Friday 10 December 2021

## **Principal's Perspective**

Kia ora,

On Wednesday we held our Junior Cross Curricular/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 support the activities and I'd like to acknowledge their involvement, and thank them for their contribution to make this such a successful day.

Due to the Ministry of Health's requirements in the school setting, we unfortunately are not able to hold the Leavers' dinner in its traditional way. I am sorry that this cannot be inclusive of our parent community, as with many of our events this year, they have needed to be staff and students only. Consequently we are holding a Leavers assembly/ lunch, incorporating the key features of our traditional event. This will now be held on site during the hours of the school day, on Wednesday 15th of December 12.30pm in the Hall.

I would like to acknowledge the Caltex Bishopdale Service Station in association with the New Zealand Sports Collective (NZSC) for their recent sponsorship. This is part of a new partnership where, NZSC and Caltex combine together to enable local business to support local communities. We are very grateful to Caltex Bishopdale for their donation of a significant amount of fuel vouchers to our school, aiding sports travel for our students.

Congratulations to our Junior school for their outstanding contribution to the Ronald McDonald House fundraiser following their Work Day last week. Please see the short article later in the newsletter

We look forward to next week, when the NCEA exams come to an end, and on Wednesday Senior sign-out takes place. We finish the school year by celebrating with our two Junior Prize givings on Friday.

Ngā mihi nui Jeff Smith Principal

### **Second Hand Uniform Sale**

The PTA are holding their huge annual second-hand uniform sale on Saturday 22nd January.

Saturday 22 January Doors open: 8:30am

Last entry: 10:50am

Location: School hall (location different from usual due to rebuild)

Payment by cash and EFTPOS (no credit cards)

Please send uniform for sale along with your child on sign out day. Otherwise, please take to school office before 12 noon on Friday 17th December. You must provide your name, email address, phone number and bank account details at time of drop off.

Any questions, see our webpage on the school website, under "Our School". For other second-hand uniform matters, please contact Claire: <a href="mailto:PHS.PTA.SHU@gmail.com">PHS.PTA.SHU@gmail.com</a> (Please do not contact the school)

We volunteer to support you and raise funds for your children.

## PHS Workday: Tuesday 30th November

Thank you to our community for supporting Ronald McDonald House, by having a Junior School Workday on November 30th.

The school has raised at least \$4000 from the workday so far. This means that our school will meet its overall target in 2021 of donating \$10,000 for the Teenager Room at the Cashel Street building. This is fantastic!! We look forward to contributing to this worthy cause again in 2022.

Tim Kirby
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### **Activities Day - Wednesday 8th December**

Wednesday's Activities day has highlighted that Papanui PRIDE and our competitive spirit is alive and well. Students participated in a combination of 6 activities; a general knowledge quiz, Sport Canterbury run tabloids, swissball/volleyball, a Papanui Youth Development - 'Loop' visit (Year 10), Balloon drop (Year 9) and Tikānga Māori (Year 9).

Year 10's were able to participate in a number of activities at the <u>Youth Centre</u>, 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.

Lunchtime festivities were a little lighter than previous years but students were still able to purchase a number of treat foods and participate in a kiwitag tournament on the field. As we have become accustomed to this was supported with a musical soundtrack that was provided by some of our AudioVisual student experts.

We are 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 full days at school to train next week. Without these students, the team at PYD - Loop, and the large number of staff that got involved, we would not have been able to run the day.









### **PYDT - Youth Events in December**

Please note that both of these events will require a "My Vaccine Pass" for anyone over 12 years 3 Months to attend.

# Paint Party - 10th Dec @ LOOP Youth Centre

7.00pm-10:30pm - High School Age Only

We will be having a crazy dance party with loud music, cool lighting, an art wall and loads of paint!

Tickets start at \$10 each including 2 packets of paint, 3 glowsticks, and there are \$15 and \$20 options with additional paint and glowsticks for those who really want to go all out.

More info and tickets here. <a href="https://www.pydt.org/paintparty21">https://www.pydt.org/paintparty21</a>

#### Pool Party - 17th Dec @ Jellie Park

6.00pm-8.00pm - Intermediate & High School

We will be having live bands, a bomb competition, hydroslide access, and some fun in the sun!

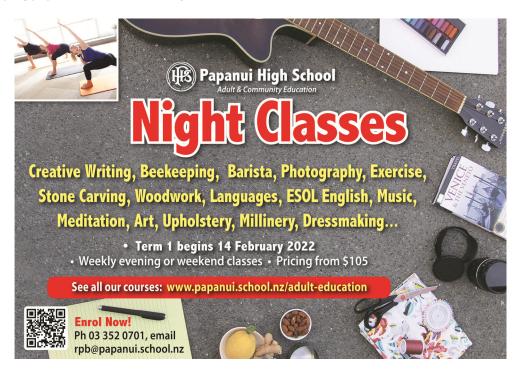
Tickets are \$5 +small booking fee and available here. <a href="https://www.pydt.org/poolparty21">https://www.pydt.org/poolparty21</a>





## PHS Adult and Community Education Classes Term 1, 2022

These courses are now open for enrolment and a full list can be found on our website. Classes begin the week of 14 February 2022 and most classes run for 7 weeks, there are some weekend workshops available as well. For further information and enrolment visit our website <a href="https://www.papanui.school.nz/com-edu/categories.">https://www.papanui.school.nz/com-edu/categories.</a> or email Barbara Roper <a href="mailto:rpb@papanui.school.nz">rpb@papanui.school.nz</a> or telephone our office on 033520701.



### **Start of School Year 2022**

NB: SENIOR STUDENTS (Year 11 – 13). Students will be notified if course changes are required. The Senior Course Tutor will be available from 24 January for consultation.

Monday 24 January - School Office opens

#### Tuesday 25 January - Thursday 27 January

Peer Support training camp

#### **Monday 31 January**

Staff Only Day

#### **Tuesday 1 February**

Year 9 students report in full uniform to Hall, 9.00am – 2.30pm Pōwhiri for ALL new students – 9.00am New students all levels: 9.00am - 12.30pm

#### Wednesday 2 February

Year 9 students report to form classes at 8.30am – 2.30pm Year 12 students report to hall in uniform at 9.00am – 10.30am Year 13 students report to hall at 10.00am – 11.30am

#### **Thursday 3 February**

Year 9 students report to form classes at 8.30am – 2.30pm Year 10 students report to hall in uniform at 9.00am – 10.30am Year 11 students report to hall in uniform at 10.00am – 11.30am

#### Friday 4 February

Timetable starts

# Monday 7 February Waitangi Day observed

#### **Tuesday 8 February**

Normal school day

## **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>.



## **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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