



Principal's Perspective

Kia ora,

As a school we are continually looking at ways in which we can improve learning outcomes for our students.

Following on from the orientation Year 9 meet the teacher evening two weeks ago, we held our Year 10 – 13 “**Meet and Greet**” evening last Thursday night. It is important that families / whānau and caregivers have the opportunity to meet subject teachers, and get an overview of the year’s learning. I would like to thank the community for supporting this event, and for the positive feedback.

The Year 13 Peer Support leaders continue to support the Year 9’s integration in to their new school, and are doing a wonderful job. It is important that school culture and values are clearly articulated to our new students so that we can build upon our growing reputation as a school that supports individual achievement through high expectations, positive work ethic, and a strong sense of social responsibility.

It’s been good to settle in to a full week of teaching and learning. We are still needing to make adjustments to a small number of classes, as enrolments continue to flow into the school. We will hopefully have finalised these by the end of next week. From here on in, the full spectrum of school life swings in to action.

The first PTA meeting of 2019 will be held on Monday 17th February, and I invite all new parents to attend.

We continue to keep a watching brief in relation to the Coronavirus with general updates being posted on our website as required. You can also access further health advice and the latest information from the Ministry of Health website. [Novel coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\) guidance – Ministry of Health](#)

Nga mihi nui,

Jeff Smith
Principal

PTA Invitation

Every year it is important that representatives of the new Year 9 group join the PTA, and we extend a very warm welcome to all Year 9 parents and caregivers who would be interested in coming along and being part of the PTA. The first meeting of the year will take place on Monday 17th February at 7.30pm. The meeting will take place in the staff room which is on the first floor of the main Administration Block. A PTA representative will be outside the Admin Block to welcome you.

Paid Union Meeting

On **Thursday 27th February**, Papanui High School teachers will be attending a paid union meeting. The right to hold a meeting of this nature is contained in the Secondary Teachers’ Collective Employment Agreement. All Union members are expected to attend.

Accordingly, on Thursday 27th February the school day will finish at the end of Period 4: 12.25pm.

If you wish to have your son/daughter supervised during afternoon school hours please register with the school office (phone: 352 6119).

Digital Citizenship

Understanding Tiktok

TikTok is a platform for creating, sharing and discovering short videos. It seems to be the hottest app with young people right now and has recently surpassed over 1 billion installs on the App Store and Google Play. A lot of the content is really funny and very creative - the first way to find out more about TikTok would be to sit down and get your teen to show you some of their favourite videos!

TikTok does seem to have some good online safety features. Users can block people they don't want contact from and report inappropriate content or contact. It has a [Safety Centre](#) that is worth exploring either with your child or on your own. TikTok also has [dedicated resources for parents](#) that you might want to read. It explains how to set up restricted mode or establish screen time limits - possibly important given the addictive nature of this app.

So what are the online safety challenges related to TikTok? Some of the most common concerns are that users can see inappropriate content or be contacted by people they don't know. While there does not seem to be a problem with pornographic content on Tik Tok, young people will be exposed to a lot of foul language, either from the 'musers' (name for Tik Tok users) themselves or the songs they use in their videos.

This is a risk of predators approaching children on TikTok. To manage this, ensure that your child's account is set to 'Private'. You can also toggle off 'Allow others to find me' which will stop strangers seeing your child's account show up in search results. Finally, by changing all safety settings to 'Friends', your child will not be able to invite strangers into their account either.

One other thing: TikTok collects a ton of personal data about its users so it is also a good idea to opt out of data collection (done in the app's settings).

Take the time to learn about what your child is doing online and teach them the online safety basics before they start using social media. Netsafe's [Parent Toolkit](#) is super-helpful.

Sources:

Netsafe - <https://www.netsafe.org.nz/tiktok/>

Sport News

Student Achievements

Have you competed in a Sports Competition lately? Send your story and results (with pictures if possible) to Kirsten hk@papanui.school.nz or Paige hrp@papanui.school.nz in the Sports Office.

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

Surf Life Saving - Lucas Smith

CONGRATULATIONS to Lucas Smith (pictured right) who won three medals (Gold in the board relay race, Silver in the individual race, and Bronze in the diamond race) in the Canterbury Surf Life Saving Championships, held at New Brighton beach on 9th February. He was up against 30 other competitors in his age group!



Relay for Life

Join the "Go Papanui High!" Team at the RELAY FOR LIFE ŌTAUTAHI. Raising funds for the Cancer Society.

When? Saturday 28th March 2020: 10am - 10pm

Where? Nga Puna Wai Sports Hub, Christchurch.

Register through the below link:

<https://christchurch.relayforlife.org.nz/>

Canterbury Ultimate - Frisbee

Canterbury Ultimate will be running a module for girls (12-18 years old) on Friday afternoons throughout February, March, and start of April. The programme focuses on getting young girls into a positive, welcoming setting where they can develop skills, friends, and to build confidence and interpersonal skills. No initial fee to attend, just pay \$5 per session and earn a free GUF disc if you attend all 6 sessions.

Pre-register here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/15K25xZUf7c2lh6_FZy5382tJO6Eui2AfiC6o-kYYqto

Squash Canterbury - Coaching

Squash Canterbury are offering beginner coaching sessions for girls.

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FUN, FITNESS & FRIENDSHIP

Term 1 Beginners Squash Coaching for Girls (11+)

Burnside Squash Club, 403 Withells Road, Avonhead Christchurch

Monday 3.30pm-4.15pm

For 8 weeks, starting 10/2/20. Last week 30/3/20

First two sessions FREE 'Give it a Go'

Booking is essential

Cost \$40 for the 8 weeks or \$5/week

Equipment provided, please wear non-marking court shoes



For further information and to book contact: Di McCoy

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Important News

- Term 1 Summer Sport starts next week. Weekly draws will be posted on our Sports noticeboard, and also on our Papanui High School Sport facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/Papanui-High-School-Sport-169104313168636/?ref=bookmarks>
- Permission slips are now available for all students who are participating in Summer Sport in Term 1. These can be collected from the sports office. Permission slips and payment forms are to be handed in to the student office by 14th Feb 2020.
- Canterbury Secondary School Athletics will be held on the 17th and 21st (finals) of March. If interested in entering, please email Paige (hrp@papanui.school.nz) with the events you would like to be entered in.

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The Week Ahead

FEBRUARY

- Monday 17 OED32F Casey Binser
PTA meeting - 7.30pm
- Tuesday 18 OED32F Casey Binser
- Wednesday 19 Summer Sport starts
OED32F Casey Binser
Snr – 2 weekly engagement reports
Aiga Fono
- Thursday 20
- Friday 21

School Policies

Our school policies can be found at
<https://papanui.schooldocs.co.nz>
Username: papanui password: pride



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Tōku Kura, Tōku Tiketike, Tōku Haepapa*