Friday 4 December 2020

### **Principal's Perspective**

Kia ora,

This week has been very much a 'business as usual', for our junior students, without too many disruptions. In saying that we have had our final two Year 10 Outdoor Education camps take place. These camps were an opportunity for the students to test their skills in an authentic environment.

On Thursday the Kimi Ora Department held its annual end of year, and farewell celebration. This year the venue was moved to the Northcity Church nearby on Sawyers Arms Road due to the very large number of people who wished to attend. The performances showcased some of the skills the students have learned, and also reflected on of the year. A special moment was the highlighting of the journey that four departing senior students have taken throughout their time here.

On Friday we held our Junior Activity Day. The students thoroughly enjoyed the range of activities, and were engaged and full of energy right through to the end of the day. I'd like to congratulate the students for the manner in which they involved themselves, and the staff for the extra effort required to offer these types of events. A significant number of Year 12 students who will take part in the Peer Support training sessions next week, offered to help

### **Junior Prize Giving**

Parents and wider whānau are warmly invited to attend our Junior Prizegivings on Thursday 10 December

The Year 10 ceremony will be held in the Papanui High School Hall - 9.30 am - 10.30 am

The Year 9 ceremony will be held in the Papanui High School Hall - 11.00 am - 12.00 pm

This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and share in the success of our junior students

support the activities and I'd like to acknowledge their involvement, and thank them for their contribution to making this such a successful day.

We look forward to next week, when the NCEA exams come to an end, and on Wednesday Senior sign-out takes place, and the final farewell will be held for our Year 13 students at the Leavers' dinner that evening. We finish the school year by celebrating with our two Junior Prize givings on Thursday.

Ngā mihi nui

Jeff Smith Principal

### **Second Hand Uniform Sale**

The Parents and Teachers Association are holding the following sale:

#### Saturday 12 December 2020

9am to 11am, last entry: 10:50am Location: G1 Study Hall

Have uniform to sell?

Please fill out the seller information form (provided on drop-off) and ensure clothes are clean.

Only four pieces of information are required on the form: your name, phone number, personal email address, and bank account details (must be in same name as name on form). Any additional information you wish to give must be provided separately. Incorrectly filled out forms will incur a delay in processing, and no guarantee for inclusion in the next sale is given.

Donations of clothing are always gratefully received.

For inclusion in the December sale, please bring uniform to G1 during Senior Sign-out (Wednesday 9 December, cut -off time 3:30pm) or bring to school office any day before sign-out.

Cardigans, jackets, shorts, and junior jerseys will almost certainly be hot sellers! Drop them off ASAP for your best chance at freeing up some extra cash for the holidays.

Further details and fine print: <a href="https://www.papanui.school.nz/our-school/second-hand-uniform-sale">https://www.papanui.school.nz/our-school/second-hand-uniform-sale</a>

Further questions: contact Claire, <a href="mailto:phs.pta.shu@gmail.com">phs.pta.shu@gmail.com</a>

### **Activities Day - Friday 4th December**

Friday's activities day has highlighted that Papanui PRIDE and our competitive spirit is alive and well. Students participated in a combination of 7 activities; Tabloids, Capture the flag, a quiz, the Road Safety truck (Year 9), swissball/volleyball, a Papanui Youth Centre visit (Year 10) and Tikānga Māori.

Year 10's were able to participate in a number of activities at the Youth Centre, and are now familiar with the Papanui Youth Development trust resources, and we hope that this will encourage students to visit after school and in the holidays. This years Year 9 students will have an opportunity to take part in this activity next year.

Year 9's were able to participate in the 'Safety Man - Road Safety Truck' experience which shows young people what the visibility, or lack of is like when sitting in a truck. We hope that this awareness will make them safety cyclists and one day, safe drivers. We are extremely grateful to David Boyce and his team who are able to bring the trucks to school free of charge.

Several of the activities during the day were run by the Year 10 Leadership class that has been working throughout the semester to plan the activities that they believe their peers Their hard work ensured the day went would enjoy. smoothly. We are also very grateful to the large number of peer support students that made themselves available to help supervise and run the activities, despite already committing two

and the large number of staff that got involved we would not have been able to run the day.







