## **Principal's Perspective**

Kia ora,

This week brought another step closer to a return to our regular teaching and learning programme. This included starting the day with Period 1, and form time returning to just before interval. After working through the previous week, which focussed on well-being, re-connecting, and assessing students' readiness to learn, Friday's Staff Only Day gave us an opportunity to use that information, and plan our learning programmes for the remainder of the year.

During the week the Government announced a change to the Level 2 gathering numbers. This means that with increased gathering numbers to 100 the school will have an opportunity to widen its bubble for visitors supporting curriculum delivery, involvement in co-curricular activities with other schools or groups, and for parents and caregivers to come into the school to attend events. From Tuesday the 2nd June, Year 13 students will now be able to be off site, including going to Northlands Mall, during their scheduled timetabled study periods. We will also continue to release Year 9 and Year 10 students at 2.25pm each day to continue to help manage student and traffic congestion.

It is important to remember we are still operating under the conditions of Alert Level 2. There has an increase to group sizes, and therefore more potential interaction between our school bubble and the wider community, therefore contact tracing and following the hygiene protocols remain essential.

We look forward to further relaxation of the Alert Level 2 status, and the potential to be able to engage in a number of our larger events that form part of our school year.

I hope the long weekend provides an opportunity for some rest and relaxation

He waka eke noa – We are all in this together.

Jeff Smith Principal

### **School Photos**

**School photos have arrived** - Those photos ordered online by the free delivery deadline have been received, and will be distributed to students via their form teacher over the next week.

All photos are still available for purchase through <a href="www.photolife.co.nz">www.photolife.co.nz</a> and using the students initial individual order code. These photo orders will now have an extra delivery fee added, and will be posted home instead of to school.

# Papanui High School 2020 Term Dates

TERM ONE: Tuesday 28 January - Friday 27 March\*

Monday 27 January Staff only day

Tuesday 28 January Pōwhiri for new students

Orientation programme begins

Thursday 6 February Waitangi day - school closed

86 half days

TERM TWO: Wednesday 15 April - Friday 3 July\*

Monday 27 April ANZAC Day observed - school closed

Thursday 7 May AC conference day

Friday 29 May Staff only day - school closed for instruction

Monday 1 June Queen's Birthday - school closed

108 half days

TERM THREE: Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September

Thursday 6 August PPTA Accord Day 1 - school closed for instruction

Friday 21 August Mid-term Break - school closed

Monday 31 August Winter Tournament week - TBC

Monday 14 September Senior Assessment week

98 half days

# **PTA Uniform Sale**

Date: Saturday 6 June.
Doors open: 9.00am
Last entry: 10.50am
Where: G1 Study hall

Sales by cash and EFTPOS (no credit cards)

All queries to <a href="PHS.PTA.SHU@gmail.com">PHS.PTA.SHU@gmail.com</a> (please don't call the school, as it is the PTA who run the second-hand uniform shop)

All protocols required at that time by the government will be adhered to, for example contact tracing details taken, limiting numbers in hall, and physical distancing.

Claire Arthurs

Second-hand Uniform Sales Co-ordinator

Papanui High School Parents and Teachers Association

<sup>\*</sup>Original Term 1 and 2 dates changed due to COVID-19 Alert Level lockdown.

#### **Co-Curricular Activities**

The school is really excited that our co-curricular programme was able to resume, in various forms, this week. A number of staff have worked very hard to ensure the activities are operating under the Alert Level 2 restrictions in the safest way, and we have been very impressed with our students' maturity in adopting these changes with little fuss. Students have been able to have adapted sports trainings and rehearsals, virtual council meetings, and a number of Leadership meetings were able to take place before school, and during lunch times. The Government announcement this week has meant that even more activities will be able to take place, and we expect to hear from School Sport Canterbury during the next week about the start of a Winter Sport season. We look forward to welcoming more activities back to our co-curricular programme over the coming weeks.

#### **Greater Christchurch Schools' Network**

The Greater Christchurch Schools' Network (GCSN) is currently conducting research into device and internet access in homes across Canterbury, with a particular focus on the context of the Covid-19 lockdown.

A survey has been designed to find out from students, parents, and school staff about accessibility to online learning and experiences of teaching and learning through the Covid-19 lockdown. This will help inform recommendations on device usage at home for learning purposes and recommendations for devices and internet connectivity in remote learning scenarios. It is hoped that this research will help inform efforts to better equip schools and families to access digital learning in the future.

We would encourage you to complete this survey so we can use the results for our own future planning regarding internet and device access.

You can access the survey by following the link below. The survey is open until June 8th. There is a monetary prize offered for participation, and we appreciate any feedback you can provide. It is hoped that this work will inform future online learning access.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/gcsnsurvey

Louisa Clissold Deputy Principal

#### **Enrolments for 2021**

Enrolments for 2021 are now open. Visit the school's website and download the 2021 enrolment form.

Enrolments close on July 31<sup>st</sup>
A ballot (if necessary) will be held on August 4<sup>th</sup>, and parents advised accordingly.

#### **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



## **PTA Fundraiser - Entertainment Book**

# Entertainment Memberships are expiring !!!



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