Thursday 14 April 2022

Principal's Perspective

Kia ora,

We have come to the end, once again, of another challenging term, hugely influenced by the impact of Covid. Whether this has been through home, work, or school, we have all had to adjust and manage our own personal circumstances. And I would like to thank, and acknowledge the collective and shared understanding that we are all doing the best we can given the situation we are all facing.

The Papanui High School PTA continue to be strong advocates and supporters of our school. Last Monday they took the opportunity to treat and thank our staff by supplying a wonderful morning tea. This was also to acknowledge the flexibility the staff showed in meeting the complexities of our students' needs, whether they were on or off site. On behalf of our staff I would like to thank the PTA for their generosity

As at 11.59pm on Wednesday 13th April, the whole of the country moved to the Orange Traffic Light setting.

Orange at Papanui High School

Public Health advice is that masks should continue to be strongly encouraged when indoors. We know that wearing a mask is a key health measure that slows the spread of COVID-19 in indoor settings. We know that COVID has not spread through classes of students at school and one of the main reasons is that the majority of the school community have worn their masks in all settings.

At this stage, for next term, we ask that your child continues to bring their masks to school and wears it in any indoor setting just as our staff will do. Unfortunately, it is too soon to confirm what steps may need be taken in relation to having all students on site at school. Over the break period we will be reviewing all the new information we receive from the Ministry of Health and Education, and look to advise our school community if we need to make any specific adjustments to our normal school day.

As a general reminder, at Orange, students aged 12 and above are still required to wear a face mask on school or public transport.

END OF TERM FAREWELLS

We will be saying a sad farewell, and a special congratulations to both Jan Anderson, Teacher Aide (9 years), and Kaye Brown, Receptionist (17 years) - who are both retiring. Richard Ashmore, International Administration, Nicola Williamson, Teacher Aide, and Jo Doak, Junior Technology who are all also leaving. As a school and a community, we would like to thank and acknowledge them all for their valued service and contribution to our school. Their contribution has been immense, and we wish them all the best.

It is timely at the end of this term to reinforce the benefits of the holiday period in that staff and students do take an opportunity to rest and recover, particularly if they have been unwell with Covid. Equally, as a collective community, take care, and enjoy some compulsory holiday time. We look forward to seeing everyone back in Term 2.

Ngā mihi nui

Jeff Smith Principal

Dates to Note: Term 2

Although it is a little bit difficult to signal in advance what might happen next term, we are hopeful that the move to Orange will make a difference to what activities can be offered and to whom. To support your planning ahead the following are confirmed dates that school will not be open for instruction:

Thursday May 12 is an Accord (Staff Only) day for all Christchurch secondary schools so that teachers can work together on NCEA changes.

Friday June 3 - Staff Only Day - Kāhui Ako— Across schools collaboration day

Monday June 6 - Queen's Birthday Friday June 24 - Matariki holiday

School Uniform Update

School uniform promotes school identity as well as pride and minimises the social pressures of overdressing in a school environment. Wearing our uniform correctly is important for our school tone because it shifts the emphasis from competition back to academic performance, personal achievement and mutual respect. This is reflected in our school's PRIDE values.

Unfortunately, we have seen a small shift from some students towards the wearing of incorrect uniform items as winter approaches, and we are asking caregivers to help us address this before the beginning of Term 2.

Information regarding our school uniform is available on the school <u>website</u>. We have a range of jerseys, cardigans and waterproof or softshell jackets available for purchase, and can provide these items for any student that is not able to source their own.

We have also seen this term that there are a small number of students wearing cargo shorts or trousers or black shorts, ie faitaga and trousers. These are not part of the regulation school uniform.

Regulation items can be purchased from <u>Mainland Uniforms</u>, online via <u>Withers and Co</u> or from the uniform section of The Warehouse Northlands. Items such as shorts and trousers need to be purchased from the suppliers above or the second-hand uniform store.

Uniform passes

If a student is unable to wear the correct uniform they can get a uniform pass from the Deans area. The student will need a note from home outlining the issue with the uniform, and a timeline for the issue to be rectified. Passes are provided before school and during form times and intervals.

Passes are issued for three lengths of time;

- Long term: for students who have a reason to wear a mutually agreeable alternative to the school uniform.
- Up to 5 days: for students that need the weekend to source a replacement item.
- 1 day: for students that have a wet or lost item that will be wearable the next day.

Please note: starting Week 2 of Term 2 students who are in incorrect uniform without a uniform pass will be expected to attend lunchtime detention which will operate in the same way as our late system.

Support

If there is any doubt about uniform items please contact the school at admin@papanui.school.nz prior to purchase. If support is needed to source an item please contact your child's Dean directly.

Cancer Society Relay for Life - 21st May 2022

Papanui High School is organising its own Relay for Life event at school this year as we can't do it face to face with the other schools and teams.

This is the Cancer Society's main fundraiser and we really want to get behind it.

"The PHS Relay for Life team are looking for sponsors, can you help?