## **Adult and Community Education**

Papanui High School's Term 1 2021 Adult Education Classes are now open for enrolment. Classes begin the week of 15 February 2021 and most run for 7 weeks. A full list of classes can be found on our website https:// www.papanui.school.nz/com-edu/categories and you can enrol either online via the website, by phoning our office on 03 352 0701, or emailing Barbara Roper

rpb@papanui.school.nz Make 2021 the year when you get out and learn something new, start a new hobby, and meet some new people in a relaxed friendly environment.







### **GOLD at the South Island Ethics Olympiad**

Congratulations to the ten Year 9 eth-letes that participated in the New Zealand South Island Ethics Olympiad last week. The main aim of the event is to promote and encourage the development of collaboration, critical thinking, and respectful dialogue around relevant and interesting ethical issues.

Papanui High School had two teams of five Year 9 students competing. The team consisting of Chloe Morrison Clarke, Shelby Allan, Josh Rae, Thomas Rutherford and Indie Lewis won Gold and an honourable mention from the judges. The second team consisting of Evie Holyoake, Lucas Smith, Hayden Thompson, Katia Ashmore, and Kayla Muirson were placed 4<sup>th</sup> by a very slim margin.

The students worked hard over many weeks preparing for this tough intellectual event and spent all day on Friday on Zoom meetings with other schools discussing and challenging moral dilemmas such as "whether countries should repatriate people who fought for ISIS"

#### Year 11

It was only a very short year ago that we were endeavouring to get the students ready for the rigors of Year 11 and NCEA. Time was spent trying to explain to them the importance of engagement, focus, and in setting goals to ensure success. A year has passed and many of the students clearly took this advice to heart. This cohort should be exceptionally pleased at the way they have applied themselves this year, and of the results they have received. Term 4 has been filled with celebrations of student success, from the Maori and Pasifika awards, to the Sports Awards, the Art exhibition, Pappies, the Music Soiree, and finally Prize giving. It was such a pleasure to see the Year 11 students being acknowledged at these events, and these students should be very proud of everything they have accomplished this year.

Students are now in the midst of studying and sitting their external exams. Many of them have made use of the tutorials their teachers have run during this time, and have applied themselves well to be as prepared as possible for what is a new and daunting situation. I would like to wish all students good luck for their remaining exams, and remind them that senior sign out is on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December.

"No one is going to hand me success. I must go out and get it myself. That's why I'm here. To dominate. To conquer. Both the world, and myself." — Unknown

Lynette Starr Year 11 Dean

### **School Policies**

Our school policies can be found at <a href="https://papanui.schooldocs.co.nz">https://papanui.schooldocs.co.nz</a>

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#### **PTA Fundraiser**

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### **Te Kura Summer School**

Students looking to top up credits for NCEA and University Entrance over the holidays may be able to access the Te Kura Summer school programme.

Courses are online and offer a range of internal standards at NCEA Levels 1, 2 and 3, with qualified teachers to provide support. Registration is now open.

For further information about Summer School, please visit the <u>Te Kura website</u>. Or contact them 0800 65 99 88 or email: <a href="mailto:summerschool@tekura.school.nz">summerschool@tekura.school.nz</a>



### **Sport**

#### **Summer Sport Results**

The sports draw can be found on the school app, sports noticeboard and the school sport facebook page. Any questions regarding sport this term, please come to the sports office or ask the teacher in charge of your team.

#### Korfball

Senior - defeated by Cashmere High School

Junior - won 6-2 against St Margaret's/Christchurch Boys' High School

#### **Student Achievements**

Have you competed in a Sports Competition lately? Send your story and results (with pictures if possible) to Kirsten <a href="https://docume.com/h

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

#### **Canterbury Secondary Schools Triathlon**

Congratulations to Kirsty Watts who came first in the junior age group at the Canterbury Secondary Schools' Triathlon last Sunday. Kirsty finished over 5 minutes ahead of the athlete who placed second in her category, a great achievement!

#### **Community News**

#### **Important News**

Any students who still have a sports uniform from this year, please hand it back into the sports office ASAP.

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.

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### The Week Ahead

#### **DECEMBER**

Monday 7 Peer Support training

Tuesday 8 Peer Support training

Wednesday 9 Junior Prizegiving rehearsals

NCEA Exams end Senior sign out Leavers' Dinner

Junior reports emailed or posted

Thursday 10 Junior Prizegiving

- Year 10: 9.30 - 1-.30 - Year 9: 11.00 - 12.00 Last day Term 4

