Friday 22 October 2021

# **Principal's Perspective**

Kia ora,

Welcome to Term 4.

I hope everyone had an opportunity over the school holiday break to enjoy some rest and relaxation. This week brought a very warm welcome back to our students and staff, and we look forward to a busy and exciting term ahead.

As we are all aware, our school is still operating under Alert Level 2 status and today (Friday), the Prime Minister introduced us more formally to the concept of the 'Traffic Light' system, which will be used in the near future. Over the next short period of time, the school will be looking into the details of what this means for us, and how we may operate in the future.

Last Thursday the school celebrated the inaugural Dance and Drama Awards. Unfortunately due to Alert Level 2 criteria, this was a student only event, which was also filmed to be shared with, at a later date, the award recipients' families, and whānau. On Tuesday 26th, we will be holding the Sports Awards evening, and will move into the field of live streaming for the first time. We hope this goes some way to ensuring our community can enjoy the event, given the current conditions in which we need to operate. We are actively working through the range of possibilities that we may be able to use for the other celebratory events that are coming up. Acknowledging student success, and being able to celebrate it, is a very special and important part of school life. I am sorry that under the current Covid conditions we cannot share these events together at a venue in person. I thank you, and appreciate your understanding of the situation.

In terms of the Senior Prize giving, we are currently exploring all possibilities to potentially enable us to have an audience present while meeting the Ministry of Health's external venue gathering criteria. We know how important celebrating this event together will be, in particular, for our staff, community, and students who are finishing their schooling this year. We will keep you informed as soon as possible, about any significant progress we make.

### **PROPERTY UPDATE**

Over the holidays, significant progress has be made in terms of getting our Partial Rebuild underway. This is a very exciting step, and something we have been looking forward to for a very long time. Last Monday brought a quick and sudden change, in that after many years of talking and planning, we suddenly needed to fence off the grass area in front of the J Block classrooms. This is in preparation for the movement of all F Block prefab classrooms, which will be moved once the seniors go on exam leave in November. Next week I hope to be able to share with you a 3D fly-through link, that gives a fairly reasonable representation of the new buildings, and potential landscaping.

As we complete Week 1, it is timely, to give a boost of encouragement to senior students to complete those last internal assessments, and to prioritise their focus on the upcoming exams.

I hope that you have an opportunity to enjoy the long weekend.

Ngā mihi nui

Jeff Smith Principal

# **Become Digital Savvy for FREE with Ara Connect**

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## **Sports News**

#### **Term 4 Summer Sport Results**

#### **Futsa**

Junior Boys: defeated by Burnside C

Junior Girls: No game

#### **Indoor Netball**

Senior Mixed: defeated by Hornby Mixed

Junior Mixed: won 50-0 against Aidanfield Christian School Tui's

Junior Blue: No game

#### Korfball

Senior: start 22 Oct Junior 1: start 22nd Oct Junior 2: start 22nd Oct Junior 3: start 22nd Oct

#### **Touch**

Super Touch girls: defeated by Cashmere

Senior Mixed: No game

Senior Boys: drew 3-3 to Shirley Spartans

Junior Boys: No game

#### Volleyball

Senior Girls: won 3-1 against Avonside Girls' A Senior Boys: won 3-0 against Christchurch Boys' B

Junior Girls: defeated by Cashmere Gold

Junior Boys: defeated by Haeata Community Campus

#### Waterpolo

PHS/Burnside Combined girls: start 26th Oct

PHS/Christchurch Boys' Combined boys: start 27th Oct

### **Student Achievements**

Have you competed in a Sports Competition lately? Send your story and results (with pictures if possible) to 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 within our community.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who were WINNERS or FINALISTS in their category for the 2021 Zonta Awards. The Zonta Awards recognises Canterbury Secondary School students' sporting achievements over 6 categories. Papanui High School winners/finalists in their chosen sports are:

Category 2 - Contribution to sports administration in a position of umpire, referee or

coach.

FINALIST: Maia Jeffs - Netball umpiring

Category 3 - Most Outstanding Achievement with a Disability

WINNER: Luka Willems - Swimming (photo right) HIGHLY COMMENDED: Jacob Lowson - Athletics

FINALIST: Josh Rae - Athletics, Cross Country, Road Race, Tennis

Category 4 - Most Outstanding Achievement in one sport

FINALIST: Emma Todd - Korfball



#### **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 permitted to wear sports gear instead of school uniform. https://withers-merch-shop.myshopify.com/.../papanui-high-sch...



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### **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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