



Principal's Perspective

Kia ora,

This week has been a constant 'watching brief' as we continue to settle into the school year while trying to balance the effects of Covid. We have been very fortunate this far that the virus has had minimal impact on our student body, and attendance has been very good.

New Zealand has now moved into Phase 3, and on Friday we held junior and senior zoom assemblies to provide more clarity about what the changes are, and how we will manage these both in supporting our students, and for teaching and learning. We know that school is the best place for our students to be, and we are doing everything we can to keep our school open. We also realise that over the coming weeks some staff and students will need to be away. To help support this we provided advice and guidance to everyone about the structure of online or offsite learning, and explained to the students the latest Ministry of Health advice about when they should stay home and/or come to school.

Unfortunately, we have had to make the very difficult decision to cancel any EOTC trips that take staff and students away overnight for the foreseeable future, and these will come off the Term 1 diary. This is mainly to reduce the impact of staff Covid related absence, and the further impact of teachers being away from school, and the limited relief teacher supply. Maintaining our ability to support day to day teaching whether in person or online is our priority.

At last week's Board of Trustees meeting, the annual election of the Board Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson was held. I am pleased to announce that the Board Chair for 2022 is Lana McCarroll, and the Acting Deputy Chair is Tina Barriball. We are very grateful to the members of the Board of Trustees for their ongoing support of our school, particularly during these challenging times.

The PTA is a very valuable component within our school structure, and I am appreciative of their contribution and their comments as a sounding board in relation to current and future initiatives that the school seeks feedback about. Last Monday they held their first meeting for the year, and will be looking to hold their AGM at the next meeting mid March.

COVID Phase 3 update: We are still at Red under the Covid-19 protection framework. The latest information provided by the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education in relation to the school setting now requires that only household contacts of confirmed cases are required to self isolate. The isolation period will 10 days. All other contacts of Covid positive people are not required to isolate, but they will need to monitor for symptoms. If any arise, for students, they should stay home from school and get a test. Rapid antigen tests will become the primary testing method. Please click on the [link](#) for a more detailed explanation

Ngā mihi nui

Jeff Smith
Principal

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

Cando Cards

Cando cards are produced by Ecardz on behalf of Metro Buses. The card acts as a student identification (providing proof of age/identity) and metro card, but also allows students to access a number of exclusive discounts at retailers and services in the Canterbury area. In 2022 the card can also be registered for contact tracing.

Cando cards will be available to purchase by ALL students for a cost of \$10. Students can collect a Cando card envelope from the student, complete the appropriate information, insert the payment, and return it to the slot in the student office.

The office is not able to provide electronic payment for the cards, nor can they transfer funds from student accounts. Please ensure that correct payment is placed in the envelope



Photos will be provided by Photolife. Year 9 photos will be from 2022, Year 10 -13 photos will be from 2021. If a student is unsure if they have a photo, they can check at the student office, and see Miss McConnel (mcr@papanui.school.nz) if they don't.

Visit www.candocard.co.nz for more info.

Bridgestone Reserve Mural Unveiling

Shortly before the Pandemic the Papanui branch of Rotary commissioned a mural to be displayed along the fence line at the entrance to the Bridgestone Reserve along Langdons Road. The PHS Visual Arts Council undertook the task of overseeing the creation of the six panels, in collaboration with Mr Soltero and Ms Anderson. This project has been two years in the making with many interruptions due to the disruptions of Covid. So it was with great pleasure that Mr Soltero and Ms Anderson were able to attend its unveiling ceremony recently.

Rotary put on a lovely evening with a shared BBQ and representatives for the local Community Board attending and helping with the official unveiling! The mural was designed by Mr Soltero based on photographs taken by Ms Anderson of Riccarton Bush, this being the most mature remnant bush still in existence in Ōtautahi and representing the future hope for the Bridgestone Reserve.

Many students have been involved in the making of this work, and we would like to acknowledge their contribution to the project over the past two years. This has been a truly collaborative project and it is absolutely wonderful to see it on display and looking terrific. Please check it out on your next stroll down Langdons Road.



From the Careers Department

Careers Corner

Full time course

Places are available on the Certificate in Hospitality and Tourism Level 2 full time course at Ara. Start date is 14 March and the course runs until 21 October. It is a Youth Guarantee course so there are no fees. Please contact Mrs Langdon in the Careers area for further details lnk@papanui.school.nz

The Edge Internship

This is an extremely valuable opportunity for students who are seeking a career in media.

The primary objective for the Interns programme is for senior school students (Years 12 or 13) interested in a future in broadcasting to kick start their career by becoming Edge Interns. These are unpaid positions and call for a year-long commitment, with in-person requirements a few times during the school term (after hours).

As 'The Edge Brand Champions' they will gain valuable 'industry' knowledge and experience, all while taking on an ambassadorial role promoting Edge competitions in our school which could be beneficial for the rest of the students.

For further details check out the Careers website <https://papanui.careerwise.school/> or contact Mr Stewart in the Careers area stj@papanui.school.nz

School Policies

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

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Sports News

School sports news

Term 1 Sport Summer Sport

Term 1 summer sport started this week. The sports draw each week can be found on the school sport Facebook page and the Sports Office window.

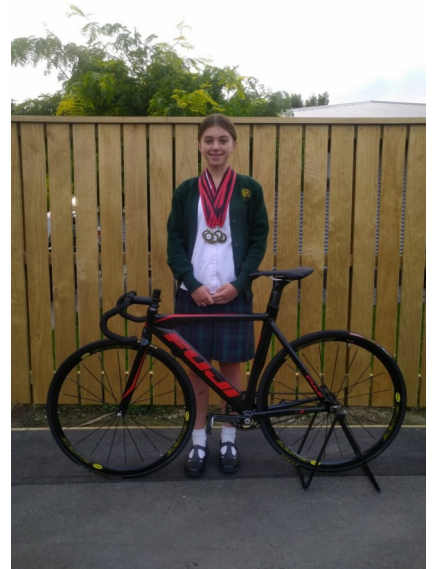
Student Achievements

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.

Cycling - Shaylah Sayers

Over the weekend Shaylah competed in the Canterbury Track Cycling Championships. She had a great weekend winning 6 gold medals, and one silver medal in her age group, Under 15. She has also been selected to represent Canterbury at the track Nationals in March. Well done Shaylah!



Community Sport News

Merivale Papanui Rugby Football Club Incorporated

Online registrations are now open for Teenage Rugby Grades U14-U18. We cater for all school age children and welcome new and returning players for the 2022 season. Online registrations can be done via the website: www.merivalepap.co.nz.

Any enquiries please email info@merivalepap.co.nz.

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

PHS Adult and Community Education Weekend Classes Term 1, 2022

We still have vacancies in the following weekend courses coming up in March. For further information or to enrol please go to our website <https://www.papanui.school.nz/com-edu/categories> or phone our office on 03 3520701, or email Barbara Roper rpb@papanui.school.nz

Cheese Making: Saturday 26 March, 10.00am – 1.00pm. Cost \$95, fee includes all materials and equipment

Patchwork for Beginners: Saturday 19 March &
Saturday 26 March, 9.00am – 4.00pm. Cost \$122

Upholstery Workshop: Saturday 5 March &
Sunday 6 March, 9.00am – 4.00pm. Cost \$168



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Riki
(Ngāti Porou, Ngāpuhi)
Ara graduate

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