



Principal's Perspective

Kia ora,

It's been good to settle into a full week of teaching and learning. We are still needing to make adjustments to a small number of classes, as enrolments continue to flow into the school. We will hopefully have finalised these by the end of next week.

The Year 13 Peer Support leaders continue to support the Year 9's integration into their new school, and are doing a wonderful job. It is important that school culture and values are clearly articulated to our new students so that we can build upon our growing reputation as a school that supports individual achievement through high expectations, positive work ethic, and a strong sense of social responsibility.

With the cancellation of the 'Meet & Greet' evening this week, parents of Year 10-13 students will instead receive communication which directs parents to the 'portal' where the contact emails of teachers connected to students has been placed.

The first PTA meeting of 2022 will be held on Monday 21st February. More information can be found on the following page.

REMINDER: PAID UNION MEETING - Thursday 24th February, Papanui High School teachers will be attending a paid union meeting. The right to hold a meeting of this nature is contained in the Secondary Teachers' Collective Employment Agreement. All Union members are expected to attend.

Accordingly, **on Thursday 24th February the school day will finish at the end of Period 4: 12.25pm**

If you wish to have your son/daughter supervised during afternoon school hours please register with the school office (phone: 352 6119)

COVID update: As we are aware the Omicron variant Covid-19 has surfaced in Christchurch, and infection rates have started to increase. As a school we will support the ongoing learning of our students, whether it be through the normal school programme, a mix of at school/at home, or learning from home. The students are currently being prepared for more self-directed learning as the need arises. Parents/whānau are being sent the access and explanatory information to the on-line learning platforms. Should a case be detected at school, we will follow the protocols which have been put in place by the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education. This includes such things as contact tracing, identifying close contacts, and the current status of our school with our community. Our aim is to keep our physical school open to support the teaching/learning and wellbeing of our staff and students. We would potentially only close if directed to.

Ngā mihi nui

Jeff Smith
Principal

Engagement Reports

Engagement Reports will resume next week (Wednesday 23 February) for Year 9 and 10 students. Parents/Caregivers will receive an email showing the level of their child's 'engagement' to their learning for each of their classes, measured through a grade out of '3' for each subject. An explanation of the grades and the criteria for awarding them will be included in the email. Senior students will receive their first engagement reports the following week on Wednesday 2 March. Following this, engagement reports will be sent home every Wednesday, alternating between junior and senior reports.

The focus of these fortnightly engagement reports is primarily twofold:

1. to provide parents with regular and on-going information about their child's engagement in their learning, and
2. to provide students and parents a clear picture of the degree to which a student is putting themselves in the best possible position to progress their learning in the future.

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If you have questions or concerns as to why a particular grade was given to your child, please feel free to contact the subject teacher directly via email.

The school will continue to review how best to use the data collected from these engagement reports, to ensure individual students are supported both pastorally and academically.

If you are not receiving the Engagement Reports please check your spam as sometimes these emails go to spam.

PTA News

Do you want to know what is really happening at school???

Do you wonder if there is a way to be involved at school but don't want to get bogged down in endless fundraising??

If you answered yes, then the PTA could be for you!

The PHS PTA is a small group of parents who meet twice a term to find out more about what's happening at school with an update from the principal and other staff members.

Our key role is to provide support to the school staff and wider school community through school events such as second hand uniform sales, providing tea and coffee at the report nights and open night and supporting the end of year celebrations.

We only have a small number of fundraising events each year, including entertainment books and Christmas gift wrapping at Northlands Mall.

Our meetings are a relaxed and informal affair with new people and ideas welcomed.

If you would prefer not to come to meetings, but would be interested in helping out with events from time to time, you could become a "friend of the PTA" instead.

Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month in term time. **Our next meeting will be at 7.00pm on Monday 21st February in the staff room (upstairs in the admin block)**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION for the next meeting: The PTA operate outside of the school hours and as such must adhere to the COVID-19 Protection Framework (traffic light system) currently in force. This means the PTA meeting is classified as a gathering event, and as it will be held indoors, and the expected numbers would be above 25, all people attending must have a Covid vaccination pass and wear a mask.

