

# **Papanews Community Edition**

Thursday 11 November 2021

## **Principal's Perspective**

Kia ora,

Last Tuesday night we had the opportunity to celebrate the senior prize giving, and what a thoroughly enjoyable evening it was. Even though we were unable to share the evening physically with family and whānau, the evening was live streamed from the school's hall. I would like to thank the incredibly talented team of students who worked very hard to make the live stream possible, and the staff who organised the event.

We were able to celebrate our students' achievement, and it was clearly evident from the evening how incredibly talented our students are and the huge range of subject choice they can study.



I would like to acknowledge the substantial financial support we receive from BDL/HP/Toshiba, the JB Johns Trust, the PTA, and the many other sponsors and supporters, who contribute to our celebrations.

In my speech I acknowledged the challenges that Covid-19 Pandemic continues to bring. It seems like we have been stuck in a Level 2 limbo, co-existing, as a new normal. Except we are moving forward, adapting, creatively thinking, and persevering. I want to thank and acknowledge our entire school community, and let you know how much we as a school greatly appreciated your support and understanding as we continue to respond to this 'ever changing landscape'.

I paid tribute to our students. I thanked them for what they had contributed to the year, and talked about how they have continued to learn from the challenges they face, developing resilience, and a sense of greater self-confidence and self-management. As we know, the need to connect is vitally important with our school being a place for students to do this; to develop friendships, to support each other, to value difference and inclusion. Through this, they grow into individuals who understand compassion, kindness and empathy. There is nothing more valuable than being known as a good person.

Equally important, I acknowledged and thanked our entire staff, who once again responded without hesitation, developing creative and responsive approaches, to ensure students remained at the forefront of our thinking. They are a very committed, professional, and hard working team.

The last day for seniors is Wednesday 17th November, they will finish at 12 midday. The NCEA externals and Scholarship exams begin on Monday 22nd. Over the examination period it is important that students continue to study hard, which will give them the greatest opportunity to succeed. I wish them all the very best.



Ngā mihi nui Jeff Smith Principal

**Supreme Winners** 

Dux: Day Park

Proxime Accessit: Thomas Clarke

### **PTA News**

#### **NEXT PTA MEETING: Monday 15th November**

Come and hear about The Papanui Youth Development Trust and the exciting events they run for young people at The Loop. They will be joining the PTA to provide a 30 minute overview of their service prior to the PTA meeting on **Monday 15th November, 7.00pm in the staff room.** 

Our regular PTA meeting will follow the presentation and new whānau are welcome to attend. On the agenda is planning for our annual gift wrapping fundraiser at Northlands Mall. Funds raised go back to the school in the form of funding for sports trips, production costume hire, and end of year award prizes. If you love getting into the Christmas spirit and enjoy wrapping gifts, then your skills and time would be appreciated. A short training session on how to wrap gifts will be provided by the Mall in December before the gift wrapping gets underway.

Please remember to wear your face mask and sign in on arrival.

Contact Amanda at pta.chair@papanui.school.nz if you have any questions.

## **Theatresports Success**

The always hotly contested Christchurch Theatresports competition was held last weekend. Our delightful junior team competed very well and took out their round. And so Papanui is through to the finals yet again this year! The finals will be held on Sunday 28th November.



## PHS Workday: Tuesday 30th November

Papanui High School Workday: Tuesday 30th of November 12.30pm - 2.30pm

This work day is for all Year 9 and 10 students to raise funds to support **Ronald McDonald House.** This is an incredibly important organization that supports unwell children and their families. Our school sponsors the Teenager Room in their Cashel Street building. This is our marquee sponsorship for the community. We aim to raise at least \$10,000 for this cause this year. Students are released from school at 11.45am on this day.



The target is for each student to raise a minimum donation of **\$10 total** for the equivalent of two hours work.

If members of our school community know of employment possibilities for students for Work Day they can contact Tim Kirby, Teacher in Charge of Student Leadership. We would greatly appreciate this support.

