



Principal's Perspective

Kia ora,

I am hopeful that the extended long weekend provided students with a well timed break, and an opportunity to recharge as we move in to the second half of the term.

We are very pleased that the Ministry of Education has taken steps to support senior students with regards to NCEA qualification attainment. Below you can read a summary of the changes as provided by NZQA.

NCEA UPDATE YEAR 11 - 13

The New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) have reviewed the requirements for NCEA due to the disruption caused by COVID-19.

To help address this and support students, the following changes are being made to NCEA and University Entrance (UE) requirements for this year:

- Students working towards an NCEA can gain additional credits, based on the number of credits they achieve during the 2020 school year. These additional credits will be known as Learning Recognition credits. For every 5 credits a student achieves towards their NCEA either through internal or external assessment, they are entitled to an additional 1 credit. Students at NCEA Level 1 are eligible for up to a maximum of 10 additional credits while those at Levels 2 and 3 are eligible for up to a maximum of 8 additional credits.
- Students will be awarded a certificate endorsement if they achieve 46 credits at Merit or Excellence level, rather than the usual 50. Students achieving 12 credits at Merit or Excellence level in a course – rather than 14 – will be awarded a course endorsement.
- Current UE requirements have been reduced from 14 to 12 credits in three UE-approved subjects. Students still need to attain NCEA Level 3 and meet literacy and numeracy requirements to be awarded University Entrance.
- External NCEA examinations and NZ Scholarship examinations will now take place from **16 November 2020 to 9 December 2020**. This will provide extra time for teaching, learning and assessment in Term 4.
- The submission date for subjects which require students to submit a portfolio (for example, Design and Visual Communications) has been extended to 12 November 2020, to give students more time to complete their portfolios.

These changes have been designed to encourage students to continue working towards their NCEA and to ensure that the NCEA attained by our students this school year is just as valid as those earned in previous years.

Our Staff Only Day held recently gave us an opportunity to be thinking about our curriculum delivery for the remainder of the year. The above information will help support this thinking, and over the coming weeks students will gain greater clarity around the amended requirements and their learning programmes.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we continue to function under Alert Level 2. We look forward to the potential changes that may come if we are able to move to Alert Level 1. It is likely this will mean no restrictions to the number of people coming into the school, and therefore our ability to hold events and activities with our community will not be limited to 100 people. We are looking forward, in particular, to being able to resume our co-curricular programme, which provides that important 'other side' of school life that I know both staff and students have been missing.

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

Jeff Smith
Principal

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
<i>86 half days</i>	

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
<i>108 half days</i>	

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
<i>Monday 31 August</i>	<i>Winter Tournament week - TBC</i>
Monday 14 September	Senior Assessment week
<i>98 half days</i>	

TERM FOUR: Monday 12 October - Thursday 10 December

Monday 26 October	Labour Day - school closed
Monday 9 November	Senior Prizegiving
Friday 13 November	Show Day - school closed
Monday 16 November	NCEA exams start (end 9 December)
Thursday 19 November	PPTA Accord Day 2 - school closed for instruction
Thursday 10 December	Junior Prizegiving
<i>84 half days</i>	

*Original Term 1 and 2 dates changed due to COVID-19 Alert Level lockdown.

Year 12

Kia ora from Year 12 at the end of our 8th week for Term 2. This is my first writing for the Community News for 2020 so firstly I want to say 'thank you' for all the support and time and effort you put into your child/ren over the Rahui/lockdown period. As a parent of five children, it was a time to manage family, learning, and work and it certainly had its challenges. Reflecting back on the time I personally learnt more about the way my children learn, which has been invaluable.

It has been uplifting to be back at school as I've missed the personal interactions that were not possible during our time at home. Our students have returned back to school and assimilated back into the rigour of school life and NCEA Level 2 exceptionally well. Now is a very good time to sit down and talk with your child/ren about how their classes and assessments are going, as our second semester starts on the 22nd of June.

I am, and I believe a lot of our students are, looking forward to the upcoming Senior School Formal, this is a first for our Year 12's, and is scheduled for the first Friday of Term 3. If you need any support with making the school formal a reality for your child, please do not hesitate to contact me, or the Year 13 Dean, Mr Paul Anderson.

Lastly, it has been wonderful to see the growing interactions around school especially around sport and co-curricular activities. This is vitally important for the health and well-being for all our students while still observing adherence and respect to restrictions in place for Level 2.

This is all from me, take care, and I look forward to updating you all again soon.

Nga mihi nui,

Mr. Joe Holland
Year 12 Dean
Kaitiaki Tau 12

Ronald McDonald House

The Papanui High School Ronald McDonald House team is excited to announce the new 'Papanui High School Ronald McDonald House Donation Button' on the Ronald McDonald House website. This is very exciting as it is another way for students, parents, whānau, and the Papanui High community to support this amazing charity.

Papanui High School is continuing to sponsor the 'Teenage Room' at Ronald McDonald House, through our \$10,000 annual donation. The Teenage Room is a homely and fun room for teenagers to use when they are staying at Ronald McDonald House, Papanui High School is proud to be supporting this room, and making the experience easier for the families at Ronald McDonald House.

This year is very exciting for the Ronald McDonald House Team as we have some amazing events planned for the students to take part in, including bake sales, and live music with all proceeds going towards Ronald McDonald House.

We would like to thank Ronald McDonald House for making this donation button possible and we urge people to support this amazing charity and the teenage room.

<https://rmhsi.org.nz/product/papanui-high-school/>

- Jack Haldane - Ronald McDonald House Team Leader

PTA Uniform Sale

Date: Saturday 6 June

Doors open: 9.00am - **Last entry:** 10.50am

Where: G1 Study Centre

Sales by cash and EFTPOS (no credit cards)

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

Claire Arthurs

Second-hand Uniform Sales Co-ordinator - Papanui High School Parents and Teachers Association

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

Night-classes in Term 3

We are pleased to advise that our Term 3 Night-classes are now open for enrolment. Classes will begin the week of 27 July and most will run for 7 weeks.

A full list of courses is available on our website <https://www.papanui.school.nz/com-ed/categories> for further information please email Barbara Roper rpb@papanui.school.nz or telephone our office on 03 350 2701.

To enrol in a course just download an enrolment form on our website <https://www.papanui.school.nz/adult-education/enrol> fill it out and email it to rpb@papanui.school.nz or phone our office on 03 352 0701.

Enrolments for 2021

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

Enrolments close on July 31st

A ballot for out of zone enrolments (if necessary) will be held on August 4th, and parents advised accordingly.

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