



## Principal's Perspective

Kia ora,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the first edition of the PapaCommunity News for 2021. I hope the holiday period has provided an opportunity for students to have a restful and enjoyable break.

I would particularly like to welcome our new Year 9's, transferring Year 10 - 13 students, adult ESOL students, and staff, to the school. Unfortunately as a consequence of the continued border restrictions, for the first time in over thirty years, we were not able to welcome any new international students into our school. We look forward to our borders reopening and being able to welcome back a group of students that are a very important part of our school community.

This newsletter is emailed home to parents/caregivers, and students each week. Its aim is to give you up-to-date information on a weekly basis about the general happenings within the school. We will also use this forum to highlight recent student achievement, and significant upcoming events.

Last Tuesday we had our traditional pōwhiri. This is our way of formally welcoming all new students and staff to the school. I would like to thank the large number of family and whānau who were present to support their child into high school. Following this, we moved into our orientation programme, which is particularly important for transitioning our Year 9 students. I am very grateful to the Year 13 Peer Support leaders for their involvement in supporting the Year 9's. The initial three day programme is about integrating the students into the school's systems, culture, and expectations. The Peer Support programme continues on throughout the first term.



*Year 13 Peer Support leaders at the Hanmer Springs Camp*

This year our Year 9 cohort is approximately 350, which makes it our largest intake that I can recall! As part of our Year 9 orientation process we invite family and whānau to a 'meet and greet' bbq evening, (held on Wednesday evening). This gave an opportunity for an informal gathering to meet the Form Teacher, and subject teachers, of their child's class. This was extremely well attended, and I thank those who were able to be there.

Wednesday and Thursday saw the remaining year levels return to school, briefly, to allow us the opportunity to welcome them back, and start the process of analysing our student numbers. The school timetable is based on maximizing subject choice on a majority "best fit" basis. Student numbers are particularly important because we need to assess class sizes and viability as we move to finalise students' timetables. Our returning numbers have been very good, particularly in the senior school, with a number of new in-zone students changing schools to attend Papanui High School, and also more current students deciding to stay at school and build on their success. Over the following week, classes will need to be balanced, additional classes potentially added, and timetables adjusted as we work through this settling in process. We are working through this as quickly as possible, with the aim to minimise disruption and change.

On Friday it was great to see our full school back, students in class, and the process of learning for 2021 begin.

I look forward to the year ahead.

Ngā mihi nui

Jeff Smith  
Principal

## Subject Teacher - Meet & Greet - Year 10-13

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February, we are holding a “Meet & Greet” evening for parents/whānau, students and subject teachers of our Year 10-13 cohorts. The purpose of this evening is to strengthen connections between home and school by ensuring parents/caregivers know how to and feel confident in making contact with subject teachers. It also gives us an opportunity to explain the teaching and learning programme planned for the year, and the assessment opportunities available.

There is no need to book a time through our usual parental booking system, as the sessions will be held in class groupings in the classrooms students are taught in. Please encourage your son/daughter to attend with you.

The Year 10 meetings will begin at 6.00pm with the senior rotations beginning at 6.30pm, (see table below). Further information will be emailed to you, however if you would like further clarity, please contact the school office.

Lynette Archer  
Assistant Principal

TIME	ROTATIONS	VENUE
<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Year 10</b> 10 CLC 10GLA 10GLP 10GRJ (Whanau) 10HBE 10MCC 10MCL 10MCS 10MLH/MRS (Aiga) 10PWH 10RBK 10RSS 10SLM 10WLA 10WNT	<b>Year 10 Form Rooms</b> B8 P8 F1 W1 M1 J9 F7 F15 D3 J1 J8 F12 H7 F3 P4
<b>6.30pm</b>	Year 11-13 Monday period 1 class	TT classroom for Monday period 1
<b>6.50pm</b>	Year 11-13 Monday period 2 class	TT classroom for Monday period 2
<b>7.10pm</b>	Year 11-13 Monday period 3 class	TT classroom for Monday period 3
<b>7.30pm</b>	Year 11-13 Monday period 4 class	TT classroom for Monday period 4
<b>7.50pm</b>	Year 11-13 Monday period 5 class	TT classroom for Monday period 5
<b>8.10pm</b>	Year 11-13 Monday period 6 class	TT classroom for Monday period 6

## Papanui High School App

The School App allows you to quickly find useful information regarding the school. You can find the school notices, calendar, information regarding term dates, and quickly jump to the parent portal. It is possible to complete attendance in the app- an ID code is being emailed to you for each student.

