

Papanews Community Edition

Friday 20th September 2019

Principal's Perspective

Kia Ora.

This week has seen our senior students sitting 'Formative Assessments' to assist in their preparation for the NCEA external exams later in the year. These assessments are an important step in ensuring students are preparing for their external exams in November, while also providing a potential derived grade should that be needed. Senior students will be given valuable feedback from these assessments on how they are progressing, which they should use as part of their preparation process heading towards those external examinations. Students have also been working through the process of completing internal assessments. As we move into Term 4, students should be thinking about reducing their part time work hours where appropriate, engaging their study plan, and talking to their teachers to support their ongoing learning.

I would like to thank the junior school who have busily gone about their daily routines around learning, particularly over the last week when we have had some rooming and time-table changes, and an awareness of the need to have quiet areas when assessments are taking place.

Congratulations to Ms Josie Welch who has been appointed as Year 9 Dean for 2020.

Our Hip Hop crew have arrived in Queenstown to compete in the Hip Hop nationals over the weekend. We wish them every success.

We are closing in on the end of a very busy term. Next week will include our traditional Extravaganza Week, which will provide a range of fun activities during the lunch breaks, culminating in an extended lunchtime 'Carnival' on Friday.

Jeff Smith Principal

The Week Ahead

Extravaganza Week

Monday 23 Hire a Helper (lunchtime)

Tuesday 24 Combined assemblies: P2 Jnr, P3 Snr

Student vs teacher Fast 5 Netball & Visual Arts Print making (lunchtime)

ACES evening

Wednesday 25 Jnr - 2 weekly engagement reports

Jump Jam in the Quad and PHS Hottest Baker and bake sale (lunchtime)

Y12 PE/Kimi Camp

Thursday 26 Open Mic (lunchtime)

Y12 PE/Kimi Camp Board of Trustees meet

Friday 27 Carnival Day

Loud shirt mufti day Extended lunchtime Y12 PE/Kimi Camp Last day Term 3

School Strike 4 Climate Change Rally 27th September

The following letter was emailed home to all parents/caregivers on Wednesday 18th September.

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

You may be aware that on Friday 27th September, aother School Strike 4 Climate Change rally is planned to be held in Cathedral Square, Christchurch at 1pm and students are being encouraged to attend via social media and other means.

How the school responds has been discussed by the Board and staff and the majority of secondary schools in the region if not all, are taking a common approach to the event. Here are a number of points we believe you need to know if you are considering your son/daughters attendance:

- While the school feels the impact of climate change is a significant global issue, we believe there are other
 ways for students to express their support for the cause that do not disrupt learning at school. For instance, a
 weekend rally could have been held, letters could be written to those with influence in this cause, social media
 could be used to gather support and there will be more. Therefore the school does not support the timing of
 the event.
- Our understanding is that the event has no named organiser and no plans for management on the day; if they
 do exist, they have not been brought to our attention. The Police are aware though that this event is
 happening.
- Schools would find it very difficult to prevent students from attending and we will not be doing so. Given our
 duty of care though for students, if your son/daughter is going to attend, we need your approval indicating you
 know they are there. Such approval means that the school has no responsibility for the student once they
 leave the school gates.
- Any student who has provided parent approval to attend the event, will be marked on the schools attendance register as an Explained absence (E) but an Unjustified absence (U).
- We have no position on the wearing of uniform to the event if students attend as any enforcement would be almost impossible this will be a decision you and your son/daughter make.
- While we are not encouraging students to attend, at our school, there will be an opportunity provided for students to be 'released' from class or school at 11.35am (end of Period 3) to minimise disruption to those staying in class.

If you give your permission for your child to attend the rally, please email the school stating your child's name and form class to: admin@papanui.school.nz

PTA Uniform Sale Dates

Thursday 24 **October -** 2.30 till 3.30pm Thursday 28 **November -** 2.30 till 3.30pm Saturday 7 **December -** 9-11am

Saturday 25 **January** 2020 - 9-11am

Uniform

MAINLAND UNIFORMS BACK TO SCHOOL 2020

LAY-BY SPECIAL

Come in and lay-by your Uniform from

2nd September - 21st December 2019 and receive 10% discount

Payments can be made through internet banking

We can resize the Uniform in January and change any sizes if required

The Uniform for our school is stocked at

Mainland Uniforms: 511Wairakei Rd:03 360 3037

Or check us out online at

www.mainlanduniforms.co.nz





Sports News

Student Achievements

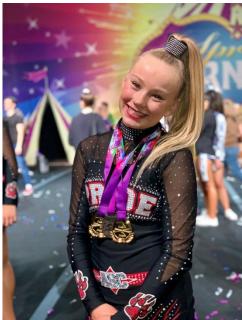
Spring Carnival - Cheerleading

Alexis Grandi Year 9 competed at Spring Carnival in Auckland recently for cheerleading, she competed in three teams. Her final results were:

Sassykatz: Junior Level 2 - 1st & Level 2 - Grand Champions

Panthers: Junior Level 3 - 1st NZD South: ICU Junior Advanced - 2nd





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

Kimi Ora Basketball - Greymouth Trip

The Kimi Ora Basketball Team travelled to Greymouth for their annual basketball competition. They had a great tournament coming away with wins against all teams. Teams they played were from: Greymouth HS, Waimea College, and Westland/ Buller.





South Island Secondary Schools' Korfball Tournament - Christchurch

Over the 14th and 15th September our Senior Korfball Team competed at the SISS Korfball Tournament in Christchurch at Shirley Boys'/ Avonside Girls' High School.

The new team came together nicely to show great skill and teamwork to pull off a combination of wins and close defeats. The team placed 11th overall in the A grade.

Term 4 Summer Sport Registrations

Teams have now been listed on the sports noticeboard. Students can collect information and permission forms from the sports office and need to be handed in by the last day of term – Friday 27th September to the student office. Teams and activities will start week one of Term 4.

Important Dates/ Notices:

- Winter Sports uniforms are now due back.
- Summer Sport to start week 1 of Term 4.



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

Adult and Community Education - Term 4

Would you like to learn some basic Sign Language? Then come along to Papanui High School and enrol in our Beginners Level 1a Sign Language Course. This course is being held at Papanui High School on a Tuesday night starting 22 October 7-9 pm for 6 weeks at a cost of \$95. Students will learn numbers, the alphabet, shapes, signing names, facial expressions and body language.

For further information and enrolment please visit our website https://www.papanui.school.nz/com-ed/category/languages or email Barbara Roper rpb@papanui.school.nz or telephone our office on 033520701.



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