Friday 4 September 2020

Principal's Perspective

Kia ora,

This week saw a reduced Winter Tournament programme take place. Usually eight to ten teams would travel to various venues around the South Island to compete in their various sports. Due to various cancellations only three teams were able to compete: Snr Boys' Football and Senior Girls' Netball in Timaru, and Girls' Hockey in Nelson. These teams all competed with pride, were great ambassadors for our school, and should feel proud of what they achieved while they were away. I would like to thank all of the students and staff involved, and also acknowledge family and friends who were able to travel to support our teams. In particular I would like to congratulate the 1st XI Boys' Football team who won their competition, being undefeated throughout the tournament. Alongside the Winter Tournament our students competed in the South Island Climbing Championships, with one of our teams finishing a very credible 3rd (more detail in the Sport section).

A number of Year 9 and 10 students took part in our school Cantamaths Competition on Tuesday, from this our teams will be selected to compete in the Canterbury competition. The week culminated in the finals of the school's Lip Sync competition with the students from the Year 13 production class taking out the title.

Senior students have been working on finalising their course selection of subjects for 2021. This is an important process as it enables us to plan for the number of classes we need to run and staff in each subject area for next year. Although students can still change their choice of subject right up to the start of next year, we want to get as accurate a starting point as possible.

Friday's announcement from the Prime Minister has confirmed Alert Level 2 through to at least September 14. As we close out the term we will keep you updated as quickly as possible to any changes to our calendar, and in particular events that involve members of the public coming onto our site which would be above the 100 maximum.

Thank you for your continued ongoing understanding and support.

Ngā mihi nui Jeff Smith Principal

Year 11 - 13 Formative Assessment Week

Senior examinations are taking place over the week of Monday 14 September to Friday 18 September 2020.

Exams, tutorials and other assessment opportunities are timetabled for Year 11, 12 and 13 courses during that week. Unless involved in an exam or tutorial, all Year 11, 12 and 13 students will be on study leave for the duration of this week; there are no normal timetabled classes.

The students are expected to use their study leave to prepare for their exams and assessments that week or continue with set class work at home. Additionally, the Careers room, A12 is available during this time as a quiet study place.

A letter for parents and caregivers explaining the exam expectations and an exam timetable will be sent out early next week. Please check when students are expected at school and encourage them to prepare well and perform to the best of their ability. These practice exams are important! The results from these practice exams may be used as evidence in the 'unexpected event' grades process for NZQA.

Jo Hunnikin Associate Principal

The Ministry of Education Covid-19 Alert Level 2 - UPDATE

Kia ora koutou

I wanted to give you an update on some changes taking place next week and what they mean for your children and whānau.

You are probably aware the Prime Minister has announced that face coverings will be required on public transport from next Monday, at Alert Level 2 and above. This does not apply to any child who is under 12 years of age and does not apply to school transport (we have good systems in place to manage safety on school transport).

Public Health officials have advised that children under the age of 6 should not wear face coverings.

Children and young people do not need to wear face coverings at school. Other public health control measures are in place including children and staff staying home if they are sick, contact tracing, and hygiene requirements.

If your child doesn't need to wear a face covering but they want to, that's fine.

Face coverings are another way we can help keep ourselves and others safe, along with good hand hygiene, cough and sneeze etiquette, appropriate physical distancing when out and about and staying home if we are sick.

We're continuing contact tracing by having QR code posters at our entrances, so please check in every time you come onsite.

If you haven't already downloaded the NZ COVID Tracer app the Ministry of Health's website has information to help you do that. We'll also keep a visitor register for anyone who doesn't have the app and also for anyone who comes onsite for a period of time. This will help us with contact tracing in the unlikely case it is needed.

If you have any questions about face coverings or anything else, please contact the local Ministry of Education office.

Year 12

Kia ora from Year 12 at the end of our 7th week for Term 3. It has been some time since I have written for the Community News this year so I hope this message finds you well, in what has been a difficult year. However, we must move forward, and the focus and resilience our students have shown has really proven their strength and depth of character.

This term has been very busy and I have enjoyed working with a group of Year 12's as we begin plans for our 2021 school formal. We have had a couple of trips out to possible venues, and we hope to have a formal venue locked in within the next couple of weeks. Additionally, we have begun the process for the Head Student team for next year, and a healthy number of students have collected application forms.

Over the last few weeks the senior school and our Year 12's have been informing themselves and selecting courses for study in 2021. Please have a conversation with your child if you have not already about their choices for courses for next year. If you or your child have any questions please do not hesitate to contact their form teacher, myself, or the Careers Office.

Lastly, it was great to have students out over the last week for sports tournaments; some of the pictures of happy smiling faces are so encouraging to show a warm level of normality in some aspects of school life especially in the extra-curricular environment while still observing adherence and respect to restrictions in place for Level 2.

To our students in Year 12, we are that business end of the year and it is time to focus on study and revision more than ever. Seek help and support from those that can support you and remember self-management is the key with plenty of communication.

