Papanews Community Edition

Friday 14 August 2020

Principal's Perspective

Kia ora,

This week I returned to school following my hip operation. I would like to acknowledge and thank our Associate Principal, Jo Hunnikin, who was Acting Principal in my absence. I know it has already been very busy and we were looking forward to having some sense of normality this term, how quickly things change! At time of writing we were waiting for the latest update from the Ministry of Health regarding any further development on the current Covid-19 situation and any changes in Alert Levels. We will update you with any relevant changes as quickly as we can.

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel this week's Senior Course Selection Evening as it breached Alert Level 2 rules on mass gatherings. Further information will be provided next week on how we will support students with course selection.

A number of events are still listed on our calendar from Monday August 17 onwards. These include in Week 5 such things as the PTA meeting on Monday, Junior Speech Competitions on Tuesday, the school's production of 'Earthquakes in London' on Wednesday and Thursday, students competing in the Jazz Combo competing at the ARA JazzQuest Combo competition, finishing with a mid-term break on Friday 21st.

We are very hopeful that these will go ahead as planned. This of course may change at any time, upon which we will update you with either a cancellation, postponement, or modification to the proposed event.

Ngā mihi nui

Jeff Smith Principal

Mid Term Break

A reminder that Friday 21st August will be a mid term break for staff and students of Papanui High School, and the school will be closed.

PTA - Treasurer Wanted

The Papanui High School PTA urgently needs a Treasurer. Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month. For more information please contact the PTA President, Carolynne Som: email: <u>candwsom@xtra.co.nz</u> or phone: (03) 3521217 / (027) 5237901

Second Hand Uniform Sale

Tuesday 25 August 5:30pm-6:55pm Last entry: 6:45pm Location: G1 Study Hall

Have uniform to sell? We need more cardies and jackets! Drop off to main or student office, along with completed form (office provides) by Friday 21 August,

2:30pm for inclusion in this sale. Bank details required if you wish to be paid upon sale of your items (clothing can also be donated for fundraising).

Immediately following the sale the course selection evening for 2021 year elevens will be held. Grab a senior jersey or cardigan in a larger size, get sorted for next year all in one go.

Further information: https://www.papanui.school.nz/ our-school/second-hand-uniform-sale Further questions: contact Claire: phs.pta.shu@gmail.com

Junior Speech Competition

Papanui High School Junior Speech Competition

The English Department would like to extend a warm welcome to parents, students, friends and whānau to join us on Tuesday 18th August for the annual Junior Speech Competition.

Talented Year 9 and 10 students will present speeches on a range of challenging, thought provoking, and humorous topics. The students will compete for the Year 9 and 10 speaking trophies.

Our guest adjudicators will be Katie Mills and Alison McMillan. Katie is a past pupil who has completed a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Art History and is currently completing a Masters of International Relations and Diplomacy. Alison is a retired English teacher with over thirty years teaching experience. She estimates she would have listened to and marked about 2500 speeches over her career!

Where: B3 (ground floor of the English Department)

When: Tuesday 18 August. Light refreshments will be served from 6.00pm. Speeches begin at 6.30pm

Kerren Langdon English Department

Hip Hop Success

Congratulations to the twenty students from the school's Hip Hop mega crew 'Envy' who won the Mega Crew section of the NZCAF Regional competitions last weekend.

Even though there were almost twice as many in this group in comparison to other years, it is a very unique mix of students, they support each other, and other dance groups, and are really hard working.

Maddie Gay (Y12) choreographed the entire dance, and did a superb job of creating and leading.

It was interesting to note that in many of the dance studio crews there were ex Papanui students that are now dance teachers, and very successful ones. We are hugely proud of the Papanui Dance community.

You can see 'Envy' perform at the school's annual Infinite Dance Show on the 26, 27, and, 28 of August.

This win means the team has qualified for the 2020 National Schools' Hip Hop Championships in Wellington in September.



Year 11

Colin Powell who was the US Secretary of State from 2001 to 2005 stated that "there are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure". This sentiment is what many of our Year 11 students have found already throughout this year. Their hard work and determination to succeed is beginning to pay off with many of the cohort well on the way towards 80 credits. With less than 51 days left of timetabled schooling for our students it is imperative that they make the most of the learning opportunities left. This means completing homework, studying for assessments, and asking teachers for feedback to ensure that they understand what is required of them for continued success.