If you haven't downloaded the app use the QR code (left). You can also search and download SchoolAppsNZ in your app store. Once downloaded please choose Papanui High School.

If you are already using the app this is a good time to refresh the alerts you are receiving. For example if you have been receiving Year 9 information you can change the alerts to receive Year 10 alerts. To do this tap the three horizontal lines in the top left corner of the app and choose alert subscriptions.

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## Can You Help? - Wanted: Business Studies Mentors for 2021

### Wanted - Business Studies Mentors for 2021

Do you have your own business or specialist skills in business eg marketing, sales, etc?

I need volunteers to use their experience to give advice to Papanui High Year 12 and 13 student business groups with the development of their idea and business plan and to support bringing their product or service to market.

Ideally you will be able to meet with groups during class time in Term 1, 2, and 3, preferably two or three times each term, either in person or online, and be available to support and answer questions at times during the year.

If you are able to help our students have an authentic business experience please contact Andrea Gallop [gla@papanui.school.nz](mailto:gla@papanui.school.nz)

Andrea Gallop  
Assistant HOD Commerce

## The Eggplant: TVNZ OnDemand and YouTube

**Review: The Eggplant** The Eggplant is a hilarious 'edutainment' series commissioned by the government as an engaging way to get cyber safety messages across to NZ teens and parents alike. Although the show is aimed at teenagers, it is an incredibly entertaining watch for anyone. Star of the show is Principal Morris, played by Karen O'Leary (*Wellington Paranormal*). Just before the big rugby game at her school, a very large paper mâché eggplant shows up on the rugby field (eggplant emoji). Over six episodes, Morris and her trusty Assistant Principal, Trevor (Tammy Davis - *Outrageous Fortune*), bring in the various suspects. Each unravels a story that highlights one particular online safety issue for teens - bullying, nudes, grooming, pornography, etc. The show, created by Motion Sickness (the team behind the Keep It Real Online campaign), for the Department of Internal Affairs Te Tari Taiwhenua, blends these serious issues with a lot of funny moments very well, and the stories always end on a positive note. The episodes are all between 10 and 15 minutes long so it is easy to sit down and blitz through the whole thing in an evening. Watch with your child and you're sure to be laughing along together.

Michael Smith  
Digital Citizenship

## Papanui High School Term 1 Night-Classes

Are you wanting to learn some new skills, gain confidence, be creative, get fit or relax, meet some new people, or follow a particular passion? There are many reasons why people wish to continue to learn. Come along to Papanui High School and enrol in one of our popular night-classes where you will enjoy getting together with like minded people. Classes begin week of 15 February and most run for 7 weeks. For a full list of courses and enrolment please visit our website <https://www.papanui.school.nz/com-edu/categories>, or email Barbara Roper [rpb@papanui.school.nz](mailto:rpb@papanui.school.nz) or telephone our office on 033520701



## Papanui High School - 2021 Term Dates

### TERM ONE: Tuesday 2 February - Friday 16 April

Monday 1 February  
Tuesday 2 February

Staff only day  
Pōwhiri for new students  
Orientation programme begins

Monday 8 February  
Monday 22 - Friday 26 March  
Friday 2 - Tuesday 6 April

**Waitangi Day observed - school closed**  
Summer Tournament week  
**Good Friday, Easter Monday, and Easter Tuesday - school closed**

### TERM TWO: Monday 3 May - Friday 9 July

TBC  
Thursday 13 May  
Friday 4 June  
Monday 7 June

AC Conference Day  
**PPTA Accord Day - school closed for instruction**  
**Staff only day - school closed for instruction**  
**Queen's Birthday - school closed**

### TERM THREE: Monday 26 July - Friday 1 October

Tuesday 10 August  
Friday 27 August  
Monday 30 August - 3 Sept  
Monday 20 September

**PPTA Accord Day - school closed for instruction**  
**Mid-term Break - school closed**  
Winter Tournament week  
Senior Assessment week

### TERM FOUR: Monday 18 October - Friday 17 December

Monday 25 October  
Tuesday 26 October  
Friday 12 November  
Monday 8 November  
Thursday 25 November  
Friday 17 December

**Labour Day - school closed**  
Senior Prizegiving  
**Show Day - school closed**  
NCEA exams start (end 2 December)  
PPTA Accord Day - School closed  
Junior Prizegiving - end of school year

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