If you'd like to find out more please come to our meeting or contact Amanda at Pta.chair@papanui.school.nz

Wanted - Business Studies Mentors for 2022

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

We would love some volunteers to use their business experience to give advice to Papanui High Year 12 and 13 student business groups, especially with the development of their idea, business plan and to support them in bringing their product or service to the market.

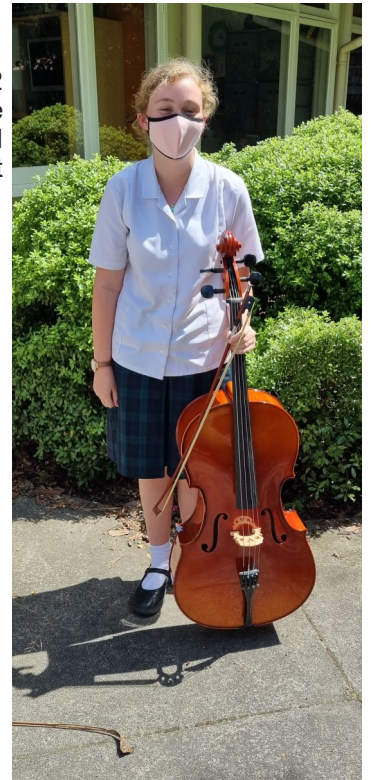
Ideally you will be able to check in with groups during class time in Term 1, 2 and 3, preferably two or three times each term and be available to support and answer questions at times during the year. Currently this would have to be done online however in future this could include coming into school if our COVID status allows.

If you are able to help our students have an authentic business experience, please contact Andrea Gallop gla@papanui.school.nz

Congratulations

Outstanding Student – Regional Achievement UC CYO

Congratulations to Elisabeth Cox who successfully auditioned for inclusion in the 2022 UC Christchurch Youth Orchestra. The UC CYO is the flagship ensemble of the Christchurch School of Music, and is made up of top young musicians aged 25 and under. Elisabeth will be playing the cello, and we look forward to hearing her play at future recitals.



School Policies

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

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Sports News

Term 1 Sport Summer Sport

Term 1 summer sport team lists can be found on the Sports Office window. Students are asked to please check what team they are. Term 1 sport starts next week. The draw will be posted on the Sports Office door, and also on the school sports facebook page.

Any queries, come to the Sports Office or see the teacher in charge of your sport.

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 with our community.

Gillette Cup Preliminary Tournament

Papanui High School had a boy's cricket team entered into the Gillette Cup Preliminary tournament this week at Hagley Park. On the first day, the team managed to end the day with a fantastic 3 from 3 wins against Burnside, Middleton Grange, and Riccarton. Day 2 saw the team come up against some tough opposition where they went down to both Cashmere and St Thomas. The team ended up with a fantastic 3rd place which means they now move onto the play-offs.



Community Sport News

Blokart Youth Programme 2022

WHERE: Velocity Karts Blokart track, Bexley Reserve (entry opposite 499 Pages Road)

WHEN: 5.00pm until 6.30pm Wednesdays (Thursdays could be an option) 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 March 2022. (if weather interrupts a planned day a backup of Thursday or Saturday)

An earlier start may be available if it suits all participants.

COST: \$175.00pp includes use of a blokart for all sessions, safety gear, and a youth membership to Canterbury blokart club,

This programme is limited to 30 participants and will include blokart set-up and care, sailing technique, reading and understanding wind, tacking, gybing, racing techniques, and racing. We'd love to have all participants "race ready" for the Canterbury Youth blokart champs.

Blokart Youth Programme 2022

Register now and get ready for the first ever
Canterbury Youth Champs

- Fun, fast paced racing action
- No experience necessary
- All coaching and gear provided
- Accessible & inclusive
- Powered by nature, clean and green
- Join the sailing craze

Contact:
ian@velocitykarts.nz
for details

In conjunction with
Canterbury Blokart Club





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Riki
(Ngāti Porou, Ngāpuhi)
Ara graduate



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Tōku Kura, Tōku Tiketike, Tōku Haepapa*