Recently we have tried to rid some students of the belief that barely doing enough to scrape through is okay, as we want to encourage them to try and strive to reach their full potential. Although it is hard work, we should be aiming for excellence not only in our academic and sporting pursuits, but also in terms of our behaviour and the way we present ourselves in terms of uniform. A good way to check to see if your child is making the most of the learning opportunities given to them is to continue to have conversations around the fortnightly progress report where three's indicate engagement in learning in class and completion of set tasks.

Term 3 really has been a time for reflection on what has gone well this year and what subjects your child has enjoyed. It was wonderful to see so many of you at our recent Conference Day. Checking on what progress has been made, whether they are likely to achieve their goals and whether any help is required are all-important to ensure continued success. This week unfortunately saw the cancellation of Senior Course Evening. The school is working very hard in determining what the best pathway forward is in terms of getting this vital information out to students. Students and whānau can rest assured that teachers, HOD's, Form teachers, Academic Counsellors, and the Careers Department will be ensuring this information gets to students in a timely fashion.

While academics is the focus for a great number of our students, it has also been great to see so many students involved in Winter sport and other extra-curricular activities after school. Learning the skills of communication, teamwork and at times conflict resolution, will not only be beneficial now but are also key skills for the future.

Lynette Starr Year 11 Dean

PHS Alumni

Papanui High School has an Alumni for former students.

It would be wonderful to build on our Alumni relationships forging into the future with Reunion Weekends, and Year Group morning teas and luncheons.

With so many ex pupils wanting to re-connect with the school, we want to ensure that you are always updated with the events and current news, via our regular Alumni Newsletter.

Please do get in touch if you have a story to share as well as old school photos, as we are always wanting to build on the school archives

If you would like to join, or have changed any of your contact details, please notify me.

Jo Thomas-Hiddleston - alumni@papanui.school.nz

Adult and Community Education

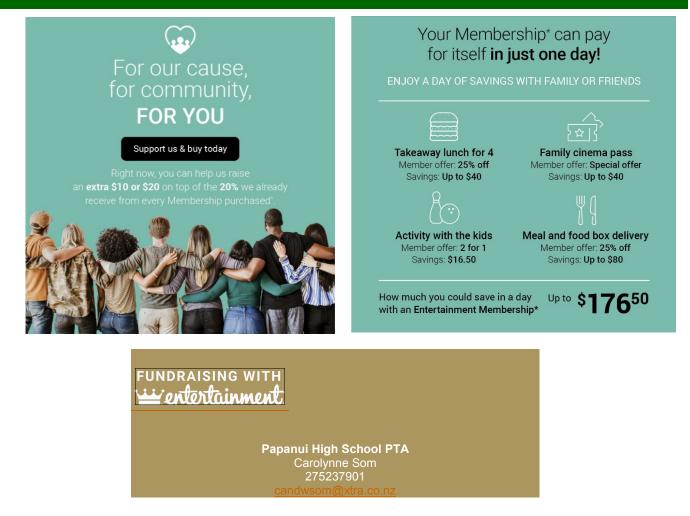
WRITING BOOKS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS COURSE

Do you have an interest in wanting to learn to write books for children and young adults? Papanui High School is offering a weekend course on Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 September, 10 am - 4 pm both days at a cost of \$120. This course will teach you the difference between writing for very young and older children, what publishers and parents look for, how to structure a story, how to create a great character and how to submit your stories.

The tutor Michele McConnochie is a writer, she has written a number of books as well as having written for newspapers and a publishing company she now focuses on teaching writing.

For further information or for enrolment in this course please contact Barbara Roper <u>rpb@papanui.school.nz</u> or telephone our office on 033520701.