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

School Policy Review

Every term we review one or more of our school policies. This term we are reviewing the **Learning Support Policy.** Please follow the instructions below to read and comment on the policy. If you have any questions please contact Louisa Clissold cli@papanui.school.nz or 3526119 ext 536

- 1. Visit the website https://papanui.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm
- 2. Enter the username (papanui) and password (pride).
- 3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed. Learning Support
- 4. Read the policy.
- 5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
- 6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
- 7. Enter your name (optional).
- 8. Submit your ratings and comments.
- 9. If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

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

PTA Fundraiser - Entertainment Book

Support local, Support our School and Support your Bank Balance – Entertainment is offering \$24 (usually \$14) for every single city and \$44 (usually \$24) for every multi city membership sold through our cause! Thousands of incredible savings, right at your fingertips. make a difference! Buy now to support our fundraiser.

www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/1371p69

Offer Ends 12th September.



Sport

Winter Sport Results

Basketball

Junior Girls - defeated by RNLS U15A (Saturday) - won 98-37 against Cashmere Maroon U15B (Saturday) - defeated by Christ's College Senior Boys (Saturday) - won 85-67 against Checkers Black Senior Boys (Tuesday) - defeated by Kaiapoi Senior Girls (Tuesday) - defeated by Rangiora

Football

Boys' 1st XI - No game - Winter tournament week Girls' 1st XI - No game Junior Boys - No game - opposition defaulted

Nethall

Senior A Saturday - defeated by Cashmere High A Senior B Saturday - won 30-26 against New Brighton NC Senior Wednesday - BYE Year 9/10 - won 33-9 against HAGL Junior in the semi final Year 9 - won 44-4 against MDGR in the semi final

Hockey

Girls - no game - winter tournament week Boys - no game

Squash

Mixed - defeated by CHCO A

Rugby (Forward Foundation)

Girls - defeated by CGHS

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.

TOURNAMENT WEEK

The following teams competed this week in their respective Winter tournament competitions:

1st XI Boys' Football – Timaru: Our boys' football team had a great tournament coming away undefeated to win the final against Lincoln 5-1. Congratulations to coaches Liam Campfens and Paul Anderson and the team for an outstanding result.

Senior Girls Netball – Timaru: Our Netball team met some tough competition at their tournament. Going in as underdogs for a few of their games they gave these teams a big run for their money and pushed them right to the end. They also notched up some great wins as well!!

Girls Hockey – Nelson: Our girls' hockey team are a fairly new team with plenty of players playing their first year in the team. This did not stop them though as they held their ground against some very good teams. Coach Jen Rutherford and Mairead Neville have been very proud of the teams skill and work rate throughout the tournament.

Well done to all players who were involved in these teams. Also, a big thank you to all coaches/managers/staff members who supported these teams while they were away.

EQUESTRIAN

On a lovely winter day two members of the Papanui High Equestrian Team took part in the Interschool's One Day Event at the National Equestrian Centre, McLeans Island. Elise Shrimpton and Caitlyn Ford rode as a composite team with Mt Hutt College to complete three phases; dressage, show jumping, and cross country throughout the day.

With over 20 teams from schools around Canterbury taking part, the competition was strong. While the team didn't place, our riders finished with good scores and clear rounds.

Next month is the last interschool equestrian event for the year and we are looking forward to more of our riders taking part.



SOUTH ISLAND CLIMBING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Three teams were entered into the South Island Climbing Championships. Endurance was the key and each climber did 80-100 climbs over two days. All of our teams really stood out with their ability to keep going on the second day, regardless of skill level and even when their arms were shaking with fatigue.

Our top team ended up rocking it with a podium finish, coming 3rd from the mixed teams and 5th overall from 22 teams. Congratulations to Laura Townshend Y9, Anna Dabkowski Y10 Lucas Yearbury Y10 and Oscar Gatenby-Thomas Y11.



TRY SOMETHING NEW GATEBALL FAST FUN STRATEGIC EXCITING Come and play alongside NZ Croquet Youth Squad Members

When: Mon 5th – Thurs 8th October 10am – 12.30pm

Where: Barrington Croquet Club Garnett Ave (off Coronation Street) Who: 11-16 year olds Cost: \$10 per person

BOOKINGS REQUIRED

Contact: ccagateball@gmail.com Claire: 0277 104 804 Gay: 021 977 714

ROCKCLIMBING

Rockclimbing 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.

Important News

The link for registrations for Term 4 summer sport can be accessed through the school notices and our school sport facebook page. We ask students to only register for a sport/s if they are 100% committed to playing it in Term 4. Registrations close on the 18th October 2020 (Friday of Week 9).

Dates to note down for Term 3:

Canterbury Secondary Schools' Cross Country - 8th September 2020







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 hlk@papanui.school.nz Paige Hubber Sports Assistant hrp@papanui.school.nz

The Week Ahead - Week 8

September

Monday 7 Otago Uni – Course planning

Tuesday 8 UC - Course planning

SSC Cross Country

Wednesday 9 Junior – 2 weekly engagement reports

Thursday 10 Careers Expo – TBC

Friday 11

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: candwsom@xtra.co.nz or phone: (03) 3521217 / (027) 5237901

School Policies

Our school policies can be found at https://papanui.schooldocs.co.nz

Username: papanui password: pride



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