Thursday 1 April 2021

# **Principal's Perspective**

Kia ora,

We are in the process of moving through two short school weeks before the final full week of Term 1.

Recently consultative progress has been made with two key organizations. Firstly, the Education Review Office (ERO), who we met with in an introductory capacity as they roll out their new Engagement with Schools programme which focuses on being an Evaluative Partner. We will have more information around their processes when we meet again next term. And secondly, with the Ministry of Education in relation to our proposed Ministry funded building programme, which potentially is looking at developing two new teaching blocks, and the removal of an old teaching block and prefab classrooms. This has been a long journey to this point, and is now getting closer to fruition where discussions will be transferred into actual plans and building design. I hope to be able to share more information in relation to this next term. This is a development from the Re-build Education Brief that the school did in consultation with the community in 2018.

On Thursday we held our Combined Assemblies. This gave us an opportunity to share some information, celebrate the success of a number of our students, be entertained by our student rock band – Red Weekend, as they prepare for Rock Quest, and hear from our various student committees and councils. We greatly appreciate the input from our students on these occasions as it is their contribution for their peers that helps grow and evolve our school.

Some key messages from the assemblies included;

That it has been a tough start to the year with COVID-19 Level changes and that following a more settled period, students are making good progress, and that our recent Academic Counselling day has helped them to focus, and be encouraged to achieve their aspirations here at school.

We also acknowledged the contribution the students were making through their participation in co-curricular activities, and their service and leadership. That their involvement was valued, and encouraged and that Term 2 would bring another set of opportunities.

Another important point stemmed around reinforcing that we have a warm, friendly, and welcoming environment and that we are collectively responsible for maintaining that. We also know that life can throw us many challenges, and sometimes we respond in a reactionary way that is not beneficial to anyone. By making positive decisions and taking appropriate action we can all contribute to supporting our school environment, so that everyone here feels safe, valued, and respected.

The final message focused on the importance of continuing to show kindness, being respectful, and focus on positive decision making.

We have two weeks to go, in what has been a very busy term. Sunday morning will bring an end to daylight saving, so there's a potential opportunity for an extra hour of sleep.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable Easter break with your whānau and friends.

Ngā mihi nui

Jeff Smith Principal

## 2021 Easter Break

Since the introduction of the four term year, the Easter holidays have always been a part of the first term break. However this year the Easter holidays take place Week 9 and 10 of this term.

Our school, like every other school in New Zealand will be closed on Good Friday (April 2), Easter Monday (5<sup>th</sup> April), and Easter Tuesday (6<sup>th</sup> April).

# **Year 12 Community and Life Skills**

The Year 12 Community and Life Skills class are currently learning about the ins and outs of flatting and had the pleasure to have both Pru and Michelle from "The Good Girls" Property Management (from the TV show "Renters") attend their class on Wednesday to share their experiences and knowledge.

A great way to work with people within the community, and set our young people up for the real world after school.



## **PHS Service Council - Relay For Life**

Papanui High School's Service Council is participating in the Relay For Life 2021 on the 10th of April, and we would love you to donate to this important cause.

The Relay For Life is an event held all over New Zealand to fundraise money for the Cancer Society. People fundraise for the event and then from 10.00am to 10.00pm people walk/run laps around a track to support those who have passed, survived, or are still fighting the battle of cancer. We have a team of keen members and have been fundraising as much as possible to help those in need. If you are keen to help us out please donate some money to the 'Up The Nui - Papanui High School team through the link below.

Kia kaha. Leah, Maia, and Holly (team leaders).

https://canterbury.relayforlife.org.nz/t/upthenuipapanuihighschool

# **Education Perfect - Languages World Championships**

Education Perfect held their annual Languages World Championships from March 16th to 23rd this year. During this week all of the Japanese classes spent a lot of time on the website revising and learning grammar, vocabulary, hiragana, katakana, and kanji characters to earn points in the competition.

The competition attracts students from all over the world and there were more than 150,000 participants.

As a school we spent 341 hours answering 301,882 questions, earning the school 107,349 points and winning 71 awards overall.

Our results are very impressive. Papanui High School came:

15th overall in New Zealand.

1st in New Zealand in the 1001-2500 student category out of 33 schools

3rd in New Zealand for Japanese out of 269 schools

18th overall in the world for Japanese out of 1315 schools



Two of our students of Japanese (Maggie Peng and Maia Rayner) earned more than 5000 points earning themselves and Emerald award.

Five of our students of Japanese (Sarah Barlow, Michael Marcoschi, Brittany Batilong, Luis De Guzman, and Tonya Burling) earned over 3000 points earning themselves a Gold award.