The Work Day gives students the opportunity to work in their community for the benefit of others, to learn new skills, to meet new people and for some this may lead to ongoing employment.

Tim Kirby Deputy Principal Papanui High School krt@papanui.school.nz

### **Term 4 Junior Curriculum Initiative**

From the beginning of Week 6, 22nd November 2021, until the end of the school year, we will operate the junior school on a revised timetable. As the seniors leave to sit external examinations, there is scope to pilot a new and exciting way to teach and learn with the junior school. Essentially, Year 9 and 10 students will have just two subjects per day over the course of each week. That means that they will have each of their 8 subjects at one time slot each week for 2 hours and twenty minutes. Every day will start with a form time to support the administrative process. The students are being briefed regarding these changes. We look forward to planning, undertaking and reviewing this initiative. On Week 6, 7, 8 and 9 there is one day in each of these weeks when a different plan is in operation:

Thursday November 25 PPTA Accord Day - no school

Tuesday November 30 - Academic Counselling, Well-being and Celebration Focus and a Junior Workday in the community

Wednesday December 8 - Activities Day

Friday December 17 - Last Day and Junior Prizegiving

Tim Kirby, Deputy Principal

### The 2021 Art Auction is Live!

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The annual Art Auction is now live and features some fantastic artworks by our students.

You can register to bid and you can use your credit or debit card with confidence because we use the same payment method as Uber or Uber Eats.

This year the auction features a fixed price of \$35 for all works and there are multiple copies of each one.

However, the auction will close on Monday 22nd and we cannot process any sales after that point.

All works are printed on high quality A3 photographic paper to fit either a simple Warehouse frame or a more custom one

We hope you enjoy browsing!

## **School Policies**

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

**Username**: papanui password: pride



## **Sports News**

#### Term 4 Summer Sport Results

#### **Futsal**

Junior Boys: Defeated by Rolleston College Grey

Junior Girls: won 10-6 against Rangi Ruru / Defeated by St Andrew's College

#### **Indoor Netball**

Senior Mixed: won 22-9 against Unlimited Black

Junior Mixed: won 22-4 against Aidanfield Christian School Tui's

Junior Blue: No game

#### Korfball

Senior: Defeated by Burnside Junior 1: won 18-0 against Burnside Junior 2: Defeated by Marion Junior 3: Defeated by Hillmorton

#### Touch

Super Touch girls: Defeated by St Margart's

Senior Mixed: Defeated by Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Te Whanau Tahi Pa Whutuporo

Senior Boys: Won 9-5 against Shirley Spartans

#### Volleyball

Senior Girls: Defeated by Christchurch Girls' High Senior Boys: Defeated by Rangiora New Life School

Junior Girls: Defeated by Cashmere

Junior Boys: Won 2-0 against Christ's College

#### Waterpolo

PHS/BURN Combined girls: won 4-1 against Christchurch Girls' High

PHS/CBHS Combined boys: won 9-8 against St Bede's

Have you competed in a Sports Competition lately? Send your story and results (with pictures if possible) to Paige <a href="mailto:hrp@papanui.school.nz">hrp@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 within our community.

#### 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...



Paige Hubber Sports Co-ordinator hrp@papanui.school.nz

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

Becoming 'digital savvy' is easy and FREE thanks to the school's partnership with Ara Connect. Now, you can learn how to use devices like smart phones and tablets, and gain skills in tools such as email, Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Google Docs for personal or professional use – right here at school. Ara Connect lets you study at your own pace and fit your learning around work, family and other commitments. To find out more or to enrol for your first class, phone Ara on 0800 24 24 76 or email <a href="mailto:araconnect@ara.ac.nz">araconnect@ara.ac.nz</a> or visit <a href="mailto:https://www.ara.ac.nz/study/community-study/">https://www.ara.ac.nz/study/community-study/</a>.





The wider Papanui community presents this event as a family day. There will be a coffee caravan, bouncy castle, sausage sizzle, resident artist, pounamu carving, spot prizes, and a draw for gift vouchers

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