Papanews Community Edition

Friday 18 March 2022

Principal's Perspective

Kia ora,

Thank you for your continued support for Papanui High School as we navigate through the peak of the Omicron outbreak in the Canterbury region. We appreciate that it can be a difficult time for families who have to isolate or who have a number of cases in their households.

Our numbers of cases have varied each day but trends include higher case numbers being reported on a Monday after weekend activities and senior students being the majority of the cases. Having said that we have welcomed a significant number of students and staff back from isolation this week who have 'slotted' back into their classrooms. Other days have been single figures which does suggest that there is no wide-spread transmission at school. Household contacts account for more absences than positive cases.

Thank you for your support of the rostering home process. This has made a significant difference to our ability to manage our on-site learning through staffing the classes. This has also enabled our teachers time to work online with students who have been required to isolate at home.

A reminder that when your student(s) is at home for their day, they will have been set work that they can do **with or without** a device. There will be no Google Meet or teacher contact on the rostered day home. We will be seeking feedback as we review our Week 7 and 8 teaching and learning programme, with the aim to inform our community of any potential changes. Rostering home will continue next week exactly the same as this week. The table below shows which year level will be rostered home each day. For the other four days, students will attend as normal.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 12	Year 10	Year 11	Year 9	Year 13

If you are unable to supervise your student at home on their rostered day off and you need them to come to school please telephone the school office on 352 6119.

Covid reminders

If a student or someone in their household tests positive for Covid please email covidresponse@papanuihigh.school.nz

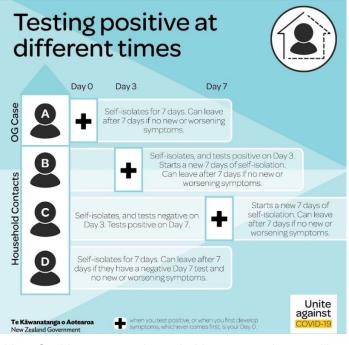
Students who have had Covid can return to school **on Day 8** of their isolation. They do not need to have another test to return to school

Students who are household contacts should stay home for 7 days from the day the **first** person in the house tests positive for Covid. All family members should test on Day 3 and Day 7. Provided a student tests negative, they can return to school on Day 8.

PLEASE NOTE: Students and staff who test positive for Covid are not required to self-isolate past seven days under public health regulations, but they should **not return to school if they are still feeling unwell.**

In line with Ministry of Education advice we are committed to keeping school open for on-site learning as much as we can. We are keeping a constant eye on the situation, and will continue to provide you with updates as appropriate. We would

appreciate if you could please keep notifying us of any positive Covid cases or household contacts by emailing covidresponse@papanui.school.nz



Ngā mihi nui Jeff Smith Principal

PTA Annual General Meeting

Notice of the PTA Annual General Meeting.

The PTA will be holding its AGM on Monday 21st March, 7.00pm in the staff room (upstairs in the Admin block).

This will be a brief meeting to elect office holders and review PTA work over the past 12 months. Our regular meeting will be held after the AGM.

All interested whānau, parents, and caregivers are most welcome to attend to find out more about the role of the PTA at school.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION for the next meeting: The PTA operates outside of the school hours and as such must adhere to the COVID-19 Protection Framework (traffic lights 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.

PTA Uniform Sale

The PTA are holding the following sale. We volunteer to support you and raise funds for your children.

Thursday 24 March

Doors open: 6:00pm Sale ends: 7:00pm (last entry: 6:50pm) Location: school hall Payment by cash and debit card

Uniform to be included in sale must be handed in at school office by Wednesday 23 March, 2.00pm.

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

From the Careers Department

Are you interested in joining the police force?

Chat Cops is a website which contains useful information about the application process. https://www.chatcops.co.nz/

Ara polytechnic has a range of information sessions coming up.

These sessions cover Health related courses, Sports Science and Animal Science and will guide you through information about each course of study, what you need and how to apply and much more. These sessions are all online. Dates are 23rd March and 13 April. For more information about these sessions go to our Careers website. https://papanui.careerwise.school/

Have you considered studying at Waikato University?

Mr Stewart will facilitate a discussion with Verity from Waikato University to discuss study options, enrolments, advantages and unique opportunities at Waikato, scholarships, halls accommodation and more. It's a great chance just to find out more and ask questions you may have. Come along at form time to A12 on Monday 21st March

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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

Adult and Community Education Tutors Wanted

Papanui High School Adult and Community Education Department are looking for the following tutors for our Term 2 night classes, scheduled to begin the week of 9 May.

- Te Reo
- Art either Drawing or Painting or both
- Creative Writing or Short Story Writing
- Woodwork
- Soap Making
- Landscape Gardening

We are also wanting to hear from tutors with suggestions for any new and innovative course ideas.

Our tutors are required to have demonstrable knowledge of the subject being taught. For many courses this may be the result of your own particular work experience, formal education and training, or self-directed knowledge. Most tutors are not expected to hold a formal teaching qualification

Tutors must have NZ citizenship, residency or a valid NZ work visa.

Our current tutors come from a wide range of backgrounds – they are people who may have a special talent, skills or set of ideas that can be passed on to others. The basic requirements are a love for your subject, and a desire to share this expertise and a willingness to learn.

The following qualities are useful:

- A good sense of humour and strong interpersonal skills
- Flexibility and a desire to share ideas with people
- An excellent knowledge of your subject, and the ability to communicate ideas (and adapt these to different skill levels)
- Professional presentation, punctuality, and professionalism in working relationships
- Good speaking and writing skills
- A willingness to prepare before sessions and to meet administrative and reporting requirements
- A willingness to participate in professional development opportunities
- A willingness to reflect on feedback from students and take action as a result

If you are interested in submitting a proposal for a course, or finding out more about this opportunity then please email Barbara Roper rpb@papanui.school.nz or telephone our office on 03 352 0701

Sports News

Term 1 Sport Summer Sport

This term, the competitions in which we have entered our Term 1 sports teams into are not recording the scores of each game and as such there is no leader board for each sport/grade due to the disruptions caused by Omicron. Therefore, results will not be posted in the community newsletter this term.

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

Congratulations to Shaylah Sayers who has represented Canterbury in the New Zealand Track Cycling Championships in Cambridge this week. Shaylah has won two gold medals - in the 500m time trial, and the elimination ride. A fantastic result by Shaylah.

Well done to Kirsty Watts who finished with a Silver medal in the Madison race alongside her Canterbury teammate at the New Zealand Track Cycling Championships. They were only 1 point away from finishing 1st place!



Community Sport News



HAVE FUN, LEARN **NEW SKILLS & BE** PART OF AN AWESOME COMMUNITY!



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Website: Christchurch Football Club - Ho





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

School Policies

Our school policies can be found at <u>https://papanui.schooldocs.co.nz</u> **Username**: papanui **password**: pride



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