PTA Fundraiser - Entertainment Book



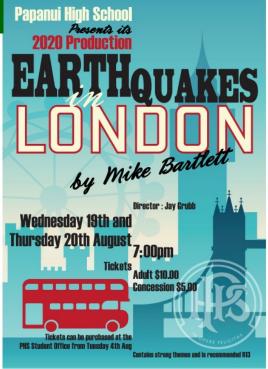
Earthquakes in London

This year's production 'Earthquakes in London' will run on Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th August, in the school hall, at 7.00pm, with a matinee performance also on the Thursday,

Because of physical distancing restrictions tickets are now limited. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and only available from the student office - **THERE ARE NO DOOR SALES**.

The seating is non-allocated this year.

Please note: Contains strong themes and is recommended R13



Sport

Winter Sport Results

Basketball

Junior Girls - defeated by Christchurch Girls' High School U15A (Saturday) - won 85-63 against Pioneer U15B (Saturday) - defeated by Burnside Senior Boys (Saturday) - won in overtime 81-80 Senior Boys (Tuesday) - defeated by Hillmorton Senior Girls (Tuesday) - defeated by Christchurch Girls' High School

Football

Boys' 1st XI - defeated by Cashmere Girls' 1st XI - game cancelled Junior Boys - game cancelled

Netball

Senior A Saturday - won 29-28 against Villa Maria D Senior B Saturday - won 25-20 against Villa Maria J Senior Wednesday - game cancelled Year 9/10 - game cancelled Year 9 - game cancelled

Hockey

Girls - won 4-0 against Darfield Boys - won 4-1 against Kaiapoi

Squash

Mixed - game cancelled Rugby (Forward Foundation) Girls - game cancelled

Student Achievements

Have you competed in a sports competition lately? Send your story and results (with pictures if possible) to Kirsten hlk@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.

Community News

ROCK CLIMBING

Rock climbing is available on a Monday from 3-4pm at the Papanui Youth Centre for any students who are interested. For more information, please either come to the Sports Office or see Andrew Guy.

Girls only squash programme

A squash programme for junior girls (12-18 years old) to have fun playing and learning squash and to develop friendships. Beginners welcome. Fridays from 4.30 - 5.30pm, 5 sessions from 14th August - September 11th. Christchurch Football Squash Club. \$30 per player. Please contact Adam for any queries or to register: 022 313 7717 adam.odering@gmail.com

Important News

Dates to note down for Term 3:

- Canterbury Secondary Schools' Road Race 20th August.
- School Cross Country 25th August
 - Period 1 & 2 Sports Performance classes set up events. Period 2 - Year 11/12/13 Competitive Race. Those wishing to compete must register at Sports Co-ordinators Office no later than Fri 21st August. Period 3 - Year 10 (Competitive Race, Fun Run or Wellbeing Walk) Period 4 - Year 9 (Competitive Race, Fun Run or Wellbeing Walk)
- Canterbury Secondary Schools' Cross Country 8th September

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Any students who are keen on purchasing Papanui High School sports gear can be done via the link below. Payments are done through the website and then are sent directly to you. Please Note: students are not permitted to wear sports gear instead of school uniform. https://withers-merch-shop.myshopify.com/.../papanui-high-sch...

Sport Socks

In addition to the sport uniform, players can purchase some PHS sport socks. Payments are to be made to the Student Office (\$13) and then the receipt is to be handed into the Sports Office where players can also collect their socks.

Note: These are not permitted to be worn as part of the school uniform



Download the School Sport Canterbury app to stay up to date with weekly team draws, results and sporting events around Canterbury.

Kirsten Hill Head of Sport <u>hlk@papanui.school.nz</u> Paige Hubber Sports Assistant hrp@papanui.school.nz

The Week Ahead - Week 5

Friday 21	MID TERM BREAK – School closed
Thursday 20	SSC Road race Auckland Uni course planning OED22F snow trip Production – matinee Production – evening performance
Wednesday 19	Snr – 2 weekly engagement reports OED22F snow trip AUT22F ACF Production – evening performance
Tuesday 18	Junior Speech comp: 6.30pm OED22F snow trip AUT22F ACF
AUGUST Monday 17	AUT22F ACF PTA

ARA – JazzQuest – Combo concert

School Policies

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



My School, My Success, My Responsibility Tōku Kura, Tōku Tiketike, Tōku Haepapa