# **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Bella Brownlee who was recently presented with her 'Grand Prior Award' by a Commander of St John.

This is a culmination of 2 1/2 years work, and a certificate will be presented in a ceremony by the Governor General or St John Chancellor later this year. It is the highest award a St John youth member can achieve other than the Sovereigns award or bravery award!



## **School Policy Review**

Every term we review one or more of our school policies. The one for review this term are Home Learning. Please follow the instructions below to read and comment on the policy. If you have any questions please contact Louisa Clissold cll@papanui.school.nz or 3526119 ext 536

- 1. Visit the website <a href="https://papanui.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm">https://papanui.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm</a>
- 2. Enter the username (papanui) and password (pride).
- 3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed. "Home Learning".
- 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.

# **Sport**

#### **Term 1 Sport Summer Sport**

Term 1 summer sport has wrapped up for Term 1 for most sports. A big thank you to all coaches/managers and drivers of these teams.

All students who were issued a sports uniform this term and where their teams have finished for the term, please return your uniform ASAP to the sports office.

### Korfball

Seniors: won 9-6 against Middleton Grange Year 10's: won 17-3 against SMC/CBHS

Year 9's: won 4-0 against Burnside High School 2

### **Student Achievements**

### **Summer Tournament Week**

Our girls' Volleyball team finished their National Volleyball tournament playing off for 9th and 10th in their division (division 3) with a close fought win against Lincoln High School. The team entered the tournament with an initial seeding of 61st across the country (out of 96 teams) and ended up finishing the tournament with a well deserved 41st ranking. Well done to the team and coaches Joel Martin and Fran Edmondson.

Also, well done to Dorothy Yek who got 6th in the Golden Boot (number of goals scored in the tournament) for Senior Girls at their NZSS Futsal tournament.

### Waterpolo

Papanui High School had eight students participate in the South Island Secondary Schools' Waterpolo tournament, as the Canterbury Combined team.

The team included Kaitlyn Davanney, Georgia Perriam, Lauren Sharland, Maddy Sharland, Ashleigh Clarke, Maia Oldfield, Shahana Harwood, and Ella Morgan as well as other students from Marian College, Avonside Girls', and Cashmere High School.

The team lost one game in pool play where they made it to the B grade final against Southland, narrowly losing to them to come in second place.

Well done to these Papanui High School students

Have you competed in a Sports Competition lately? Send your story and results (with pictures if possible) to Paige <a href="http://papanui.school.nz">http://papanui.school.nz</a> 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**

CHRISTCHURCH AVON – Cross Country Running
Coaching
Competition
Fun

Registration Day:

DATE: 10 April 2021
TIME: 2pm
Christchurch Avon Club Rooms – Burnside High School
(access from Greers Rd beside tennis courts)

Find us on Facebook – Christchurch Avon Athletic Club <a href="https://www.chav.org.nz/">https://www.chav.org.nz/</a>
Email info@chav.org.nz

### 9Rounds Papanui

9Rounds will be holding kids sessions during the school holidays: 19th April - 6th May Monday - Thursdays Between 12pm and 1pm

9Rounds is a total body 30mintue workout that changes daily and includes a trainer at every session to ensure your kids are training safely.

Book your spot now as spaces are limited

Email: <a href="mailto:papanui@9round.co.nz">papanui@9round.co.nz</a> Phone/text: 027 575 1376

### **Important Information**

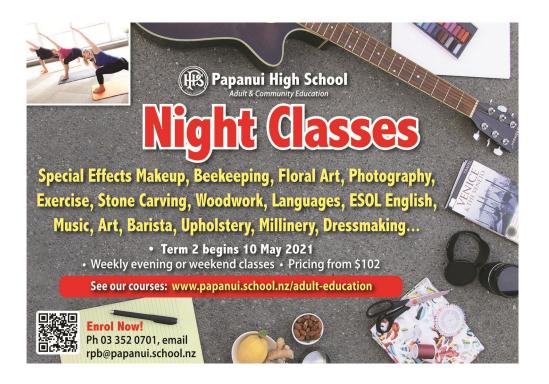
Any students who are keen on purchasing Papanui High School sports gear can be done via the link below. Payments are done through the website and then are sent directly to you.

Please Note: students are not allowed to wear sports gear instead of school uniform.

https://withers-merch-shop.myshopify.com/.../papanui-high-sch...



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# **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.

### Download The Papanui High School App

To download the App Scan the QR code For access from a compatible Android or iOS mobile device



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