continue to update you as we progress through the next stages.

Shane Watson Papanui High School Board of Trustees Chairperson

# **Year 11 - 13 Formative Assessment Week**

Senior Examinations are taking place over the week of Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 20<sup>st</sup> September 2019. These assessments are to assist in their preparation for their external exams later in November.

Exams, tutorials and other assessment opportunities are timetabled for Year 11, 12 and 13 courses during that week. Otherwise all Year 11, 12 and 13 students will be on study leave for the duration of this week; there are no normal timetabled classes.

The students are expected to use the leave to prepare for their exams and assessments that week or continue with set class work at home. Additionally, the Careers room, A12 is available during this time as a quiet study place.

Students are receiving a letter for parents and caregivers explaining the exam details and a timetable. Please check when students are expected at school and encourage them to prepare well and perform to the best of their ability. These practice exams are important! 'Managing self' will be critical for senior students over the next few weeks in the lead up to assessment week. The results from these practice exams may be used as evidence in the derived grades process for NZQA.

Tim Kirby Acting Principal

# **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Zara Faulkner who recently had the opportunity to attend the New Zealand Business Hall of Fame gala dinner as the student escort for the Ballantyne family, as the late John Ballantyne (Ballantyne's Department Store) was inducted posthumously into the Business Hall of Fame. Young Enterprise owns and runs the New Zealand Business Hall of Fame and each year they have 8 inductions into the Hall of Fame, and each Laureate is escorted by a current YES student.



## The Week Ahead

THIS WEEK: Te Wiki o te Reo Māori (9 - 15 Mahuru)

Monday 9 Auto22ACF

Y9's 'Smashed' presentation Massey Uni Course planning

Tuesday 10 Auto22ACF

Year 8 Parent Evening - 7.00pm

Wednesday 11 Jnr - 2 weekly engagement reports

Auto22ACF

Holocaust speaker: Period 5 & 6

Thursday 12 Soiree - 7.00pm

Friday 13

## **Infinite 2019**

Last week the annual Dance showcase, Infinite 2019 was held in the school hall. Approximately 150 students took part in an extravaganza of dance styles were performed over three nights to three really big audiences. The students were overwhelmed by the support of their families and community and both Hyde Posthuma and I (Heather McLean) are incredibly grateful too.

The money raised via door donations and raffle tickets has helped the School's Hip Hop team considerably. They will be travelling to Queenstown in two weeks time to compete in the NZCAF national competition.

The 3 lucky raffle winners of the gift baskets are:

1st prize Sheryl McKey 2nd prize Mary Fitzgerald 3rd prize Megan Kennedy

We hope that this performance will continue to grow and flourish next year and that you may join us again.





## Year 9

Malo e lelei, welcome to Week 7 and Tongan language week.

It is amazing how quickly the year is flying past.

#### **Course Selection**

It is already time to begin planning the subjects to take for next year, and the students will need some help from caregivers deciding which option subjects to carry on from this year. As well as studying the core subjects of English, Maths, Science, Heath and PE, and Social Studies, the Year 9's will be asked to choose the equivalent of three full year options subjects, or a combination of full or half year option subjects.

On Monday students will be given the Year 10 Course Selection booklets. The booklet contains all the information students need to complete their selections for next year ie course info and instructions for using the online course selection tool. Selections need to be completed by Monday 23rd September (last Monday of term).

#### **Service Awards**

This week in assembly I got to hand out the very first Service Award Silver Badge. It went to Bidhya Chhetri of 9CHL for her service to the school and the community. Well done to Bidhya who is the very 1st ever junior student to receive the award.

#### **HOW DOES IT WORK?**

The SVA Award pins can be awarded by any nominated person at your school. You can also register independently online to receive these pins.



Member Pin



Bronze Award Pin



Silver Award Pin



Gold Award Pin

I would like to encourage more Year 9 students to log-on to the link below and list the way they have helped out others. Below are some examples of things that students may already be doing or have done that they can log-on to the website to start ticking off their hours towards their badges.

Have you done service and not known it?

- Being the runner- 5 hours
- Helping on open night 3-4 hours
- Planting trees at Papanui Bush.
- Reading to people at a care home.
- Helping coach / referee a team.
- Helping with lighting at the production.
- Giving up time to help people with IT.
- Helping a neighbour regularly with lawns.

http://service.sva.org.nz

#### **Excellent achievement in Education Perfect**

The following students have excelled in the 2019 Maths Championships. Congratulations to all of you, I am very proud of you all.