We have had some great interest from some trade related businesses who have made donations that will be raffled to raise money for R4L, we'd love to add to the raffle prize pool so reaching out to parents to see if they or their businesses might like to get involved and donate a prize for this great cause!

We'd like to start selling raffles after the school holidays so if you can help, please let dustonh@papanui.school.nz know!

Cheers, Holly (Student Leader- Relay for Life team)



Bebras Competition

Bebras – International Challenge on International Informatics and Computational Thinking Competition.

This is a competition where students have to solve 15 problems in a specified time frame. This year there were 85 entries from our school who entered this competition. Of those entries, 8 students gained a Distinction result (top 10%), and 13 gained a Merit result (top 20%). Congratulations to all the students.

Andrea Gallop / Cia Winter Digital Technologies

From the Careers Department

The following online information sessions are coming up. For further details about these events please check the Careers dept website.

https://papanui.careerwise.school/

- Interested in studying Criminology? Find out about what a criminologist does and what you need to do to enter this career.
- Job of the week-Pharmacist Find out about what a pharmacist does and what you need to do to enter this career.
- Ara polytechnic information sessions coming up in : Pre Health, Barbering, Beauty Therapy, Drama, Dance and Music Arts.

What might you study at university?

If you are unsure about what subjects you might want to study at university, then try UC's short 20-question online quiz to identify a few qualification options to look into.

Study Awards

Keystone Trust Industry Scholarship (Property, Construction, Architecture, Engineering etc)

Up to 10 Study Awards are available for school leavers from around the motu who meet the eligibilty criteria and will be entering their first year of tertiary study in 2023. For further details see the Careers website.

The Careers dept have the following full time jobs available:

Full time Roofing job in a family business: wanted a student with a good work ethic, who is motivated and honest. Should be okay with heights. Paying above minimum wage. Restricted licence preferred.

Full time Scaffolding and Plastering job: entry level roles for labourers. Need to be strong and fit. Needs to have a restricted driver's licence.

If interested in either job contact Bev Gordon grb@papanui.school.nz

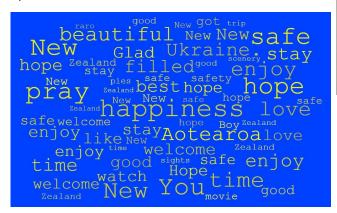
We would love your help!

Do you own a business? Are you interested in supporting Papanui students transition into the wokforce? If so, the Careers team would love to hear from you. We are always looking for work experience and Gateway placements for our students. We would also be happy to help with placements of students into full time jobs. If you can help please contact Bev Gordon our Gateway coordinator grb@papanui.school.nz

Aroha for Ukraine

The Service Council, along with some Year 9 and 10 English classes, have been creating submissions to be included in a book titled Aroha for Ukraine. This book will be presented to children who arrive as part of NZ's special Ukrainian Refugee policy. The book will be translated and a copy given to each family as they arrive.

Here are just a couple of the submissions made...

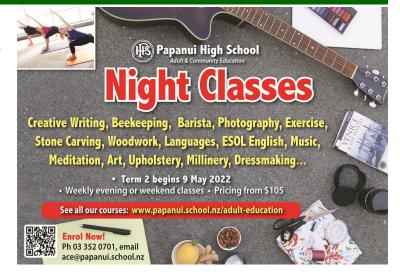




Term 2 Night Classes

Enrolments are now open for our Term 2 courses which begin the week of 9th May. Please go to the website for further details and enrolment.

http://www.papanui.school.nz/adult-education



Sports News

Term 2 and 3 Winter Sport

The majority of Winter sports have been confirmed and have been posted on the Sports Office window. Permission forms can be picked up from the Sports Office for students who haven't yet filled out one. These need to be returned before the first game.

Most Winter sports start either week 2 or week 3 of Term 2.

Coaches/Manages needed

We have a number of winter sports teams that are after a voluntary coach/manager. If you are interested or know of someone who is, please email http://prepapanui.school.nz for further information.

Student Achievements

Have you competed in a Sports Competition lately? Send your story and results (with pictures if possible) to Paige (http://prepapanui.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 - Kirsty and Shaylah

Kirsty and Shayla recently competed at the Canterbury Road Cycling Championships, both coming away with Gold Medals in the Time Trial. Kirsty also set a new Canterbury record, breaking the record she took last year (a 9 year record that had been set by Holly Edmondston, a current Olympic cyclist) by a further 30 seconds! The girls both also took medals in the Road Race, Kirsty won Gold, and in a tight sprint finish Shaylah took Silver.

Both girls will also be competing in the Age Group Road National Championships in Hokitika over the Easter holidays. Good luck girls!

Basketball - Kaia Cameron

Congratulations to Kaia Cameron who has been selected in an extended list of players for the U15 Boys National Team, who will be participating in a National Selection Camp in Auckland in late April. All the best to Kaia for the upcoming National Camp.



Community News

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...





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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

School Policies

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

Username: papanui password: pride



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