Emerald Award - top 1% out of 80 000 competitors Asma Rizwan Bistami Sasmitha Warahenage Dona

Gold Awards - top 2% out of 80 000 competitors Nathaniel Kilpatrick Safalta Kadariya Bidhya Chhetri Tom Osman

Bronze Award - top 10% out of 80 000 competitors Billie Nuku

#### **Upcoming events**

**SMASHED** - Monday morning, the 9th of September, Life Education Trust, will be presenting a performance and workshop for Year 9 students around Alcohol Education. This is a highly recommended programme that we feel will educate the students in a positive and engaging way.

Talking about alcohol and the issues surrounding it may be confronting for some students. If you have any concerns about your students after they have attended the workshop please let us know so we can offer support.

Lollipop Love - supporting Canteen by buying a lollipop for \$1 with the aim of raising \$1000 for the charity.

Extravaganza week - a fun week for the last week of term, with many activities taking place.

I will leave you with a Tongan Proverb that reminds us all to focus on the great things we have around us, and that includes our wonderful students.

'Oua lau e kafo kae lau e lava – Stay positive and count your blessings

Jane Herman Year 9 Dean

## **Christchurch Wind Festival 2019**

Our students out did themselves performing at the Christchurch Wind Festival on August the 25th. The standard of competition was very high this year, with just over a dozen Christchurch Schools entered. Our Concert Band performed beautifully, gaining 2<sup>nd</sup> place with a Silver Award. A bonus of this year's competition was the opportunity to perform in Cashmere High School's stunning new Performing Arts facility.

Well done everybody on an outstanding performance under the direction of our truly exceptional conductor, Mr. Ian Thorpe. This competition marks the warming up for our Band in anticipation of travelling to Sydney in July next year to attend the World Music Festival.





## **School Policies**

Our school policies can be found at <a href="https://papanui.schooldocs.co.nz">https://papanui.schooldocs.co.nz</a>

Username: papanui password: pride



## **Sports News**

#### Student Achievements

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.

#### School sports news

#### 2019 Southern Tour

Congratulations to Ryan Macleod who competed for Papanui High School at the Cycling NZ Schools' 2019 Southern Tour in Blenheim last weekend. Results as follows:

U17 Boys

Individual Time Trial – 1<sup>st</sup> (National Title)

Hill Climb - 4th

 $Criterium - 5^{th}$ 

Road Race - 7th

Overall placing of 3rd

Term 4 Summer Sport Registrations

Term 4 Summer Sport student registrations are now open via the link below:

https://forms.gle/ktcNYPZV27e175rw6

Please note that we are offering some additional social options e.g. Fast5 Netball, Indoor Football and Touch for all PHS students and will be free to participate.

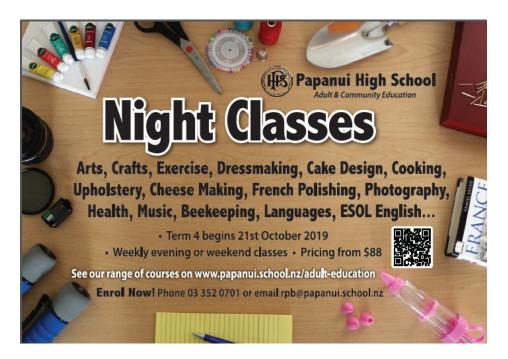
Registrations close Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September – if you have any questions please get the student to visit the sports office or email hlk@papanui.school.nz

#### Important Dates/ Notices:

No In House Basketball on 6<sup>th</sup> Sept. Will finish up on the 20<sup>th</sup> September. Winter Sports teams that have now finished can start to return uniforms. Term 4 sport registrations open and close Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September.



Kirsten Hill Head of Sport hlk@papanui.school.nz



Papanui High School Term 4 Nightclasses are now open for Enrolment. Classes begin week of 21 October. For all course information please visit our website <a href="https://www.papanui.school.nz/com-ed/categories">https://www.papanui.school.nz/com-ed/categories</a> or email Barbara Roper <a href="mailto:rpb@papanui.school.nz">rpb@papanui.school.nz</a> or telephone our office on 033520701.

# We're fundraising with we're fundraising with Support the Papanui High School PTA

Purchase now and go in the draw to win the ultimate Father's Day gift. Anyone who purchases a Membership during August will go into the draw to win 2 tickets to see Fleetwood Mac, along with accommodation at Stamford Plaza in Auckland, plus a \$400 gift card courtesy of Prezzy Card.



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